

KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – August 2025

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THE LORD'S LOVE OF LOVES

Genesis 1:26-31

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heavens, and over the beast, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue her; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heavens, and over every living thing that creeps on the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I give to you every herb seeding seed which is on the faces of all the earth, and every tree in which is fruit; the tree seeding seed, to you it shall be for food;

30 and to every wild animal of the land, and to every fowl of the heavens, and to everything that creeps on the earth in which is a living soul, every green herb shall be for food; and it was so.

31 And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning, the sixth day.

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In the multiplication of the human race, [the Lord] sees the preservation of creation and, as the ultimate end thereof, an angelic heaven, this being solely from the human race. And because, with the Lord, an angelic heaven is the end of ends and hence the love of loves, therefore, implanted in the souls of men is not only the love of procreating but also the love of the things procreated in their successions.

Pastor's Notes

What is it like to hear that someone is expecting a child? Or that a new baby has been born? Why is it such wonderful news?

It is such a joyous thing to hear because each of us being conceived and born is an expression of the Lord's love of loves (CL 402). The whole purpose of His creation is for each one of us, and every human being to be conceived and born and populate not just this earth but the heavens forever (DP 27).

May we take great joy in the potential of the Lord's love of loves being served with the arrival of every little one in our midst!

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month on Friday evening, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Happy is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

Luke 14:15

SUMMER "SUNDAY SCHOOL" SERVICES:

Parents, please take careful note about these services, which will happen two more times during the summer. During the summer the children's talk is not followed by a Sunday School class. Instead, parents are expected to supervise their children in the barn or outside during the sermon (making sure people outside are not within the view of worshippers inside).

It is important that all children actually be supervised in order to protect them from hurting others or having to endure the bad behavior of others. Thank you to parents, individually and collectively, for pulling together to make sure our kids are protected.

In the case of rain, certain indoor spaces may be used in addition to the barn, but it's imperative that an adult be in any room in which there are children, whatever their age. Close supervision matters in these spaces that are developed, used, and cared for by those who work in the school, to whom we need to show respect. All places should of course be left as clean and tidy as you will undoubtedly find them. Available in bad weather (only): the 7th-8th classrooms, and the Commons.

As on every Sunday, please supervise your children when church is over, whether in the Society Room or outside.

WOODS / OUTDOOR SERVICES: On the last Sunday of each summer month (August 31 and September 28), there will be an indoor 9:00 a.m. Family Service and a 10:00 a.m. Family Service in the woods. If it rains, the 10:00 a.m. Woods Service will be held indoors, and the 9:00 a.m. indoor service will happen as well.

How to get to the woods: Park at the church, cross the street, and walk down the lane, following the signs. There is also parking in a field at the end of the lane, on the right, for those who prefer not to walk. Please stay on church property (toward the left as you travel the lane), and avoid driving onto our neighbor's property toward the right.

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, July 8. We heard an update on the status of the West End Renovation project and reviewed the budget for the past fiscal year. Last year's budget ended up with a small surplus which we decided to put toward the endowment. We also heard an update on the endowment drive which has received about \$300,000 in new donations.

After a thorough discussion of the state of the endowment fundraising efforts and 10 year projections for income and expenses, the board decided to move another approximately \$340,000 into the unrestricted endowment from the reserve fund. These funds could be put back into the reserve fund later as the endowment drive continues. This puts the church and school finances in a strong enough position to allow the search to begin in earnest for someone to fill the pastoral and teaching needs that are currently being served on a volunteer basis as well as possibly take on some uses currently being served on a part-time basis too.

The last topic of discussion concerned the reserve fund and its purpose. Ideas were forwarded to the Investment Committee to consider as it conducts its next review of the Investment Policy for the church and school.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The election of trustees and school council members will take place at the society meeting on October 16, 2025.

The members of the Board whose terms expire this year are Brandon Junge and Mark Hendricks. Brandon has served one term and Mark has served two. Terms are for three years. There are no term limits in the Bylaws, so they can be re-nominated indefinitely.

The other members of the Board are Bracken Brown and Cedric Lumsden (2026) and Doug Robertson, Schuyler Heinrichs and Thos Powell (2027)

The members of the School Council whose terms expire this year are Justin Hendricks and Sheila Heiter. Sheila has served for one term and Justin has served one year completing a term unfinished by the previous School Council member. Terms for the School Council are also for three years and like the terms for board members there are no term limits. The other members of the School Council are Matt Saltzer (2026) and Kathy Schrock and Dandridge Cole (2027).

