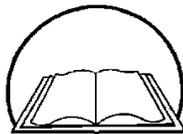


# Ivyland New Church Newsletter

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## Message from our Pastor

In our annual society meeting last October I gave my pastor's report to the society on who leads. There are many aspects of leadership that apply to Ivyland: you have a pastor, who is in a sense a leader; you have board members, who also lead in another sense; you have several volunteers who lead whole events; you have committees who take leadership in designated areas.

We are a church full of leaders of different kinds, though the point is that the Lord is the only one true Leader. Each one of you leaders get your leadership abilities from Him, so even then He is the Leader. So in all our distinctive roles, even outside of the church, we continue looking to the Lord, who leads us all in freedom.

A good sign that this is taking place is to reflect on how societies in heaven function. Each angel in heaven has a use, or a role which they fulfil. There are high ranking officials and governors, and there are workers and servants lower down in rank. Not a single angel sees him or herself above or below anyone else, but are all equal in the eyes of the Lord. Their rank comes not at all from their own abilities or intelligence but all from the Lord who puts everything into perfect order, according to levels of use.

One nice thing about Ivyland is that we are a self-sufficient church. This doesn't only mean that we raise our own funds, but we also function on our own. The leadership here does not fall on one single person, nor should it, but it falls on the uses that each one of us fulfill, in greater and lesser degrees.

So on that note, thank you all for being part of the Ivyland church, which really functions like a society. Keep up your efforts, keep being leaders in your respective uses. And may we always look to the Lord as our Leader.

Pastor Ryan Sandstrom

## Upcoming Events

### Wrapping Up:

In the beginning of October we launched into the latest Journey series "Love Over Ego." We've been learning a lot from Daniel and his interaction with various enemy kings over the weeks. These stories have taught us many useful things about faith in the Lord verses the love of self.

On November 11 we will conclude this series with Daniel in the lion's den. This story will tell us something about the states of heaven the Lord can give us at anytime, regardless of what conditions are like for us in this world.



I hope you have enjoyed this series along with the after church classes that accompanied the services each Sunday. We didn't have class after church for two Sundays, so the class on the 11<sup>th</sup> will be a useful last chance to gather, share thoughts and experiences, and wrap up. All are welcome to attend!

### Thanksgiving Day Service:

Please join us on **Thanksgiving Day at 10am** for our annual Thanksgiving Festival Service.



As always we ask that you bring with you non-perishable food items to be placed on the chancel during this service. The food donation is a useful act of thanks, which we symbolically do during the service as a way of offering thanks and praise to the Lord. However, this offering has a lot of practical benefits that go a long way for some maltreated and needy children in our own surrounding community. They will be the direct recipients of our act of thanksgiving.

We look forward to having you with us!

### Guest Preacher:

Please join us on **Sunday November 25** to hear from our guest preacher, Rev. Kenneth Alden. Rev. Alden will provide our regular service for this day. We look forward to having him with us!

### Revelation Study:

The last class of 2018 will be on **November 28 at 7:30pm**. We will continue Chapter 20 of *Revelation* alongside the *Apocalypse Revealed*. There is always lots to discover within the peculiar details of the recorded events of *Revelation*. We hope you join us for this in-depth look into one of the most interesting books of the Word!

## Community News

### N'Oktoberfest:

Dear Ivyland New Church members,

Our society is once again holding our annual family-friendly N'Oktoberfest potluck dinner and homebrew tasting showcase from **5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**. This year we are returning the event to Heilman Hall in Bryn Athyn, so please come out for it and bring a fall or German inspired side dish or dessert to share.

It would be helpful to the planning committee to know what dishes people are bringing. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the community room of the church building (including some thematically appropriate suggested items for people who might be having trouble deciding what to bring.) If you can't make it to the sign-up sheet, you can also send an email to Laif Alden ([laifalden@hotmail.com](mailto:laifalden@hotmail.com))

We need some volunteers to help with setting up for the event (starting at 2 pm) and for clean up immediately afterwards, and we are still looking for at least one more person to take a turn running the "front desk" during the event. If you'd like to help with any of that, again please let us know via the sign-up sheet or by emailing Laif.

