

Ivyland New Church Newsletter

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Message from our Pastor

With our most recent celebration of Independence Day we hear a lot these days on freedom. Freedom seems to be one the greatest gifts of our country, and it is also the most important thing for our spiritual lives.

What does it mean to be free? Is it freedom to do what we want, say what we want? Is it okay to just to whatever? Anything goes? While the Lord works with all of us to be truly free, He still leaves us in freedom to choose whether or not to follow Him in His teachings. Even though He leaves us in freedom, He still leads us closer to Himself without ever violating our freedom.

Although He leaves us in freedom, we know this does not necessarily grant anyone the freedom to do anything he chooses, or to believe anything he wants. With freedom comes great responsibility. It's the responsibility to deny ourselves, take up the cross, hear the Lord in His teachings through the Scriptures and Heavenly Doctrine, and then to stand by these teachings. We are free to hold on to these teachings, and we are free to ignore them. One choice leads to true freedom, the other does not. The challenge in this day and age is to stand by the teachings even if the popular, public opinion seems to go against them.



Let's keep in mind what the Lord said about being truly free: "If you remain faithful to my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will recognize the truth, and the truth makes you free. If therefore the Son makes you free, you will be truly free. But anyone who commits sin is the slave of sin" (John 8:31-36).

The Lord also tells us not to judge others, as we all have our own cross to bear. So as we celebrate independence this summer and freedom from our natural enemies, let us continue to use our freedom to follow the Lord as our Shepherd and find out from Him what is good and what is evil, what is true and false so we can be free from the sneaky spiritual enemies.

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Upcoming Events

Guest Preacher:

Stay tuned for more details on our guest preacher, who will provide our regular service for the 12th of August.

Giving Tree:

Summer time is a perfect time to go on vacation and enjoy. While you are away our church continues to stay functioning, but that isn't without your help.

Thanks to all your attention and contribution, exclusively from the giving tree in past times, we have been able to pay utility costs, get new Sunday School supplies, keep the building cool or warm inside, and get new outdoor equipment for the children when they go out for supervised playtime.



Come this August the tree will be back up with new leaves featuring Sunday School room improvements. Now that we have a good stock of Sunday school supplies it's time to shift our focus on the room itself. Donations from the tree this time will go towards repainting the walls of the room, getting new curtains, new bulletin boards, new chalkboard or white board, and more. This will ensure a positive and productive Sunday school experience for all our children when the program starts up again in the fall.

So please keep your eyes opened for the tree. Once it goes up in August it will remain there through September.

As always, many thanks for your continued support and attention in this area!

Community News

New Improvements ahead:

Towards the end of 2017 it came to INC Board's attention that siding on the church building was getting very close to the end of its lifetime. In many places it had already been replaced and now, after better than twenty five years, the boards and battens were just holding on.

We decided that the next big expense was going to be re-siding the building. But this time we want to do it with Hardi-Plank or a similar cement siding that will hold up for as long as any of us will be alive. As an added benefit it will also hold paint for longer than wood too. We discovered that because of the size of the building it would cost between \$65 and \$80 thousand dollars. Needless to say, we will not be able to either save this money in one year or request it from Glencairn Foundation in one year. We therefore structured our 2018 grant request to cover five years and said we would also raise a minimum of \$5,000 every year ourselves. This is of course on top of needing to meet our regular costs, so it is a stretch for our little congregation. But, the great news is we managed to do it in 2018 already - so thank you to everyone. And the great news is that the Glencairn Foundation gave us the first \$15,000 towards the siding this year. So we thank them from the bottoms of our hearts.

We will keep you all informed as this new plan moves forward.



Annual 5k run/2k walk:

This Fall: Change is coming to the Annual Ivyland 5K Run/1 Mile Walk

The Ivyland 5K Run/1 Mile Walk has become an annual tradition for the Ivyland New Church society. In late September community members and friends gather to this event to enjoy fellowship and raise funds to keep Ivyland the self-sustaining church society that it is.

