



## KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – May 2025

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### A PLUMB LINE IN OUR MIDST

#### Amos 7:7-8

Thus He showed me; and behold, the Lord stood up on a wall made by a plumb line, and a plumb line was in His hand. And Jehovah said to me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumb line. And the Lord said, Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel; I will not again pass by them anymore.

#### Apocalypse Revealed 313

The quality of truth and good is signified by measures and by balances in the Word.

### PASTOR'S NOTES

The Lord appeared to Amos standing on a wall with a plumb line in His hand. A plumb line has been used since ancient times to build strong walls. It is a simple device that helps a builder make sure that a wall is straight up and down, not leaning to one side or the other.

The wall the Lord was standing on with the plumb line in His hand was probably a very strong and straight wall. We can imagine the Lord in the vision using the plumb line to demonstrate the proper construction of the wall He was standing on—a good example of a wall built for the test of time.

Then the Lord said something that helps us begin to understand what this vision can do for us. He said, “I will set a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel” (Amos 7:8).

We can think of the Ten Commandments as the plumb line that the Lord gives us to measure or examine ourselves. It helps us see where we are teetering away from the Lord and where we need to do some spiritual rebuilding.

The Lord teaches in *Doctrine of Charity* 27, “Since evil must first be known in order that it may be removed, therefore the Decalogue was the first of

the Word, and in the whole Christian world it is also the first of the doctrine of the church. All are initiated into the church by knowing evil and not doing it, because it is against God.”

May the Ten Commandments be our plumb line and may the Lord guide us to build our lives according to it.

**HOLY SUPPER** will be offered this month in church on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. at OSV.

*And Jesus said to them, I am the Bread of Life; he who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.*

John 6:35

**SUMMER DOCTRINAL CLASS:** This summer Andy, Derrick, Lawson, and I are offering a four-class series on a book titled *Authority in the New Church*, by Rev. R. L. Tafel. The book was published in 1877 and seeks to answer this question posed on page five of the book: “Where, and what, is that ultimate authority to which all the members of the Lord’s Church at large, and especially the members of the Lord’s New Church, should look, and by which they ought to be willing to be judged?”

We hope you will enjoy the classes. We will be looking at the first four chapters this summer. In future summers we will look at the last six chapters as well as the appendices. Copies of the book can be printed on demand so please let me know if you would like one so we can have them printed in time for the first class. A sign-up sheet will be available after church on Sunday and at Jen’s desk. The cost is \$10. Printouts of individual chapters will be available if you prefer not to buy the book.

Location: Old School Village Lounge

Dates (Mondays): June 16, June 30, July 14 and July 28

Time: 7:30 p.m.

**The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 22.**

We adopted a budget which assumes a 3.59% payout from the endowment and an increase to annual giving over our last budget consistent with the rate of growth in donations we have seen over the last ten years. One of the goals of this budget is to reduce the draw on the endowment for the next fiscal year and then for several more years while adding new endowment through contributions. We will explain more about how we hope to accomplish this at the annual meeting in May. A bigger endowment will allow us to pay for vital services in the future that are now being offered on a volunteer basis.

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**WORSHIP**

- 10:00 AM services live streamed: kemptonnewchurch.org.
- Services can be heard in the library. Parents with babies or little ones are always welcome to be there, where a basket of board books (not library books, please) is available. Please leave the room in orderly shape. Thanks!

*Sunday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service with Holy Supper. Usher/Setup: James King*

*Sunday, May 11, 10:00 a.m. Family Service  
Usher/Setup: Gareth Cole*

*Friday, May 16, 4:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service at Old School Village*

*Sunday, May 18  
9:00 a.m. Young Children's Service. Setup: Matt and Sheila Heiter.  
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup:  
Nathaniel Cole*

*Sunday, May 25, 10:00 a.m. Family Service.  
Usher/Setup: Cairn King*

**CLASSES**

Please contact the minister leading the class if you would like to attend virtually. He will share a Zoom link with you (if the location has an internet connection), which will let you join by phone or video.

