



ANNUAL
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
OF THE NEW CHURCH
By Nathan Gladish



Although this is our July issue, it is being published on the 19th of June. This annual date is significant in the history of our global church. June 19th is often referred to as "New Church Day." It marks the day in 1770 that we recognize as a key beginning of this new spiritual movement. Emanuel Swedenborg wrote that on that day the Lord gathered His original twelve apostles – now in heaven – and commissioned them to go throughout the spiritual world to announce: "The Lord God Jesus Christ reigns, whose kingdom will be forever and ever!"

There are several very interesting and unique theological perspectives within this declaration. First, there is life after death – the Lord and the His disciples are alive and well.

Along with that, there is a whole spiritual world filled with all the people who have ever lived on any earth in the natural universe. Swedenborg describes this world as more real than the physical, with its constantly growing population carrying on their lives in service to each other. Second, this movement we call "the New Church" was launched by the Lord in the spiritual world first, before any worldly organization started. Swedenborg, in fact, did not start a church group nor was he a personal leader. Only after his death did a group of readers of his writings form in London, which eventually led to the development of the various New Church organizations around the globe.

Third, this "headline" about "the Lord God Jesus Christ" comes toward the end of the

final book Swedenborg published. So this announcement is backed by more than 25 years of experience, careful research and prolific writing to explain the spiritual causes of this new movement and the potential effects in our world. That means the headline is just the surface message. There is so much more to learn and share. And it is indeed good news!

On this 19th day of June, I say "Happy Birthday to the New Church"! May she continue to grow and thrive in our hearts, minds and lives; and may we continue to share her good news with more and more people in our community for their benefit and wellbeing!



SUNRISE CHAPEL PLANS FOR FINANCIAL SELF SUFFICIENCY

Kudos to our Stewardship Committee, including our hard-working treasurer, for developing comprehensive strategic plans for financial sustainability which will be submitted to the leaders in our church headquarters this month.

The current national and global financial challenges do not overlook church organizations. Our parent organization has been supporting Sunrise Chapel from inception.

Three years ago the members of Sunrise Chapel set a goal of financial independence in ten years' time - by March 19, 2019. After substantial work this year, our stewardship committee has developed a set of plans, which have been endorsed by our board of trustees, that will be presented for discussion to key leaders in Bryn Athyn, PA.

If you would like to see or discuss the plans, contact Nathan Gladish or any member of our Stewardship Committee: Ken Lee (chair), Art Watson, Mike Brown, Mike Villeburn, or Vern Wehr.



COME TO Arizona Mountain Camp 2012

In two weeks we will be relaxing in Lemmon. We'll share exciting hikes, classes, creative crafts, and meals. We will step away from our and lift ourselves up the mountain another world.



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This year's theme the "Tree of Life" will be explored naturally and spiritually. What does God want us to experience by giving us His glorious trees? How do His words about trees apply to our life? How are we like trees? This wonderful theme will weave itself through the Camp with the help of Rev. Nathan Gladish, Rev. Mark Perry, and Rev. Frank Rose.

We all have a chance to elevate our mind and our body. It's NOT TOO LATE to join us on the mountain Wednesday, July 4th-Sunday, July 8th. Come for a day or the whole time. Please go to sunrisechapel.org or call Dawn Graffam or Betsy Gladish to get a daily schedule and all the details.

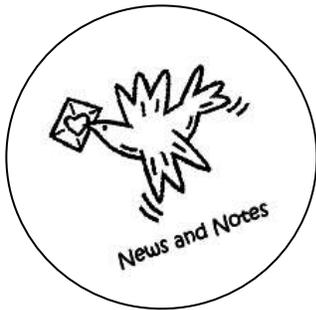


IT'S TIME

TO SELECT A NEW EXECUTIVE BISHOP FOR THE GENERAL CHURCH

Our global church organization is in a succession planning process for the position of executive bishop. On June 25-30 I will be participating in this process at the clergy meetings in Bryn Athyn, PA. Members of the clergy from around the world will focus on discussing the eight nominated candidates and electing one. Whomever the clergy elects will be presented to the General Church Board of Directors for a "counsel and response", and if approved, the next step is for all members of the General Church to vote by mail-in ballot - sometime in late summer or early fall. The current bishop, Tom Kline, plans to retire from this position in June 2014, allowing time for the newly elected minister to transition from his current job and work with Tom before assuming the full responsibility of his office.

