



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – April 2023

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ANGELS AND EASTER

Luke 22:41-43

And He pulled back from them about a stone's cast, and kneeling down He prayed, saying, Father, if Thou intend that this cup should pass from Me—nevertheless not My will, but Thine, be done. And there was seen by Him an angel from heaven strengthening Him.

Matthew 28:2-5

And behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven and coming, rolled away the stone from the door, and sat on it. And his countenance was as lightning, and his clothing white as snow; and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead. And the angel answering said to the women, Fear ye not; for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified.

John 20:11-12

But Mary stood at the sepulcher weeping outside. Then as she wept, she stooped to the sepulcher, and beholds two angels in white sitting, the one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

Arcana Coelestia 1752

That there were angels with the Lord when He fought against the hells, is evident from the Word; as also from the consideration that when He was in the combats of temptations, it could not be otherwise than that angels should be present, to whom the Lord from His own power gave strength, and as it were power, to fight together with Him, for all the power that the angels have is from the Lord. That angels fight against the evil, may be seen from what has occasionally been said before concerning the angels with man—that they protect man, and avert the evils which are threatened by infernal spirits but all their power is from the Lord.

Diary of Spiritual Experiences 1096

It is the general rule that the celestial are then seated at the head, as we read concerning the angels of the Lord in the sepulchre. This happens to every one who dies.

PASTOR'S NOTES

As Easter approaches, and we reflect on the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, we can consider how angels were part of these events.

When Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, an angel was there with Him. Jesus prayed in the garden, knowing He was about to be arrested, convicted, and crucified. And an angel strengthened Him it says in Luke 22:43.

When the women who knew Jesus came to His tomb on the third day after His crucifixion, angels were there too. One sat on the stone that had covered the door and two were seen sitting where the Lord had lain (Matthew 28:5; John 20:12).

Just as an angel gave strength to the Lord, angels are with us when we need help too. And just as they were with Him when He rose from the tomb, they are with us as we wake up to eternal life as well.

This year may the comfort of the Lord's resurrection include a renewed confidence that the Lord sends angels to strengthen and help us too.

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HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month on Thursday, April 6th at 4:30 p.m. at Old School Village, and at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

And taking bread, He gave thanks and broke it, and gave to them, saying, This is My body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me. And likewise the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the New Covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.

Luke 22:19-20

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 in there, where a basket of board books (not library books, please) is available. Please leave the room in orderly shape. Thanks!

Sunday, April 2, 10:00 a.m. PALM SUNDAY.
 Sunday School Service. *Usher/Setup: Thos Powell*

Thursday, April 6
 4:30 p.m. at Old School Village lounge and
 7:30 p.m. at KNC (*Usher at KNC only: Ian Keal*)
 HOLY SUPPER w/ Good Friday Gospel readings

Sunday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. EASTER Family Service. All are invited to bring a flower offering. *Usher/Setup: Bengt Boyesen, Mark Hendricks*

Sunday, April 16, 9:00 a.m. Young Child's Service.
Setup: Matt and Sheila Heiter
 10:00 a.m. Family Service. *Usher/Setup: Eli Heiter*

Sunday, April 23, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. *Usher/Setup: Ted LaMastra*

Sunday, April 30, 10:00 a.m. Family Service.
Usher/Setup: Derrick Lumsden

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 internet connection), which will let you join by phone or video.

Wednesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.
 Men's Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.
 Arcana Class (with Andy Heilman). The readings for the Arcana Class in April are AC 9929-9940. This class will be more focused on just the golden plate on the forehead of Aaron, and specifically on what is meant by the Lord bearing our iniquities. This is misunderstood in the Christian world, and how it should be understood is very important, as this involves our salvation.

Please let Jen know if you would like to host Arcana class on April 11.

Wednesday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.
 Heaven and Hell: nos. 87-102 (with Lawson Smith) at Old School Village Lounge.

Friday, April 14, 7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
 Youth Group Conjugal Love class at Lumsden's.

Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.
 Men's Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

Wednesday, April 26, 10:30 a.m.
 Heaven and Hell: nos. 103-115 (with Lawson Smith) at Old School Village Lounge.

Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.
 Men's Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 4 Pastor's Council 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

Tuesday, April 18 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

From Your CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Contributions Committee is very grateful for all our generous contributors, both those near and far, who have helped us achieve our annual goal! As of April 1, our donors have put us in the black and we will have a balanced budget again. Thank you all!

If you are inclined to continue to support the work of the church through your weekly, monthly or annual giving, please consider the following options:

1. unrestricted: allows the board of trustees the most flexibility to address long term financial goals.
2. School endowment as this gives us a firm base for future operations.
3. Maintenance endowment as this gives us dollars for upkeep for years to come.