*Thursday, May 1, 10:00 a.m. class at OSV on the Easter Readings, part 2.*

*Wednesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m. Men's Class on Divine Providence at OSV*

*Tuesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. Arcana Class at OSV, hosted by Cedric and Janice Lumsden. The readings for the Arcana Class in May (AC 10467-10518) will complete the story of the golden calf in chapter 32 of Exodus, and then continue with a description of the third earth in the starry heaven.*

*Wednesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. Men's Class on Divine Providence at OSV*

*Thursday, May 15, 10:00 a.m. class at OSV on the Easter Readings, part 3*

*Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. Men's Class on Divine Providence at OSV*

*Wednesday, May 28, 9:30 a.m. Mom's morning class at OSV*

*Wednesday, May 28, 7:30 p.m. Men's Class on Divine Providence at OSV*

*Thursday, May 29, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read HH 435-460: Man After Death is in a Complete Human Form.*

*Friday, May 30, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Group Conjugal Love class at Brett and Karla Buick's*

**CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Come to the society meeting to hear more about our contributions' goals for the endowment drive and our annual fund. Feel encouraged to speak to our pastor or treasurer to discuss your giving questions.

**MEETINGS**

*Thursday, May 22, 7:30 p.m. Kempton New Church Semi-Annual Meeting.*

**RECURRING EVENTS**

**Ladies Handwork:** Every Wednesday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., at Old School Village.

**Moms and Tots:** Moms and Tots will be changing during the summer months. Instead of meeting

at OSV twice a month, we will be meeting at the Kempton Community Center playground once a month during the months of May, June, July, and August. Our first playground meeting day will be Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Sarah at 267-750-9670.

### NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Group BBQ and Class at Buicks on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**, hosted by Brett and Karla Buick. Come any time, 5:00 p.m. or later, for outdoor games. We will grill out for dinner at 6:00 p.m. The class portion will start at 7:15 p.m. and will wrap up around 8:30 p.m. Come prepared to share a favorite, interesting, or useful passage from *Conjugial Love*. Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders) are welcome to attend this event!

**Dance Steps Studio Recital:** Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Kutztown Middle School (10 Deisher Lane, Kutztown, PA 19530). Senior Dancers this year are Aven Buick, Cecily Fritch and Hannah Heiter.

**New Church Craft Sale:** There will be a New Church Day Craft sale in the Society Room on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. It seems like a good time of year to encourage creative types to make beautiful and useful things that reflect the doctrines of the New Church to share with others.

Some ideas: household items that incorporate quotes or religious imagery; Games or toys related to scripture; Household decorations; Personal adornments; Artistic baked goods; Items to enhance a worship center or for use in one's daily devotionals; Items that illustrate some New Church theme like eternal marriage, innocence and care of children, fighting the dragon, repentance; Items that remind us of favorite memorable relations, or depict scenes from Revelation, or evoke any part of scripture more broadly.

If you have questions or have an idea you want to run by someone, I'm happy to chat after church, or you can email me, [Ayisha.Synnestvedt@gmail.com](mailto:Ayisha.Synnestvedt@gmail.com). Let me know if you or your children would like a table.

**Play Ball!** The first of hopefully many slow-pitch softball get togethers for men who are rising high schoolers and older will be on Friday, May 2. We will be playing over at the KCC fields. Start time is 6:15 but you are welcome to come anytime after that as long as there is still light. You will not be turned away if you can't make it by 6:15. Any spectators are welcome to come watch and socialize. I hope to see a lot of you there! If you are unable to make it on that particular date but are interested in making it to later dates, please let me know. Thanks! ~Kenan

**Men's Breakfast: Finding your Use.** This event will take place on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m., in the society room. The topic of discussion will be finding your calling. Come hear from other men about their experiences in their careers: what they find rewarding or challenging, and what advice they have for young men looking to enter into the job market. High School age and up invited.

**Kempton Lions Charity Golf Tournament:** All proceeds benefit the Kempton community and charities. Please let a Kempton Lion know if you would like to play in our June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:15 p.m. annual golf tournament. Very low-key affordable fundraising golf event with beverages and dinner provided along with 18-hole scramble play all for \$85.00. It's a blast!