~Nathan Gladish~



By Louise Rose and Billie Baty

KELLY WOOFENDON traveled to Bryn Athyn for the graduation of her sister **LAUREN** from the Academy. During her trip back east she also took in the sites of New York City and spent some time visiting with good friends **LAURA, SARAH and NESTER**.

LEX and **GRACE WADDELL** also attended daughter **LAUREN'S** graduation. **CONGRATULATIONS LAUREN!!**

The weekend following Mother's Day, **STEVE** and **BETSY GLADISH** spent a few cool, beautiful days hiking on the Mogollon Rim near Payson.

It is good to see that **TRISH WANN** is recovering nicely from a seven hour surgery on June 11. It was nice to have some of her family here to give some moral support prior to the operation. Brother **TRENT** and his wife, **BARBARA**, were here for a few days.  Trish's mother **AUDREY** was also with her during the surgery and will stay in Tucson to help her out during her recovery.

We are happy to hear that **ART** and **JANET LEE** are safely back at their home in Wisconsin, and are pleased to report that **ART** is still doing very well in his recovery following a heart attack. **JAN** said the trip back went well, and they were delighted to be there in time to help **JAN'S mother** celebrate her 90th birthday!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH CORNER

KEEP CLIMBING

Do you like it in the basement?
Do you love to cry and frown?
When life is rough
And the going tough
Do you thoughtlessly head DOWN?

It's kind of fun to rant and rave,
To yell and blame and groan.
At the end of the day
You've pushed others away
And you're standing there all alone.

It takes much more effort to climb.
The pull of the basement is strong.
Your 'Self's' asking why?
As you constantly try
To stay spiritually awake all day long.

Yes, it takes much more effort to climb
To the warm loving place up above.
It requires much more,
But on that upper floor
You're surrounded by people you love.
Thank you, dear friends, for the work you have done,
And the work you have helped me to do.
When life is tough
And the going is rough
I will love remembering YOU.



OR

Louise Rose

Our Pastor, **NATHAN** and wife **ÉLISE** took a few days off to head for the California coast and the beautiful Pacific Ocean. Different volunteers spent mornings in the office in their absence. After being home for a few weeks, they will head off to Bryn Athyn, PA for Clergy meetings, arriving home in time for the Arizona Mountain Camp in early July.

FRANK and **LOUISE ROSE** were present at the graduation of two of their granddaughters from high school up in Minnesota, (**MARIN ZENO AND JULIA ROSE**), arriving home in time for Frank to preach at Sunrise Chapel on June 24th.

KRIS BERNARDY also spent several days in Minnesota visiting her aunt and other family members.

RAY and **DAWN GRAFFAM** spent a wonderfully cool week on top of Mt. Lemmon with their children Colton, Lauren and Jace. This is a good start to her leading the Arizona Mountain Camp in July!



JOY CONFER is thrilled to have her granddaughter Andrea Pratt back in Tucson after a year away at college in Oklahoma. Congratulations to **ANDREA** who will be attending the UofA on a full scholarship. We also look forward to having her back in our choir with her beautiful singing voice!

STEVE and **KERRY LABOMBARD** are heading east to upper New

York state to visit their daughter **AMY** and the grandchildren. They will also be taking care of Kerry's 92-year old parents **GEORGE** and **MARIE KELLOGG** who live in a big octagonal house. **KERRY** and **STEVE** have enjoyed having exchange students living with them here in Tucson this year, especially as they fill the house with the music they play.

Congratulations to **BETH FULLER APPLETON** who graduated summa cum laude (with highest honors) from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science in Special Education with a focus on Deaf Studies. Way to go, **BETH !!**



WIL and **JOHANNA VON MAYR** will be gone on several trips for most of the summer but luckily they have agreed to be on greeting and sound booth duties on the Sundays when they are in town. Have a wonderful summer!!

