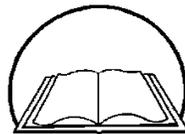


Ivyland New Church Newsletter

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Message from our Pastor

2018 is well under way. We have two months already passed and we are heading well into spring. Despite any ups and downs you may have had in the last two months, I hope you have all felt that this year has got off to a good start so far.

Things seem to be running smoothly here at Ivyland. We had a successful turnout for our Scout Sunday service, we had a fun time with our Game Night in January, and we had a tender moment with the passing of Clarinda Koenig.

As we remember these moments, we can begin looking forward to some new ones coming up. We just recently had a sermon series on the main points of our mission statement at Ivyland. Now for March and April there are other things happening that you might be interested in taking part.

Things move along, at Ivyland, in your lives, and let's remember that all things that happen in the day are within the Lord's Divine Providence, and the end of Divine Providence is a heaven from the human race (DP 323). As insignificant or mundane something may seem, or as great and magnificent a moment may be, you were there. Each moment in Divine Providence moves us further towards the eternal end.

So enjoy your good moments, learn from the hard ones, and let's keep moving together as we have

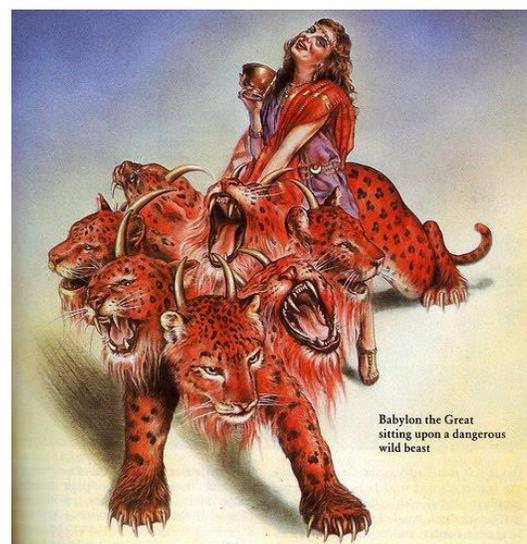
much to look forward to in the near, and distant future.

Pastor Ryan Sandstrom

Upcoming Events

Revelation Study

Why was the Roman Catholic form of religion so threatening to the world back in the day? What was going on in the spiritual world to bring on such a drastic and life-changing judgment by the Lord that would bring significant changes to the Church on earth? When we read through the book of *Revelation* and its treatment in the *Apocalypse Revealed* we see why the New Church has to exist.



In March we plan to meet again on the 21st, at 7:30pm. We will cover the first 8 verses of Chapter 18: There was mourning over the woman sitting on

the scarlet beast, why? And what is that all about? How does it affect our lives?

All are welcome to attend these thought stimulating classes. See you there!

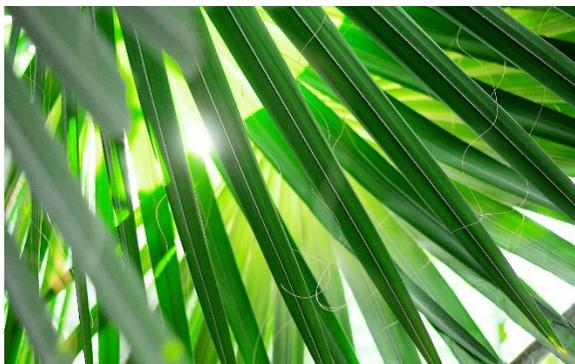
Guest Preacher

On Sunday March 11 the Rev. Dr. Andrew Dibb will be giving our regular service. He will preach on doing the right thing. How can we know what we should do? Come and see!

Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter

It's hard to believe that by the end of this month we will already be getting into Easter. But we can never welcome spring too early!

Join us at Ivyland for a festive week starting with our Palm Sunday service on March 25. Palm fronds will be provided as usual, and please bring any used clothing items with you. People will be invited to lay down palms and clothes on the chancel, as people did long ago for the Lord riding into Jerusalem. All clothing items will be donated afterwards to Good Stuff Thrift, whose sales all benefit local charities supporting children in need. A large bin will be available at the church for those bringing bags of extra clothing.



On Good Friday, March 30, we will have our Holy Supper Vespers at 7:30pm. This is a time to worship and reflect as we focus on the Lord's final moments on earth before His last temptation. Children are welcome to attend this service as they can observe parents partake. There will be some readings, a brief talk, and then people can come forward to take the Holy Supper.

On April 1st we will have our annual Easter Family Service. People may bring potted flowers and plants for the chancel when entering the chapel before the service begins. Flowers represent memory knowledge, or scientific truths. They form a basis in our minds for heavenly truth and good to flow in from the Lord. He is risen in our lives this way.

We look forward to seeing you here during this festive time!

Other news and information

Giving Tree

Thanks to your attention and support we earned almost \$300 from the giving tree in February. "Leaves" for this tree highlighted winter related needs and costs. Your contributions have helped make it possible to keep our church warm, and keep the parking lot cleared of snow.

