



## KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – August 2023

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### REST AND RECREATION

#### Exodus 32:12

Six days thou shalt do thy deeds, and on the seventh day thou shalt cease; so that thine ox and thine donkey may rest; and the son of thy maidservant, and the sojourner, may refresh their soul.

#### Doctrine of Charity 189

There are diversions of charity; which are the various delights and pleasures of the bodily senses, useful for the recreation of the mind. Such diversions are, social interaction, with conversations upon various public, private, and economical affairs; also walks, with the sight of palaces and houses, and trees and flowers, in gardens, woods and fields, delightful for their various beauty and magnificence, also of men, and birds and flocks; and also spectacles of various kinds, representative of the moral virtues, and of events from which something of the Divine Providence shines forth. These and similar things are for the sense of sight. Then there are various musical harmonies and songs, which affect the mind according to their correspondences with affections; and in addition to these, there are decorous jestings, which exhilarate the mind. These are for the sense of hearing. And there are likewise banquets, feasts, and entertainments, and various accompanying pleasantries. And games too, at home, played with dice, balls, and cards; and dances also, at weddings, and at festive gatherings. These and such things are useful diversions for the recreation of the mind. And in addition to these there are various labors of the hands, which give motion to the body, and divert the mind from the works of its calling; and the reading also of books, on historical and dogmatic subjects, which give delight, and of the news in newspapers.

### PASTOR'S NOTES

In the sense of the letter of the Word, we see that the Lord certainly teaches that rest from work is very important. In the Old Testament He most

often teaches this in connection with observing the Sabbath, and resting on the Sabbath may be best understood as reserving a special day of the week specifically for instruction in Divine things. We should strive to obey the Third Commandment this way in order to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy (see TCR 301). But the Lord also explains in the Heavenly Doctrine why rest is so important even when not connected to the Sabbath.

In the *Doctrine of Charity*, we learn that time away from our primary job or use actually helps us perform that work even better (Charity 190). When we are working hard doing something we are committed to, and doing it honestly, justly, and faithfully, we actually need to take time off in order to continue to do the job well.

Rest from work helps renew or re-create the mental energy we have for doing our jobs. The Lord explains some pretty simple ways we can do this too. In *Charity 189* He teaches that meals with friends or family, playing games, or even just going on a walk are all good ways to rest our minds so that we will have more energy to perform uses.

May this summer provide opportunities for some rest and recreation!

**HOLY SUPPER** will be offered this month on Friday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

*Happy is he who shall eat bread  
in the kingdom of God.  
Luke 14:15*

**FEAST OF CHARITY:** On Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a Feast of Charity in the Society Room. Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm with the presentation at 7:30 pm. The presentation will consist of an overview of the topics being discussed during the August 1-3, meetings of the Kempton New Church pastors and some like-minded colleagues, including a wide variety of topics ranging from New Church science to the meaning

of the Latin word “jucundum” in the Heavenly Doctrine. I hope you can join us!

### **SUMMER “SUNDAY SCHOOL” SERVICES:**

Parents, please take careful note about these services, which will happen two more times during the summer (August 6 and September 3). 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 1st-2nd, 5th-6th, and 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 27, and September 24), 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.

**SUMMER DOCTRINAL CLASS:** This summer Andy, Calvin, Lawson, and I have been offering a four class series on “What the Heavenly Doctrine Testifies Concerning Itself.” There are two classes left in August and feel free to come even if you did not make the first two. The classes are based on a collection of passages first put together in 1902 by Rev. Carl Theophilus Odhner. In 1960 the Rev. Hugo Odhner published the set of passages again and wrote:

“The object in the present compilation is to present, simply and clearly, those teachings which most directly describe the nature of the revelation given through Swedenborg, who subscribed himself ‘the Servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.’”

Rev. Calvin Heinrichs has recently updated the collection and re-printed the material in booklets that will be available after church on Sunday and then at the secretary’s desk. We hope you will enjoy the classes.

*Location:* Old School Village Lounge

*Dates:* August 7, August 21 at 7:30 p.m.

**This year’s Winter Study** will be on Memorable Relations. Memorable Relations are the parts of the Heavenly Doctrine where the Lord gives us accounts of experiences Swedenborg had in the spiritual world. The Lord actually commanded Swedenborg to relate these to us as we can see in *Apocalypse Revealed* 962 where it says, “Since it has been given me by the Lord to see the wonderful things which are in the heavens and below the heavens, I must, from command, relate what has been seen.”

I look forward to studying this series together!

**The Board of Trustees** met on July 11, 2023. We reviewed the budget for the past fiscal year. Last year’s budget ended up with a sizable surplus which we decided to put into the Building Improvement Fund to help with the West End Renovation project. We also decided to continue moving forward in further researching options for becoming more financially self-sufficient.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The election of trustees and school council members will take place at the society meeting on October 12, 2023.

The trustees whose terms expire this year are George Cauffman and Bracken Brown (2023). 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 Thos Powell, Doug Robertson and John Cole (2024), Brandon Junge and Mark Hendricks (2025)

The member of the School Council whose term is expiring is Mark Wyncoll (2023). 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 Kathy Schrock and Dandridge Cole (2024) and Vera Cole and Sheila Heiter (2025).

The members of the Nominating Committee are Brandon Junge, chair, Cedric Lumsden and Schuyler Heinrichs.

Please speak to one of them if you have suggestions. A slate will be published in the September and October Newsletters.