It looks like we may have a celebrity in the making. **STEVE** and **BETSY GLADISH'S** son **DAVE** was recently a participant on the popular TV show, "American Ninja Warrior". He did a great job for someone who hadn't really practiced and had never even heard of the program. He plans to try out again for next season.



I would be surprised if he doesn't make it.
Good luck DAVE!

JACK and **BILLIE BATY** along with **JACK'S** brother **PHIL** spent a wonderful weekend in Laughlin, NV. **BILLIE'S** brother **JIM SAGE**

and wife **PAM** from California were there with both of their grown and married children and their spouses and all the grandkids! How fun! This was the first time everyone had gotten together for many years. Son **DAVID** couldn't make it this trip, but was kind enough to housesit and take care of the family fur-kids.

We are happy to have our dear friends **JOHN** and **GABRIELLA CAHALEY** back in Tucson.

Also, we just learned that **CAROL WATSON** broke her wrist - ouch! Bless you **CAROL**, and hope you have a speedy, full recovery.

We are saddened to learn that **LINDA WAHLER**, a long time friend of Sunrise Chapel passed away last February. Although Linda had not attended church here for a few years, she always held a very special place in her heart for the people in our congregation and the teachings.



Our prayers and condolences are with **ELIZABETH STEMBER** and her family on learning of the passing of Elizabeth's brother Don.

HELP PLAN THE SCHEDULE OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES
Monday, July 16 @ 6:30-8:00pm at the Church

SUMMER!!

Time to plan the church calendar of activities **Join a brainstorming session** to discuss how to make our church program super valuable to everyone we serve.

LAUGH AND LEARN ABOUT MARRIAGE



The showing at Sunrise Chapel on June 15 of Part One of the series **"LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE"** really did have 17 people laughing out loud!

"This was great!" **"LOVED IT! Very entertaining and insightful."** *"You have got to see this!"*
"When can we schedule the next one?"

People agreed that it was a great and fun way of presenting valuable insights and tools to better your relationships. In fact, it was so much fun we are going to do it again in July and show part 2 of the 4 part series.

Singles and marrieds, young and old came the first time.

HOPE YOU CONSIDER JOINING THE GROUP ON SATURDAY, JULY 28.

If you want to participate in the potluck supper, we will start at 6 PM.

The movie will be start at 7 PM.

Babysitting provided if you RSVP to the church office ahead of time.

Also, if you missed part one and would like to see it before part two, please RSVP to Nathan or Elise at the office and we'll set up a time convenient for those who are interested.

**MEN'S GROUP AT ART
WATSON'S HOME**

NEW SERIES STARTS THURSDAY, JULY 12



ALL MEN INVITED

"The Screwtape Letters," by C. S. Lewis, is a classic fictional work with a very real message. Screwtape is a senior devil who mentors a junior student, Wormwood, about the student's "patient," a young man on earth.

Through the letters he teaches, encourages, and reprimands Wormwood for the things he does to try to influence his patient. Part of the fascination of the letters is how clearly Screwtape seems to understand and describe "the Enemy's" opposite goals and efforts. It is a creative and thought provoking exploration of the nature of the spiritual influences in our lives.

Although Lewis was not affiliated with the New Church, many of his insights line up with its teachings. Weaving the messages of Lewis's book and Swedenborg's writings will be part of our discussion.

Interested? Contact Mike Villeburn, Art Watson, Nathan Gladish, or call the church office.



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We have a great group of women set to launch our Women's Discussion Group!

We will be meeting at Sunrise Chapel in the library on Thursdays at 2:30.

Our first gathering will be on July 19. Thereafter we will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month, beginning in August.

I am very happy to have this group begin. I have gained so much from sharing with others about their insights and ideas, questions and personal experiences. We always grow and learn from one another! If you haven't signed up, you are welcome to do so anytime. Just email Elise at elisegladish@gmail.com or call 520-820-1284.

