

Glenview Values
March 3, 2020

Announcements

Janet Spector Bishop: Open house in District 63 tonight for its grand opening of Gemini School.

Cathy Kedjidjian- D34 Referendum. Early voting started yesterday. Cathy happy to talk with anyone about Referendum. Hoping that people make educated decisions.

Ann Yoshita: League of Women Voters. Melissa Isaacson is presenting at the Wilmette Golf Club Restaurant on 3/8/20 at 11:30-1:30. "Title IX: Did legislation level the playing field?"

Jacki Kimmel Wise Up- Excellence in Aging Conference. Saturday, April 4th at the Park Center. Anyone is welcome. Registration free but required.

Kim Hand: North Shore Senior Center hosting educational opportunity on March 24, 3:30-5:00: Kim Hassenfeld from the Counseling Center of the North Shore is talking about Compassion Fatigue (see flyer).

Betsy Baer: Village and Chamber have entered into a program together. Offering programming, 2 events and will be collecting data.

Jill Brickman: Community groups and units of government coming together this morning to discuss Coronavirus. Coordinated effort.

Renee Z. Dominguez, FSC ED. D34 ParentConnect Presentation tomorrow at Springman 7pm. Parenting through Puberty: Changing Kids in a Changing World.

Character Counts! Has not met since our last meeting. Meets this Thursday.

Social Service Committee: Went to Connections for the Homeless. Great resource for the community. Closet for clothing work clothing, regular clothing. Showers, washers and dryers for laundry. Clinic for medical and mental health. Mailing address for people. Opening up a women's shelter in April. Next Social Services Committee meeting Tuesday, March 17th 9 a.m. at Youth Services.

Eyes on the Street: No new updates

Program

Mark Pendleton, Senior Pastor of the Glenview New Church.

Came in 2002 as Associate Pastor, served 14 years. Favorite job of his life... until serving as Senior Pastor the last 4 years. New favorite job of his life.

Took a tour of Glenview New Church

Background

Started in 1892 by people who lived in the city and wanted to move to the country. Purchased 40 acres of land. They were active in the founding of the village (Burnhams, Maynards, etc.). Church opened in 1894 (5 years before Village of Glenview was incorporated) in an all-purpose building called a clubhouse

1915 Clubhouse burned to the ground

Built the first piece of this church - opened in 1915, then classrooms, then Gymnasium in 1958.

Many members of church involved in Glenview community

Currently 150 families/households

Simply love their faith

Earnest group of people who want to live useful lives and join others in spiritual walk

Loving the Lord, and Loving the Neighbor

FAQs

What is the New Church?

Pastor Pendleton's understanding: The New Church is a non-denominational Christian faith that looks for the goodness and truth in all people in all faiths and cultures including agnostics and atheists.

Mission: Meet people where they are and to walk pathways together to heaven

Known as the Swedenborgian Church: New Church uses Swedenborgian lens through which to interpret the Bible. Swedenborg: Makes claim last 27 years of life he was given the ability to be present in physical world and spiritual world.

New Church is its own version of Christianity.

What makes the New Church similar to other Christian Churches?

Lord Jesus Christ as God; believe in authority of Bible; 10 Commandments

Love the Lord, and Love your Neighbor; and, the Golden Rule

Believe in reaching out and acting as servants to others

What makes the New Church different than other Christian faiths?

They see Lord Jesus Christ differently. They think of Jesus NOT as a separate person/entity from God, but as God in person on Earth. They believe he battled evil of own choices and own life to give us the opportunity to overcome those in our lives. He was here to maintain freedom of choice (different than the belief that Christ was here for atonement of sin).

The New Church sees Bible as historic document, and also as a symbolic document. Every single story, individual place, etc is symbolic of your spiritual walk. (The New Church calls that deeper level of meaning your "Spiritual Sense.")

What "saves" us? Foundation of salvation?

To Pastor Pendleton, to be saved means to be saved from selfishness and grief. Balance of both faith and life. What we believe and how we act. Salvation is available for all people of all faiths and all cultures. Anyone who believes in God and lives by that can be lifted up from selfishness and greed. God is the source of all goodness in the human heart (regardless of who they believe is "God.")

What is the New Church's belief of life after death?

Believe in heaven and hell. Any true marriage (union of souls) that exists in life, remains in death. If not really a union/marriage of souls, one will connect with true soul after death.

Book of Revelation?

Different slant on this since the New Church believes in symbolic nature of Bible.

New Church perceives the description of a spiritual experience, one of the Lord coming into our lives the second time. The New Church doesn't believe there is going to be an end of the world in that way.

The New Church is not an evangelical movement largely because they don't share the same sense of purpose in the same way to introduce Jesus. People can be "saved" where they are, and regardless of whom they identify as their God. And, regardless of their belief in Jesus Christ.

The New Church believes they are a Trinitarian church.

There are about 5,000 members of the New Church worldwide.

Africa, there may be 50,000 unconfirmed there?

The Cross is not the symbol of the New Church. Because of the New Church's understanding of who Jesus Christ was and our perception of Salvation, they did not focus on the Cross. There is a focus on his Resurrection, not on his death.

Currently, there is a school pre-K-8. Small numbers of kids in school.

Elmo Acton, Associate Pastor who came onboard on July 1st, was introduced.