



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – April 2024

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The Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-16, 28-31

And behold, two [disciples] were going in the same day to a village which is named Emmaus, away from Jerusalem sixty stadia.¹ And they conversed with one another about all these things which had happened. And it came to pass as they conversed, and were disputing, Jesus Himself, drawing near, went with them. But their eyes were held so that they did not know Him....

And they drew near to the village whither they were going, and He made as though He would go farther. And they pressed Him, saying, Stay with us, for it is toward evening, and the day has declined. And He came in to stay with them. And it came to pass, as He reclined with them, taking bread, He blessed it; and breaking, gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him.

Arcana Coelestia 3863

“Seeing” signifies having faith, for the Lord is seen only by faith, because faith is the eye of love, the Lord being seen by love through faith, and love being the life of faith; wherefore it is said [in the Word], “Ye see Me; because I live, ye shall live also....”[Wherefore it is also said in the Word] It came to pass when Jesus sat down with them, that He took the bread, and blessed, and breaking, gave to them; and their eyes were opened, and they knew Him (Luke 24:30-31); by which was signified that the Lord appears by good, but not by truth without good, for “bread” is the good of love.

Pastor’s Notes

When we make a concerted effort to read the Word and the Heavenly Doctrine from love, we are truly inviting the Lord in like the disciples did when they arrived at the inn in Emmaus. We need to invite Him in from love to recognize His presence in

Divine Revelation because as it says in the *Arcana* “faith is the eye of love, the Lord being seen by love through faith” (AC 3863.12).

Once we choose of our own free will to invite the Lord in from love by going to Him in the Sacred Scripture and the Heavenly Doctrine, He will break bread with us like He did with the two disciples. He will show us the good that comes from His love and then we will truly recognize Him (AE 617.21). It seems that is what the disciples experienced in *Luke*, when after they invited the Lord to stay with them it says the Lord “reclined with them, taking bread, He blessed it; and breaking, gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him” (Luke 24:30-31). This is how we will see the Lord in His Divine Revelation too because as He teaches in the *Arcana* “the Lord appears by good, but not by truth without good, for bread is the good of life” (AC 3863.14).

On Easter, Sunday, March 31, you are invited to bring flowers as an offering to the Lord. There will be a procession to bring the flowers to the chancel. We can think of them as celebration of the Lord’s new life as He rose again, and of the new life He gives to us in regeneration. Some of the flowers may be planted at the church. Most will be given to people we hope will enjoy them, especially older people.

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month on Friday, April 19th, at 6:30 p.m.

And as they were eating, Jesus taking the bread and blessing, broke it, and gave to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body.

And taking the cup, and giving thanks, He gave it to them saying, Drink out of it, all of you; for this is My blood, the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many for the remission of sins.

(Matthew 26:26-29)

¹ The length of a Greek stadium is about one eighth of a mile or 180 meters.

The next Pastor's Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9. One topic we will be discussing is possible themes for next year's Winter Study. If you have any ideas on this or have anything else you would like us to discuss, please let me or a member of the council know. Thanks! (Pastor's Council members: Luke and Sarah Heiter, Schuyler and Sarah Heinrichs, Seth and Heather King, Doug and Zanna Robertson, Roger and Kathy Schrock, Matt and Sara Smith and Gerald and Jenna van Zyverden)

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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, March 31, 10:00 a.m. Easter Family Service. All are invited to bring a flower offering. Ushers/Setup: Dag Boyesen, Doug Robertson

Sunday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Rafe McQueen

Sunday, April 14, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Thos Powell

Friday, April 19, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service. Usher: Roger Schrock

*Sunday, April 21
9:00 a.m. Young Children's Service.
Setup: Matt and Sheila Heiter
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup: Hayden Muth*

Sunday, April 28, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Brahm Cole

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 3, 7:30 p.m. Men's Divine Providence Class at OSV.

Friday, April 5, 11:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 271-283

Wednesday, April 10, 10:00 a.m. Mom's Morning class at OSV

Wednesday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. Men's Divine Providence Class at OSV.

Friday, April 12, 7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Youth Group Conjugal Love class at Dag and Shayne Boyesen's

Tuesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. Arcana Class. Location TBD. Please let Jen know if you are able to host this class.

Wednesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. Men's Divine Providence Class at OSV.

Friday, April 19, 11:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 284-290

Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. Men's Divine Providence Class at OSV.

Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. Young Adult's class at Adele Jungé's

MEETINGS

Pastor's Council on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 30th, at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

We have almost reached our Regular Contributions goal, and also are reaching towards our Capital Campaign goal. We'd love your support in the final quarter of the year for either one of these goals. Want to talk to someone about your ideas for how to donate or how to add the Kempton New Church to your will? Try Treasurer Kenan Smith or Mark Wyncoll.