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

*Sunday, July 30*

If not raining:

9:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors  
10:00 a.m. Woods Service. *Usher/Setup:*  
*Dandridge Cole, Laban Genzlinger*

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10:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors. *Usher/Setup:*  
*Dandridge Cole, Laban Genzlinger*

*Sunday, August 6, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service (Children's talk, followed by sermon. Children supervised outside). Usher/Setup: John Cole*

*Sunday, August 13, 10:00 a.m. Family Service Usher/Setup: Gordon McQueen*

*Friday, August 18*

6:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service. Usher: *Ian Keal*

*Sunday, August 20*

9:00 a.m. Young Child's Service.

*Setup: Wade and Maraika Buick*

10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. *Usher/Setup: Charlie Hershberger. This service will be like the second half of a Sunday School Service (lessons from the Word and the Heavenly Doctrine followed by a sermon). All are welcome to attend.*

*Sunday, August 27*

If not raining:

9:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors

10:00 a.m. Woods Service. *Usher/Setup:*  
*Cade Cole, Owen King*

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**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.

*Monday, August 7, 7:30 p.m.*

Summer Doctrinal Class (with Rev. Lawson Smith) at Old School Village. Covering chapters 11-13 in the booklet "What the Heavenly Doctrine Testifies Concerning Itself."

*Wednesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m.*

Men's Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

*Monday, August 21, 7:30 p.m.*

Summer Doctrinal Class (with Rev. Andy Heilman) at Old School Village. Covering chapter 14 and the Appendix in the booklet "What the Heavenly Doctrine Testifies Concerning Itself."

*Wednesday, August 23, 7:30 p.m.*

Men's Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

*Wednesday, August 30, 7:30 p.m.*

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**From Your CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE**

How would you like to contribute to the Kempton New Church?

When: Annually, monthly, weekly, daily?

How: Basket, US mail, online, thru brokerage, thru retirement custodian, carrier pigeon?

What: Appreciated stocks, IRA QCD's, thru your final bequest, cash, checks, precious metals, bitcoin, volunteer hours? Thanks folks, we can't do it without everyone helping out!

**EVENTS**

**Feast of Charity:** Tuesday, August 1, at 6:30 p.m. Presentations at 7:30 p.m. See Pastor's notes above for more details.

*Leesa Cooper is looking for some people to help with set up and clean up. Please contact her if you can help.*

**Dance Night: Saturday, August 26** in the society room. Mr. Nathan Cole will be teaching a lesson at 7:00 p.m. for those who desire instruction. Those who are already dance experts can come at 7:45 p.m. for the dance. Event will end at 9:00 p.m. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

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

**Weeding at the church/school:** Every Tuesday, starting at 9:00 a.m., from June 13 through the end of the summer. All are welcome!

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

**NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS****Baptisms:**

On July 2, 2023, Olivia Noelle Brown was baptized. She is the daughter of Rhett and Michelle Brown.

On July 2, 2023, Ingrid Elaine Buick was baptized. She is the infant daughter of Bennett and Alison Buick.

On July 16, 2023, Diana Gwendolyn Cooper was baptized. She is the infant daughter of Jordan and Becky Cooper.

*Baptism was instituted to be a sign that a man belongs to the church, and to be a reminder that he needs to be regenerated. For the washing of baptism is nothing else than a spiritual washing, which is regeneration.*

*New Jerusalem and Her Heavenly Doctrine 202*

**Welcome Basket:** Matt Gardam has recently moved to this area, and we'd like to welcome him back to Kempton! Please bring items to the church kitchen. Deadline is Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Going Away Baskets:** There are 4 students leaving Kempton for school this fall, and moving into dormitories (2 boys and 2 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 6 (this is only 11 days away!)**

**Seeking Autumn Weekends Captain(s):** Torrey and Kit Cooper are stepping down as Captains of Autumn Weekends. Thank you to them for their years of service! It is much appreciated. There are many people who will be happy to help the new captains! Please talk to Brett if you are interested.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Reminder to parents of KNCS students:** Please hand in your bus forms ASAP (if you haven't already). The health forms are due August 4. They can be left on my desk if you come by and I'm not here. Jen McQueen

*Saturday, August 27 8:30-11:30am*

**Work Party** at the Kempton New Church

## WEST END RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

The Building Committee has been working hard on this project since February. The plans are completed and the costs for the project are in. The Building Committee is now refining the plans in order to lower the costs. Once that is complete a plan for funding the renovation will be put together by a finance committee appointed by Brett. Our goal is to present the plan and funding proposal to the board in September and to the Society in October.

George Cauffman, Building Committee Chair

## ANNIVERSARIES

I answered... that as regards the Lord, I knew beyond all doubt that He is one with the Father; that the universal heaven is His; that all innocence, peace, love, charity, and mercy are from Him, and **all conjugal love also**; and that from Him are all good and truth, all of which things are Divine; and that Moses and the Prophets, that is, each and every thing in the Word, in the internal sense, treats of Him; and that all the rites of the Jewish Church represented Him. *Arcana Coelestia 2751*

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to:*

**Matt and Sheila Heiter**

on the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 15 years

**Schuyler and Sarah Heinrichs**

on the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5 years

**Judah and Lydia Synnestvedt**

on the 9<sup>th</sup> – 13 years

**Dan and Erika Brown**

on the 10<sup>th</sup> – 27 years

**Bradley and Suzanne King**

on the 11<sup>th</sup> – 39 years

**Calvin and Maggie Odhner**

on the 14 – 41 years

**Dag and Shayne Boyesen**

on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 32 years

**Dale and Tovah Smith**

on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 10 years

**Mark and Wendy Wyncoll**

on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 38 years

**Rich and Suzanne Evans**

on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 35 years

**Luke and Brittany Price**

on the 19<sup>th</sup> – 17 years

**Andrew and Carrie Heilman**

on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 47 years

**Yorvar and Ruth Synnestvedt**

on the 28<sup>th</sup> – 69 years

**Gerald and Jenna van Zyverden**

on the 31<sup>st</sup> – 4 years

