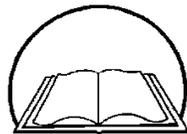


Ivyland New Church Newsletter

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Message from our Pastor

Each year when this time comes around you might find yourself in the same usual routine: kids go back to school, everyone goes back to work, or you might even enjoy some time off. But how is each year different than the past year? How is this year different than this time last year?

It can be easy to find yourselves in a usual routine, each day, each month and even each year. In some ways it feels the same each time around, but there are subtle changes each time that let you know that things are not always the same.

Some things are easier to see than others: Your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews are growing taller, smarter and making their way through schools. As they grow, don't forget that you are growing too!

We may not have measuring sticks or grades to indicate how much we've grown recently, but through age comes wisdom. As we grow in wisdom we become more and more perfected. Our doctrines can verify this: "For a person can grow in wisdom till the end of his life in the world, and afterwards to eternity in heaven, and as he grows in wisdom, so his form is perfected." (CL 93)

If you trust in the Lord and do His commandments, consider yourself wiser than you were this time last year! And keep moving along, you can be sure you will be in a new and hopefully an even more perfected state this time next year. Each step gets us closer to the Lord. At Ivyland, we get to do this together.

Pastor Ryan Sandstrom

Upcoming Events

Holy Supper:

On September 24 the sacrament of Holy Supper will take place during the adult talk portion of the service.



The holy supper is always a good opportunity to approach the Lord personally and take Him in.

The Heavenly Doctrine obviously say a lot about the holy supper. One of the things we read is that we ought to search out one or two evils in us a few times a year and bring that to the Lord in holy supper (TCR 530). This is how we can "make it real," it is a sure way to get to heaven.

Remember the Lord's yoke is easy and His burden is light. One step at a time is the way to move to Him, no need to rush or feel overwhelmed. He calls everyone to Him, and everyone is invited. "Come and gather together...."

Revelation Study:

We are ready to start up again after a relaxing time off over the summer. On the 13th and the 27th at 7:30pm we will resume our study of this extraordinary book picking up with Chapter 15.

Things have been lining up nicely in the preceding chapters, now the real judgement will take place.

Join us for an interesting look into the mysteries of the Apocalypse. There is so much to discover about the church, the Lord, and yourself!

Community News

Annual 5k run & walk:

It's that time of year when we get to enjoy some exercise, some fresh air, good food, and all while supporting Ivyland.

This year we meet again at the All Aboard Café, located across from the Bryn Athyn Post Office. Parking is available on the lot of the café, though street parking is available further up the road for those who don't mind the extra walk.



Registration for this event begins at 9am, and the running/walking begins at 9:30. \$20 for individuals, \$50 for families.

Much of our earnings from this event in the past has been from sponsors who contributed towards the cause. Sponsors can be anyone, or even any business whom you would approach personally and ask if they would be willing to sponsor you for this cause.

Flyers are available at the church. You can also help spread the word on Facebook. Look for the 5k event on our Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday School:

We will resume Sunday School sessions again with the children on September 10.

We have been fortunate to have Daric Smith as our Sunday School head. Daric has been very effective in the past year, and we now look forward to another year with him.

Keep in mind that children need to go to their designated age/grade group. With the current size of teacher volunteer staff, we will need to reduce the 3 groups into two. Now Preschool-5 graders will meet in the same group, and the 6-8 graders will meet together in their usual spot. Nursery will continue as normal. Kids in high school are encouraged to stay for the sermon.



As teachers and children gear up for Sunday school, we certainly could use some additional volunteer help. If you have any interest and a love for teaching and working with children, or even if you'd simply like to assist another teacher, please consider volunteering for our regular teacher rotation. Let Daric know: daric@daricandtara.com

Giving Tree:

Our tree is making another appearance, this time with some new leaves. The giving tree will be up again in the community room for the month of September only with the hope that its branches will be bare by the end of the month.

Featured on our tree this time are building maintenance leaves with varying denominations. These items include much needed upgrades to our bathroom sinks and countertops, and upgrades to our building's security system.

Thank you for all your help and support in the past, especially by means of this tree. We appreciate the attention given to our realistic needs. We have been able to cover costs of many things such as utilities, much needed repairs to the exterior of the building, and increasing our capital fund. We really couldn't do it without you!



Sending our love:

Life is full of challenges, which sometimes can really set things back. With the right amount of encouragement and faith however, we can help each other pull through to the end.

Here's to Bryant Engelke, Sharon Cronlund, Clarinda Koenig and others for always staying strong. You are an inspiration.

All the best to you!