In the past this event has taken place in Ivyland, in Borough Park in Bryn Athyn, on the trail by the Bryn

Athyn post office, and this year we are again trying something new: This year's Annual 5K run/1 Mile walk will take place in the Academy fields adjacent to Cairnwood Village in Bryn Athyn. Our hope is that this location will offer an interesting and beautiful course, will encounter less non-event foot traffic than previous locations, and will draw participants not only from the Ivyland and Bryn Athyn communities, but also from the greater running/walking community.

In addition, it is not only the location that is changing, but also our approach to organizing the event. This year we have contracted help from the Bryn Mawr Running Company. They will provide us with assistance in organizing, advertising, facilitating, and professionally timing the event. Our hope is that this will help our event run more smoothly and attract more participation.

However, just because we are getting outside help does not mean that we don't still need your help. In fact, with all these changes and the potential of having a greater number of participants we will actually need *more* help than before, so please stay tuned for volunteer opportunities!



How You Can Help Out Now

There are two ways we raise funds with this event: sponsorship and entry fees. The potential for raising funds with sponsorship far outweighs the funds raised by entry fees, and it all depends on individuals contacting potential sponsors. Family members, friends, and businesses are great potential sponsors. Please consider asking someone or some business you know to sponsor this event. A sponsorship form is attached in this link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Icn3Fws3ZxCz-yBDwYD52r93c3PkmMXZr-cl1I8_OQ8/edit?usp=sharing

Hard copies of this form are available at the church.

Hope to see you at the 2018 Annual Ivyland 5K run/1 Mile walk September 29th!

July/August 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship 10:00 a.m.	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Worship 10:00 a.m. Sponsorship meeting after church	9	10	11	12 Board of Directors 7:30 p.m.	13	14
15 Worship 10:00 a.m.	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Worship 10:00 a.m.	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship 10:00 a.m.	30	31	1	2	3	4

August 2018						
5 Worship 10:00 am	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship 10:00 am Guest Preacher	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Worship 10:00 am	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 10:00 am	27	28	29	30	31	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	July 15	July 22	July 29	August 5	August 12	August 19	
	August 26						
Accompanist	Gail Cooper	Alaine York	Alaine York	Greg Baker	Sarah Odhner	Neil Simonetti	Alaine York
Flowers	Judy Schiffer	Barbara Rose	Tara Smith	Barb Cooper	Suzy Laidlaw	Jackie Kline	Judy Schiffer
Giant Cards	Peggy Rogers	Alaine York	Alaine York	Carol Reeder	Peggy Rogers	Jackie Kline	Gail Cooper
Hospitality	Stephanie Doman Judy Schiffer	Lisa and Dan Synnestvedt	Linda Murphy Daniela Sandstrom	Suzy and Alan Laidlaw	Peggy and Hilda Rogers	Kira Schadegg Mary Tate	Suzy and Alan Laidlaw
Housekeeping - Before dates shown	Loeb Family	Alaine York & Sue Cronlund	Ray & Stephanie Doman	Smith Family	Sandstrom Family	Loeb Family	Ray & Stephanie Doman
Nursery	Stella Evans						Stella Evans
Sunday School	Merry Farmer Jennica Nobre	Daric Smith Karen Cavanaugh	Daric Smith Suzy Laidlaw	Daniela Sandstrom Beth Brock	Jennica Nobre Jessica Baker	Merry Farmer Daric Smith	Daric Smith Jennica Nobre
Sunday Stewards	Derek Glebe	Don and Barbara Rose	Keith and Barbara Cooper	Rich and Mary Tate	Sig and Judy Soneson	Ray & Stephanie Doman	Bruce Fuller
Usher/s	Dan Synnestvedt	Bill Loeb	Dan Martz	Wes Friesen	Bill Loeb	Daryl Baker	Michael Evans
Candle Snuffer/s	Evans Family	Reuben and Lily Sandstrom	Ariel Martz	Sophie & Andie Kahle	Abbie Alden	Baker Family	Smith Family