

Jacob's Creek Family Retreat

July 24 – 27, 2022

"The Ten Commandments"



Dear Friends,

This year's Jacob's Creek Family Retreat will be running from July 24 through 27. If you've joined us in the past, we look forward to seeing you again. If you've never been before, I can promise you a wonderful experience! Every year we have a theme that helps us focus our attention on specific teachings from the Lord's Word and on how we can actively make them a part of our lives. I'm happy to announce our theme for 2022: **The Ten Commandments**.

Very simply, we are saved by living a life according to the Ten Commandments. Because of this, the Lord has provided, "That there shall be in every religion precepts like those in the Decalogue." (Divine Providence 254). We may not often think of it in this way, but one of the two most important teachings that the New Church is founded on, is the teachings that we are conjoined with the Lord by a life according to the Ten Commandments (the other is that the Lord's Human is Divine). This is represented by John, on the Island of Patmos, seeing the temple of God opened in heaven, and the "ark of His covenant" in it. (Revelation 11:19)

Join us as we take an in depth look at why these simple commandments are so important to our eternal well-being. What does it actually mean to keep these commandments on a natural, spiritual AND celestial level? How do these commandments conjoin us to the Lord? *True Christian Religion* says, "A person who acts deliberately and from conviction against one commandment acts against the rest." Yikes! Is the opposite of this true as well? If we keep one commandment, do we keep them all?

This year's pastoral staff will include the Reverend Jared Buss (Pastor of the Pittsburgh New Church), the Reverend Michael Gladish and myself. Our camp directors are Andrea and Bradley Cranch, and Jamie and Julie Uber. With their help and the help of MANY other dedicated volunteers this promises to be another great year! We urge you to register early so you don't miss out. If you know of friends who would enjoy Jacob's Creek, please invite them. We look forward to welcoming one and all!

Rev. Matthew Genzlinger
Jacob's Creek Family Retreat Pastor

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

"Such great holiness and power were in that law, because it was the complex of all things of religion....

Therefore the commandments of that law are called the 'Ten Words' (Ex. 34:28). They were so called

because 'ten' signifies all, and

'words' signify truths."

(True Christian Religion 286)

"The Ten Commandments of the Decalogue contain all things that belong to love to God, and all things that belong to love toward the neighbor." (True Christian Religion 329)