**In search of small office space** to rent for CranioSacral therapy. Contact Anni Powell at 215-892-5825 or [annipowellcst@protonmail.com](mailto:annipowellcst@protonmail.com).

**Do you need fabric?** I'm considering hosting a fabric exchange. I am aware of people willing to give away fabric, but are there people interested in getting fabric? If you might be interested in getting fabric, please let me know. If there is enough interest, I will organize something. Thanks. You can leave a message at 610-756-0093 or text 484-633-1335. –Shanon Smith

**From the Secretary:** Please let me know if you have someone in your family graduating this spring, and I can include them in the announcements in the June Newsletter. Thanks! Jen ([society@kncs.org](mailto:society@kncs.org))

**Coming in June:**

*Friday, June 6, 10:00 a.m.* School Closing

*Friday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.* Graduation Ceremony at the Kempton New Church School

*Saturday, June 14, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.* New Church Craft Sale, in the society room.

**LIVING WATERS FAMILY CAMP**

The theme for our camp this summer is “The Covenant.” The Covenant that the Lord makes with each individual of the human race is in short form contained in the Ten Commandments. We will be taking a deeper look at the nature of this sacred covenant that the Lord makes with us. One passage points out that the purpose of this covenant with the Lord is so that we may be conjoined with Him: “There were two tables, one for God and the other for man. Conjunction is effected by the Lord, but only when man does what is written in his table; for the Lord is continually present and wishes to enter in, but man, by the freedom which he has from the Lord, must open to Him” (*True Christian Religion* 285).

The camp is located near Paisley, Ontario on the Saugeen River and is called Hidden Valley Christian Camp. It is only 194 kilometers from the Olivet New Church and just 154 kilometers from the Carmel New Church. Canoeing and fishing are available, and the camp is just 20 kilometers from a beautiful beach on Lake Huron. There are cabins, rooms, and service hookups available for campers. The General Church in Canada has been wonderfully supportive of this venture and there are scholarships available to ensure that the camp is affordable enough for most everyone to attend! The camp is July 17-20 and if you would like to register online, please go to: <https://livingwatersfamilycamp.wordpress.com/> and sign up! If you would like more information about Living Waters Family Camp, you can email [LivingWatersFamilyCamp@gmail.com](mailto:LivingWatersFamilyCamp@gmail.com) or call Brad Heinrichs at 215-870-0591. Currently, the ministers on staff are Todd Beiswenger, Justin Schorran, and Brad Heinrichs.

**JACOB’S CREEK FAMILY RETREAT**

This year’s Jacob’s Creek Family Retreat will be held July 24-27, 2025, in Western Pennsylvania with the theme: Faith—An Internal Acknowledgment of Truth.

Retreat Pastor, the Rev. Matthew L. Genzlinger, says in an open letter of invitation:

According to the Heavenly Doctrine, many people don’t even know what real faith is. Faith is not a blind belief or acceptance of something that you cannot understand. Rather faith is “an internal acknowledgment of truth” (*Faith* 1).

How do we obtain this kind of real truth? For starters we need to understand that genuine faith can only be had by someone who is in charity. When we choose to approach the Lord, shun evils as sins, and receive charity from the Lord, only then can we receive the gift of genuine faith as well. Some aspects of faith we will be exploring:

- Blind faith vs faith alone
- The fact that spiritual things can be understood just as well as natural things
- Why faith cannot exist apart from charity
- Does faith lead to charity or does charity lead to faith? Or is it both?
- Childhood faith vs. adult faith
- Faith as enlightenment
- Faith as confidence in the Lord
- Faith during hard times and temptations
- How do we come to receive genuine faith?

This year’s pastoral staff will include the Revs. Calvin B. Heinrichs and Jared J. Buss, and others. Directors will be Jamie and Julie Uber, with the help of many volunteers. Early registration is urged because camp attendance will be capped at 150. For information, contact:

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## SCHOOL NEWS

**Library News:** Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day to check out books from the library at KNCS, for school children as well as for homeschoolers and preschoolers. **All books will be due on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Now is the time to start looking for and returning any lost books you may have at home. Please contact Janis or Wendy with any questions you may have. Thanks so much!