The members of the Nominating Committee are Thos Powell, chair, Wade Buick and Curtis McQueen. Please speak to one of them if you have suggestions. A slate will be published in the September and October Newsletters.

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, August 3, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Laban Genzlinger

Sunday, August 10, 10:00 a.m. Family Service Usher/Setup: Eli Cole

Sunday, August 17
9:00 a.m. Young Children's Service.
Setup: Matt and Sheila Heiter
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup:
Malachi Cole

Friday, August 22, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service. Usher: Brandon Jungé

Sunday, August 24, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Otto Cole

Sunday, August 31
9:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors. Usher:
Derrick Lumsden
10:00 a.m. Woods Service: Setup: Curtis
McQueen, Mike Friday

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.

Wednesday, August 13, 7:30 p.m. Men's Class on Divine Providence at OSV

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CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

All Donors: great news! We have achieved a balanced budget for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, and we also received some gifts for our School Endowment drive. Amazing gifts everyone (and those volunteers that help keep our costs down too...wow).

New News: we are now into the next fiscal year. Would you like to be a new donor and help share the load? Tell me or Treasurer Kenan Smith about a way to donate that works best for you, and we will make it happen! Thanks all, Mark Wyncoll for the Contributions Committee.

RECURRING EVENTS

Weeding at the church and school every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

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

Family Soccer will be held every Sunday from 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Contact Jordan Cooper with questions.

Moms and Tots: Moms and Tots will happen on Friday, August 22nd at 9:00 a.m. at the Kempton Community Center playground.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Alex and Janina Walbert on the baptism of their son, *Reed Benjamin*, on July 19th.

As for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah. Joshua 24:15

Going Away Bags: There are 7 students leaving Kempton for school this fall, and moving into dormitories (2 boys and 5 girls), and we'd like to send them off with some useful items and our best wishes. Please leave items in the labeled bags in the kitchen (at the church). We will give them to the students at church on Sunday, August 10th (which is in a little less than 2 weeks!)

Autumn Weekends:

Autumn Weekends is only a few months away! Autumn Weekends will be taking place during two weekends in the month of October. The dates for Autumn Weekends 2025 are Saturday Oct. 11th, Sunday Oct. 12, Saturday Oct. 18th, and Sunday Oct. 19th. If you would like to be involved with Autumn Weekends this year in any way or have any questions, please feel free to contact Schuyler or myself. Thanks so much and enjoy the rest of your summer!

- -Sarah Heinrichs 267-750-9670
- -Schuyler Heinrichs 267-905-4256

Shop night at Gordon McQueen's (soft opening). Bring a project to cut, drill or wrench on if you like, and a drink or snack to share. Maybe we can fix it (or break it) together!? College age men and up are welcome. Friday, August 15th from 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Pet sitting / House sitting:

Available to look after your pets, plants, mail, and house while you're away. Starting in September (though a little availability in August). Kempton

Contact Aurora Synnestvedt at ronatu@gmail.com or text 484 350 4773.

A Note of Gratitude: Thanks to whomever put new flag standards and flags on the graves of our military veterans. -Thos

SCHOOL NEWS

Saturday, August 23, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Work Party at the Kempton New Church

ANNIVERSARIES

That genuine conjugial love is heaven is represented in the kingdoms of nature; for there is nothing in all nature that does not in some way represent the Lord's kingdom in general, since the natural kingdom derives all its origin from the spiritual. *Arcana Coelestia* 2758

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Matt and Sheila Heiter on the 2nd - 17 years Schuyler and Sarah Heinrichs on the 3rd - 7 years Judah and Lydia Synnestvedt on the 9th - 15 years Dan and Erika Brown on the 10th - 29 years Bradley and Suzanne King on the 11th - 41 years Calvin and Maggie Odhner on the 14 - 43 years Dag and Shayne Boyesen on the 17th - 34 years Dale and Tovah Smith on the 17th - 12 years Mark and Wendy Wyncoll on the 17th - 40 years Rich and Suzanne Evans on the 18^{th} – 37 years Luke and Brittany Price on the 19th - 19 years Andrew and Carrie Heilman on the 21st - 49 years



Yorvar and Ruth Synnestvedt on the 28th - 71 years Gerald and Jenna van Zyverden on the 31st - 6 years