We will see the tree again sometime in the spring with the aim of improving more of the Sunday School needs, which may include classroom and playground upgrades. More details to follow.

25 years at the Ivyland New Church

As most of you know by now we are having a 25 year anniversary celebration of Ivyland on April 29, starting with a family style service at 10am. Invitations have been sent out to all our friends and families who have had some association with Ivyland in the past. We hope that most of you can make it to this significant milestone event. YOU have been an important component to our church, bringing it to where it is today. This is definitely worth celebrating!

There will be a special program immediately following the service. All the former pastors of Ivyland have been invited to attend if possible and say a few things to mark this occasion.

We will then wrap things up nicely with a potluck lunch and BBQ. There will be a tent outside,

hopefully the weather will cooperate! We are asking current Ivylanders to bring a side dish of some sort to share.



The Hatboro/Horsham Group - Ivyland Society has been around for more than 25 years. This anniversary celebration really marks the time when our current church building was dedicated back in 1992.

Church Upgrades

Near the end of 2017 we received a generous grant from the Asplundh Foundation. Thanks to this additional funding we have been able to make some long needed changes in the church and the manse. The roof over the laundry room, or what was called the “mud room,” of the manse was replaced. People have also seen some nice new sinks in our bathrooms, complete with motion sensor faucets.

With the remaining funds from this grant we will now proceed to upgrade our existing security system. The system was already installed years ago, now we will get to make use of its features such as arming the building at nighttime.

In addition to the system upgrade we will be changing the locking mechanisms on the main entrance doors to electric locks. This will include both the side entrance doors, facing the street, and the rear entrance doors, facing the back parking lot. For most of you, things will stay the same; the church will be opened when you come for regular scheduled services and events. Instead of keys we will be using cards and key fobs. For those of you who have keys and need to access the building after

hours, we are asking for your contact info so we can keep you in the loop as things will change by the end of this month.

Be sure to speak to Ryan or Ken York to make sure your contact info is current.

General Church News

ANC Summer Camp

For those who have teenage kids you might like to know that registration is now open for the ANC Camp. You can do this online, go to www.ancss.org and either put “camps” in the search box or choose the academics tab and select “summer programs.” The camp is from July 8-14 and is open to students completing 8th or 9th grade.

Pittsburgh Full-Time Teaching Positions 2018–2019

Pittsburgh New Church School is accepting applications for 2 full-time teaching positions for the 2018–19 school year. The successful applicants will be responsible to cover or assist in the teaching of core courses in the elementary grades five days a week. Additional duties include attendance at faculty meetings, designated school events, and active pursuit and completion of additional training in dyslexia and related learning differences.

Minimum requirements for applicants are: 1) a commitment to teach content in light of the teachings of the New Church, 2) to teach from and about the principles of the New Church, and 3) to have a bachelor’s degree, preferably in elementary education. We are looking for motivated individuals who enjoy working with young children and would like to join a committed team of colleagues. Interested parties contact Rev. Calvin Odhner at principal@pittsburghnewchurchschool.org or call 412-731-0122. The application deadline is March 15, 2018

Pittsburgh Full-Time Admissions Director 2018–2019

Pittsburgh New Church School is accepting applications for a full time admissions director for the 2018–19 school year. The successful applicant will be responsible for student recruitment, aiding families through the admission process, and general marketing and promotion of the school. Additional duties may include attendance at school events, local dyslexia conferences and dyslexia parent meetings as well as helping families through the financial aid process.

Minimum requirements for applicants are: 1) a commitment to the teachings of the New Church, 2) previous admissions experience (specifically in a school setting desirable) and 3) a bachelor's or master's degree (marketing, social work, or human sciences desirable). We are looking for a motivated, self-starting, individual who enjoys working with families and would like to join a committed team of colleagues.

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Laws of Life Essay Contest

All High School Sophomore (or 15-16 year old) girls world-wide are eligible to enter this contest. This essay is an opportunity to write about what YOU think is important in life.

This is your chance to be heard – to write from the heart about one, or more, of your personal laws of life. Essays are to be in English (Google Translate

can be used for this purpose) No name or identification can be on the paper itself to keep allow impartial judging, but have your name and address in the envelope or email. You can see last year's winning essays printed in our Journal. Winners receive a certificate and a check: 1st Place: \$100 USD, 2nd Place \$75 USD, 3rd Place \$50 USD. Essays are printed in the Journal with writers' permission and as room permits. The essay guidelines are:

“The Laws of Life” are a set of rules, ideals or principles by which one should live:

What do you value most in life?

What is important to you?

What ideals do you hold deep in your heart?

Think about the people and experiences that have helped you form these laws...

Pick a topic to write about:

- a personal experience/lesson learned that affects how you live/view your life now.
- an aphorism or quote that inspires or guides you.

You can use an analogy, a quotation or a story or parable.

No personal romantic relationships!!

Submissions are to be sent to Theta Alpha International PO Box 511, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009, USA. Or email to ANCdaughters@gmail.com. Must be received by March 20, 2018.