Terrific work everyone, and as always thanks to our volunteers. We can't do it without your efforts.

Mark

P.S. - our fiscal year ends June 30.

Mark H. Wyncoll

General Church Advancement

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EVENTS

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

Youth Group Trip to the Carmel New Church in Kitchener, Ontario: April 21 – 23, 2023.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

The One Room Bookstore - over 650 beautiful, secondhand children's books for sale. Open house on Friday, April 14 from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm and April 15 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Come enjoy music, free drinks, and snacks while browsing delightful books! This event will be highlighting board books and fairytales, with a special guest reading aloud several classics starting at 10:30am on Saturday. Brittany Childs will be debuting her beautiful Cicely Mary Barker flower fairy light switch and outlet plates. Come and enjoy!

As usual, appointments are welcome by contacting me: 267-981-8833

-Genta Hendricks

Game Night at OSV:

If the "middle ages" is beginning to feel personal instead of medieval, then we want to see you at a game night at OSV. Please join us for an evening of fun including board/card games, snacks, and coffee on Friday, April 21st, from 7 pm to 10 pm. This event is open to all persons college-age and up. We hope to see you there! if you have any questions please call Christina Alden at 484-663-3538 or 610-756-4142.

Jacob's Creek Family Retreat

July 27 – July 30, 2023

Our retreat will be held at the Laurelville Retreat Center in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania. This Year's Theme is: "Creation: Behold I Make All Things New". We are capping attendance at 150 people, so

don't wait to sign up. The registration this year is online at: <https://www.jacobs creekfamilyretreat.org/>

Friend us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacobsCreekFamilyRetreat/>

Please contact Julie Uber at 412-782-2710 (h) or julie.uber@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Listen to Divine Providence (Audiobook):

Every morning at 5am (M-F) a new number goes out to subscribers of the podcast "**Doctrine for the New Jerusalem**", available to anyone with a smartphone (for non-iPhone users, I recommend the free app "AntennaPod"). You can also listen at spiritual-habits.blubrry.net. Typical length is 1-3 minutes of Angelic Wisdom about how the Lord is working to lead us to heaven. Talk to Judah Synnestvedt for more info, or to request CDs.

Looking for a way to prepare for Easter?

Christian tradition observes Lent as an opportunity to reflect on the Lord's sacrifice and the need for repentance. This year there is a series of daily readings following the gospel of Mark with passages from the Heavenly Doctrine. The readings include daily reflections to inspire thoughts about the Lord's glorification and our regeneration process. Copies are available at the secretary's desk and on the Kempton New Church website at www.kemptonnewchurch.org

Daily Readings from the Word:

Rev. Coleman Glenn is continuing to put out daily recordings of readings from the Word. Easter-themed readings will begin on Tuesday, March 28th, with Mark 14:1-11 and AC 10011. If you might enjoy listening to 5-to-6-minute readings from the Sacred Scripture and the Heavenly Doctrine, you can find Coleman's podcast at <https://alltheyeararound.buzzsprout.com>.

Two New Books on Spiritual Practice:

Two recent books on spiritual practice by Rev. Erik Buss are available on Amazon. They explore how to become more loving people and offer the practical activities we should be engaging in to be happier and more peaceful. There are two versions of this work, both of them full of quotes and footnotes so you can clearly see what revelation teaches. *Walking the Path* is a shorter (128 page) treatment, focusing on the practical applications of these

practices. *Exploring the Path* (298 pages) delves deeper into why these things are important as well as spending more time on some practical applications. The easiest way to find it on Amazon is to search for Erik J Buss. And as an extra bonus, Amazon is currently selling the shorter for less than half price!

Rev. Erik Buss
Colchester New Church
National Pastor UK, General Church

Help for a congregation in Mozambique. The members of the New Church in Brazil have been in contact with a couple of pastors in Mozambique for about three months who have expressed interest in the Heavenly Doctrine. Last month a Typhoon hit, and levelled many of their houses, so the church members in Brazil took up a collection to help the rebuild. They asked me if I could ask if anyone here would like to contribute as well, as they could certainly use more help. Let me know if you are interested or would like more information. I have a video that Johnny, the minister in Brazil, put together with the photos they sent if you would like to see it. Andy Heilman

SCHOOL NEWS

Good Friday and Easter Monday: no school (April 7th and 10th)

IOWAS: April 24 – May 8, for grades 3-8.

ANNIVERSARIES

Good and truth are continually flowing in from the Lord with all, and consequently so is genuine conjugal love; but it is received in various ways, and as it is received, such it becomes. *Arcana Coelestia* 2741

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

George and Jan Cauffman

on the 4th – 36 years

Nathan and Vera Cole

on the 21st – 16 years

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