### **Looking for Props for the High School Play:**

We need an old typewriter, and several old suitcases for the play. Please contact Dale Smith or Kerry Smith if you have something to lend!

*Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>* at 7:00 p.m. Eighth Grade Parents Meeting in the High School Commons

*Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>* Boys and Girls Day.

*Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>* at **11:00** a.m. and 7:00 p.m. High School Play, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, a Sherlock Holmes mystery adapted for the stage by Kerry Smith.

*Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>* at 7:30 p.m. Senior Project Presentations. Join us for an informative and fun evening, as 6 seniors present their projects:

- *Forging Freedom: The Crucible of Valley Forge* by Aven Buick
- *Mind Over Matter* by Cecily Fritch
- *The Stock Market Shuffle: Learning to Dance with the Market* by Shane Glenn
- *Movement is Medicine* by Hannah Heiter
- *Turning Data into Decisions* by Pearse Judson
- *Buzz Bomb* by Charlie Boyesen

*Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>* Memorial Day (no school)

### **Kempton New Church School High School Science Teacher**

Kempton New Church School is seeking applicants for a part-time high school science teaching position for the 2025-26 academic school year. It is requested that applicants read through the KNCS handbook before applying. The handbook is available on the school's website [www.kncs.org](http://www.kncs.org).

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsibilities include teaching 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade chemistry and human anatomy. As Kempton New Church School is organized into two-grade classrooms, these sciences are taught in alternating years. For the 2025-26 school year, anatomy is the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade science being offered. The successful applicant will engage students in learning about the sciences from the light of the Sacred Scripture and Heavenly Doctrines, while staying up to date on current scientific research and best practices for teaching the courses listed above. He or she will create a positive and orderly learning environment within the classroom. The individual will be expected to work collaboratively with parents.

### PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree, preferably in one of the hard sciences
- Ability to work collaboratively with other teachers
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Belief in marriage as defined in the Word and Heavenly Doctrines
- Baptized into the New Church
- Member of the General Church
- Ability to design, develop, implement and teach lesson plans to meet New Church religious learning objectives
- Ability to speak to and teach in light of New Church theology, and participate in religious activities with the students including chapel, chapel discussions, reading of the Word and Heavenly Doctrine and prayer

### PREFERRED EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES:

- Experience teaching the science courses listed above
- Experience working effectively with diverse populations of learners
- Good written and oral communication skills
- Strong classroom management and interpersonal skills
- Patience and flexibility
- Knowledge of special education practices
- Desire to engage in professional development

**To apply:** Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 2 references to [dale.smith@kncs.org](mailto:dale.smith@kncs.org)

*Address the cover letter to:*

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## ANNIVERSARIES

Love truly conjugal is from heaven, and its first being is from the marriage of good and truth there. *Arcana Coelestia 10168*

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to:*

**Tom and Sandie Capparell**

on the 1<sup>st</sup> – 33 years

**Cade and Caelwen Cole**

on the 1<sup>st</sup> – 26 years

**Peter and Roxanne Genzlinger**

on the 6<sup>th</sup> – 24 years

**Levi and Kayla King**

on the 6<sup>th</sup> – 2 years

**Derek and Brittany Childs**

on the 9<sup>th</sup> – 10 years

**Paul and Nina Schorran**

on the 9<sup>th</sup> – 38 years

**Elijah and Amanda Heiter**

on the 14<sup>th</sup> – 14 years

**Penn and Leesa Cooper**

on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 43 years

**Jeff and Gayle Britland**

on the 16<sup>th</sup> – 26 years

**Arne and Emily Bau-Madsen**

on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 55 years

**Hugh and Janina Brown**

on the 20<sup>th</sup> – 53 years

**Tim and Renée Olszewski**

on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 3 years

**Roger and Kathy Schrock**

on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 51 years

**R. C. and Christine Storch**

on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 23 years

**Ariel and Erin Powell**

on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 12 years

**Tyler and Katrina Long**

on the 30<sup>th</sup> – 16 years

