



## KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – July 2024

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### LET THERE BE LIGHT

#### Genesis. 1:1-5

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 And the earth was a void and emptiness, and darkness was on the faces of the abyss. And the Spirit of God brooded upon the faces of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light, and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God distinguished between the light and the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening, and there was morning, the first day.

#### Read John 1:1,3,4,9

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

3 All things were made by Him, and without Him was not one thing made that was made.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

9 He was the true Light, which enlightens every man who comes into the world.

#### Arcana Coelestia 20

When man is conceived anew, he then begins for the first time to know that his goods are not goods, and also, as he comes more into the light, that the Lord is, and that He is good and truth itself. . . .

Also, that the Lord is good itself, or life, and truth itself, or light, and consequently that there is neither good nor truth except from the Lord.

### PASTOR’S NOTES

This image in *Genesis*, and its explanation in *John* and in the Heavenly Doctrine, perfectly describes the experience of seeing something new from the Lord in the Word. Perhaps we can remember the Lord lighting up the void in our mind when we first began to see from the Word that He is the Lord God Jesus Christ. Maybe the light shined into our minds from the prophecies of the Old Testament or from the stories of the Lord’s life on earth in the New

Testament. Maybe that light shined even brighter from Doctrine of the Lord explained throughout the Heavenly Doctrine.

This knowledge of the Lord in His Divine Human can become so bright in our minds that the time when we couldn’t see Him that way becomes harder and harder to remember. And this experience isn’t something that happens just once. The Lord wants to help us see more and more of His light to eternity. He wants the creation story to happen with us again and again and again.

We can actively seek out the next instance when the light of Divine Truth dispels the darkness of the abyss, the next experience of a new morning state—a new sunrise, more beautiful than the one before. What will the Lord in His Divine mercy reveal to us next? When will we next hear Him say “Let there be light”?

**HOLY SUPPER** will be offered this month Friday evening, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

*O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
Happy is the mighty man who trusts in Him.*

Psalm 34:8

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

Parents, please take careful note about these services, which happen three 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 (July 28, August 25, and September 29), 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, Lawson, and I are offering a three-class series on a book titled, "Disease, Disaster and Divine Providence" by Rev. Arne Bau-Madsen. The book offers an explanation of how events that happened on earth around the time of the Last Judgment can be understood in the context of Divine Providence.

We hope you will enjoy the classes. Copies of the book will be available after church on Sunday and at Jen's desk.

Location: Old School Village Lounge  
Dates (Mondays): July 29, August 26  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

**JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION.** Thank you to Becky Cooper and all the volunteers who took part in bringing us such a beautiful pageant. Thank you also to Heather King and the whole team of people who made the beautiful New Church Day gifts for the children.

*"The Lord, God Jesus Christ reigns, whose kingdom shall be for ages and ages" (TCR 791).*

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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 7, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service.  
Usher/Setup: John Cole*

*Sunday, July 14, 10:00 a.m. Family Service.  
Usher/Setup: Gerald van Zyverden*

*Friday, July 19, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service.  
Usher: Roy Odhner*

*Sunday, July 21  
9:00 a.m. Young Children's Service.  
Setup: Jamen and Briana Schrock  
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup:  
Dandridge Cole*

*Sunday, July 28  
9:00 a.m. Family Service, indoors. Usher/Setup:  
Seth Wyncoll  
10:00 a.m. Woods Service. Setup: Schuyler  
Heinrichs, Nathaniel 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, July 10, 7:30 p.m. Men's Divine  
Providence Class at OSV.*

*Thursday, July 11, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell  
class at OSV. Read numbers 329-345 on Little  
Children in Heaven.*

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

*Thursday, July 25, 10:00 a.m.* Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 346-356 on the Wise and the Simple in Heaven.

*Monday, July 29, 7:30 p.m.* Summer Doctrinal Class at OSV.

*Wednesday, July 31, 7:30 p.m.* Men's Divine Providence Class at OSV.