Of course, it wouldn't be N'Oktoberfest without our homebrew tasting showcase! Adults over 21 can sample homemade fermented beverages made by homebrewers from our community. We ask that those adults tasting homebrew purchase a tasting glass. This year Laif and Abby will also be making some (nonalcoholic) homemade ginger ale soda for the kids to enjoy.



Facebook users, a facebook event has been created for this event. You should be able to find it on the Ivyland New Church facebook page. Please say that you are going on the facebook event if you plan on going, and more importantly, please help promote the event by inviting your facebook friends to go. Help us spread the word!

This event promises to be every bit as much fun as previous years. We hope to see you all there.

-The N'Oktoberfest Planning Committee

### **Annual Meeting (Report):**

Last month on the 28<sup>th</sup> we held our annual society meeting after church. We are thankful for those who attended for as was made clear then, your presence for these things matters greatly, regardless of your membership status.

The minutes for this meeting will be made available to you in the next few weeks, but you can read about some of the main highlights here.

We started off with a reading from *Charity* 130, which is about community and how people are unified in uses. Ivyland is a church full of uses, which many of you fulfill, yet we all look to the Lord.

We heard from our Treasurer, Ken Cronlund, who gave us an easy to understand breakdown of our financial standing. Even though we have received grant money it is still important for the society to keep up with its own contributions.

The pastor gave his report on leadership; who really leads the church? The idea was that even though the pastor is a leader in a sense, many of the society's own people are leaders in many ways. It is thanks to people who step up and take a lead that makes this society thrive. Yet in the end, the true leadership is from the Lord. To ensure this, the pastor called on everyone to continue upholding our mission: Worship, Learn, Apply, and Share. Keeping our sights on the Lord makes Ivyland a strong, self-sufficient church.

We then had board elections with 5 positions opened and 5 nominees (4 incumbent, 1 new). These nominees were elected provided that one serve for a 1 year term and another for a 2 year term, the other three nominees would serve full 3 year terms. The purpose of this was to realign the terms so we don't

end up with this many positions at one time in the future. We gave a very special thank you to Hilda Rogers, who was our departing board member.



Mark Wyncol, from General Church Giving, made a special guest appearance to speak to the society about giving to the church. His main purpose was really to say thank you, since he knows many of you already give to both the GC and Ivyland. He also wanted to make a personal appearance so that people know who to go to when it comes to GC giving and GC affairs.

Daric Smith and Jennica Nobre spoke to the society about the Sunday School program, and the plans to set up a Teen Group sometime after the new year. The program for children is ever improving, though extra volunteer help is always appreciated.

We also heard from Ken York, head of the Uses Guild, to thank everyone who already volunteers for some use at our church. It really is thanks to all you people that we can have church on Sundays, not to mention several other events that take place at our church.

The meeting ended with thank yous all around, not only for what you do, but also for who you are. The Ivyland New Church gets its quality from you being you, especially when you are here with us.

### **We've Been Hit!**

As you all should know by now, our church building suffered a major accident on October 31<sup>st</sup> when a driver lost control of his vehicle and crashed into the side of the church.

It is a miracle that no one got hurt from this incident, but now we are left to face the damage.

Luckily there was no internal damage done so we will continue holding all our regular services, events, classes, and meetings as usual.

Various contractors and repairmen will be at the church within the next few weeks to make the necessary repairs. In the end we expect to look just as we did before the accident, though with a few improvements: we will have two bollards outside the side entrance instead of one. That one bollard did its job during the accident and it is why the driver didn't go all the way into the hallway. We will get new carpet in the foyer between the two glass doors. And we can expect to get a paint job for the entire chapel.

As for the driver, we don't know a whole lot about him yet. We can hope though that an experience like this can help gather his loved ones and his core values and beliefs to bring about a positive change.

### **Angel Tree:**

Once again, the Angel Tree will soon be in the Community Room. Please consider helping local children in need by choosing an angel from the tree, and purchasing new clothing for the desired size and gender. The donations will be distributed to various local agencies by Needlework Guild of America (NGA), who provide "new clothes for new beginnings."