And thanks to our amazing volunteers for keeping the costs down for all of our operations! Mark

EVENTS

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

Dance Night Saturday, April 20, 7:00-9:00 p.m. for everyone high school age and older.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hello Friends! There will be a get together at the OSV lounge following the Holy Supper on Easter week (Thursday, March 28). We'll serve some food loosely based on foods eaten when the Lord was on earth or at least mentioned in the Word. If you have anything you would like to bring along these lines, either food or something that reminds you of this time (possibly a New Testament picture or replica of some kind) please feel free!

Please call or text me with any questions!
Liza Heinrichs 484-772-7664

Hanging Baskets and Planters:

Mesa and Maddie are selling hanging baskets and deck planters for their 4-H Program. Hanging Baskets are \$17 and include the following varieties: Non-Stop Begonia, Boston Fern, Fuchsia, Geranium Calliope Red, Million Bells Petunia, New Guinea Impatiens, Petunia, Purple Wandering Jew, and Premium Mix Basket. Deck Planters are \$25. Varieties offered include: Geranium, Dahlia, SunPatiens, and New Guinea Impatiens.

Orders are due by 4/30. Delivery May 9 & 10. If you would like to place an order, please contact Michele at 484-548-3750, or e-mail the Browns at

coldcreek@verizon.net

HAPPY SPRING!

Caleb's Café: Caleb's cafe will be open this week, Thursday 7:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., Friday (shorter hours) 9:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Happy Easter! -Roxanne 610-662-3902

The Job Fair

I've written a screenplay (movie) based on the Imaginary Heavens. It's set in modern-day farm country, and follows a group on their way to a job

fair. They pause for breakfast at a diner and get talking about what heaven must be like; as they leave the diner, an unexpected accident lands them in the other world, where they start looking for the heavens they've imagined. But somehow, looking for heaven brings them back to the quest for work. I wrote this as a film that could be made locally, and I'm not sure what's next for it. In order to evaluate it myself, I need to share it with others. So, I'm hoping to get a group of people together to do a readthrough, the afternoon of either Sat 6th or Sun 7th of April (or the following weekend if that's better for people). I'm looking for anyone who's willing to come read parts - about equal men and women, teens on up. Kids can come at parents' discretion, but check with me. If you'd like to come to listen instead of read, a small audience would be great. Thanks! Ayisha 215-407-3001 or Ayisha.Synnestvedt@gmail.com

Office Space: Old School Village has a space suitable for an office (or a studio, perhaps) that it is willing to rent to someone in the Kempton society. A renter would need to respect the residential location (not bring regular outside traffic to the spot). Please call with any questions or to view. Carla Kerr (610-756-4376) and/or Shanon Smith (610-756-0093)

Looking for work: Are you wondering who is going to do your spring yard clean up? Or are you wondering who is going to mow, weed-wack or weed for you this summer? Well, wonder no more! Call or text 267-761-8085 to schedule Marcus Synnestvedt for all your yard work (age 10). If you schedule for the summer the first time is free!

Looking to borrow free standing punching bag for the month of April. Please contact Renee Olszewski at 484-772-7486

SCHOOL NEWS

Good Friday and Easter Monday: NO SCHOOL on March 29th and April 1st.

KNCS Visit Day for Parents and Adult Community Members

On Wednesday, April 17th, we are inviting parents and adult members of the church community to come visit classes at KNCS. You are welcome to

visit classes for grades 1-12. And if you would like to, you can start the day by joining us for grades 5-12 chapel at 8 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will send out more detailed schedules closer to the time and I wanted to pass this along so you can get the date on your calendar if you are interested.

Whole School Olympics:

Come one, come all to the one-of-a-kind Kempton New Church School Olympics! If you are interested in a day of fun cheering for your kids, put the morning of Wednesday, April 24th on your calendar! Games start at 8:30 a.m. sharp and end at 12:45 p.m. You are welcome to join us for whole school chapel at 8:00 a.m.

We are looking for volunteers to help put on this event! We need people to run individual games, snack tables, and donate snacks. If you are willing to help with any of that contact Leona Fritch (570-449-8221) (leona.fritch@kncs.org). Thank you!
Best regards, The Yearbook Club

KNCS Clothing Sale:

Did you miss out on the last KNCS merchandise sale? If so, this is your lucky day! Here is your chance to get KNCS sweatshirts and shorts. Ladies, these shorts are PE approved!

Deadline to order is Monday, April 15th. Proceeds from this sale will support the Special Education Fund.

<https://kempton2024.itemorder.com/>

ANNIVERSARIES

All spiritual union descends from heaven.
Hence it is that love truly conjugal is from heaven. *Arcana Caelestia* 10168

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

George and Jan Cauffman

on the 4th – 37 years

Nathan and Vera Cole

on the 21st – 17 years