### **MEETINGS**

*Tuesday, July 16, 7:30 p.m.* Board Meeting. Meet in the library.

*Tuesday, July 23, 7:30 p.m.* Pastor's Council. Meet in the library.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Members and Friends,

As we reported at our May society meeting, our regular and basket contributions were excellent again for the year finished on June 30th. We also hit our goal of an additional \$150K for our capital campaign, which brought matching grants from the Asplundh and Glencairn Foundations. All our donors near and far did amazing work.

We should also note the importance of our additional fundraisers like Autumn Weekends, wreath making and other small efforts that help tremendously.

And how about all our volunteers? Wow, thank you! It takes many people young and old pulling together.

Thank you all. ..."for God loveth a cheerful giver."  
Corinthians 2

Contributions Committee

### **EVENTS**

**Ladies Handwork:** Every Wednesday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., at Old School Village (no handwork on June 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Weeding at the KNC:** Every Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (beginning on June 11<sup>th</sup>)

**Family Soccer** will be held every Sunday from 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. No soccer on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jordan Cooper with questions.

### **NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LET FREEDOM RING!** You're invited to celebrate Independence Day on July 4th at Chris and Heather Smith's!

Order of events (come to some or all!):

4:00 p.m. Start showing up. Doug Robertson will help you park and gather for the parade.

4:15 p.m. Parade led by The Friday family on Smith's property. Cars, trucks, tractors, mowers, bikes, and generic people just walking in your best red, white and blue swag. To the arena for...

Presentation of the flag, pledge of allegiance, Brandon Junge Fusiliers gun salute and singing of the National Anthem, accompanied by Curt McQueen and his mystery assistant.

Theo Judson will speak about America, after which, the gates are open, and the people let out for picnic and fun.

Games and races led by Calvin and Maggie Odhner. And, this year, Katrin Junge is wrangling a first-ever slip and slide. So bring or wear bathing suits.

Picnic and lawn games ad lib. Please bring your own food, drinks, chairs and blankets. Smiths are providing tables for bring-and-brag desserts, BAD farm ice cream cups, cooler with ice for general use, restroom and trash cans.

Feel free to bring friends, neighbors and extra games.

Questions/comments may be addressed to any of the above-named wranglers or the Smiths.

**Latin summer review:** The first class was great fun! Next class is on Tuesday, July 2 at 7:30 PM in the high school. Even if you did not make it to the first session, don't let that keep you from coming to the next one if you are still interested. My tentative hope is to offer the class on Tuesdays through August 6, although this is negotiable. Please contact me if you have questions. Come help save a dying—well, dead—language.

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**Caleb's Café:** Summer hours are Fridays 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**House for Sale:**

[https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/76-Blue-Rocks-Rd-Lenhartsville-PA-19534/8884998\\_zpid/](https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/76-Blue-Rocks-Rd-Lenhartsville-PA-19534/8884998_zpid/)

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**The KNCS Carnival** was a great success! Thanks to all the volunteers who spent hours setting up, running booths, and cleaning up. We raised \$1125 for the KNCS Special Education Fund.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Love truly conjugal is the union of two in respect to their interiors, which belong to the thought and the will, thus to truth and good; for truth belongs to the thought, and good to the will. *Arcana Coelestia 10169*

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to:*

**Ken and Ingrid Klicker**

on the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 41 years

**Gavin and Anthea Stewart**

on the 5<sup>th</sup> – 27 years

**John and Alexandra Cole**

on the 7<sup>th</sup> – 17 years

**Matt and Daelen Saltzer**

on the 12<sup>th</sup> – 16 years

**Brandon and Char Jungé**

on the 16<sup>th</sup> – 41 years

**Hayden and Reyana King**

on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 3 years

**Anders and Juliet Smith**

on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 9 years

**Thaddeus and Kaemmerle Glenn**

on the 20<sup>th</sup> – 22 years

