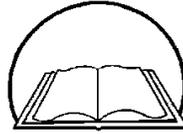


Ivyland New Church Newsletter

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Message from our Pastor

At this time of year we finish off our summers and for many, we begin school again. Whether you have kids in school or not it's usually around now that we get back into more routine, more planning, and more things to look forward to.

Here at Ivyland we also get back into a sort of routine at this time of year: our children will get into various Sunday School activities; we have major events that involve a lot of people; we get into classes that cover the material that our church is based on. Read through the rest of this newsletter and you will see the amount of things we have lined up for the next month!

What we look forward to the most though is seeing all of you on a regular basis. We all get so busy with our own things that it is nice to take some time off on Sundays and gather together in the sphere of worship. It works even better if we make Sunday worship part of our weekly routine.

There is a tremendous benefit to be gained from making church services and reading the Word a regular habit. I encourage you all to read through *Apocalypse Explained* 803.2. Here it outlines practical steps we can take to obtain truth from the Lord and so receive enlightenment. It fits very well into the idea of routines. And, it makes our other ordinary routines more meaningful.

But as you go through your everyday routines, we hope you know that we will always be glad to see you whenever you come!

Take time to enjoy yourselves, enjoy the uses you perform, and the many good people you have in your lives. And please enjoy this newsletter!

Pastor Ryan Sandstrom

Upcoming Events

Grand Event:

On September 8 we will be having our first ever service surrounding the theme of Mentorship where children can invite an adult mentor to the service itself. Mentors can be grandparents, teachers, instructors, relatives... anyone who the child has looked up to, and who doesn't normally attend our services.

This service is not only a chance to appreciate those people in our lives whom we look up to, but also to actually express thanks to them for the guidance and support they have provided before.



“Honorgrams” have already been made up for children to fill out and give to their respective mentor for this day. Children can take them home and work on them if they would like, though all children who come on the 8th will get a chance to work on them. If their mentor is not able to attend the service, children can still fill out these honorgrams and give them to their mentors on their own time.

Adults are more than welcome to invite a mentor and give them an honorgram!

So please encourage your children to invite an adult mentor for this special service. Let’s see how many we can have join us on the 8th!

Holy Supper:

Everyone knows that the longer you wait to eat food the more you long for it, which means you will be filled more when you finally eat! This common experience works the same way with spiritual goods and truths.



We have **September 29** set for our next Holy Supper service. I hope you all take some time to reflect on the importance and effectiveness of this service since it satisfies a natural and a very internally deep spiritual hunger at the same time. The more you anticipate it, like anticipating food, the more it will fill you up when the time comes!

The Holy Supper will take place during the adult talk portion of the service. Come and gather....

Did you know:

...that Hosea had a wife who was unfaithful, that Joel breaded sheep, that Jonah was swallowed by a whale, that Nahum finished what Jonah started, and that Zechariah saw flying scrolls and other visions? These guys make up part of the *Minor Prophets* in the Word. There is something particular about each prophet that makes their prophetic message unique and noteworthy. Want to know more about them? Come to this new class series!



Starting on **September 25th at 5pm** we will begin a new class series on the **Minor Prophets**. We will go through the literal sense of each of the prophets to understand what was taking place historically and literally, and this in turn should help us understand what is going spiritually.

These classes will take place on a bi-monthly basis, they will also be broadcasted live on Facebook so anyone can attend! Come and go as you please, we hope to see you there!

Community News

Running, walking, and brewing.

Our annual 5k fundraiser is coming up quickly, taking place on **Saturday the 21st at 4pm**. The run/walk will take place at the same place it did last year, on the college fields extending behind Cairnwood Village. Whether or not you plan on attending, you can all help out by simply spreading the word – time and place.

Those who will be coming can look forward to a pleasant run with some new and familiar faces. Running times will be recorded and awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

Highschoolers and teens will also have an opportunity to be involved!



Pricing is set for \$30 per participant. The main reason for this price is that we will be concluding this event with our annual Brewfest (formerly known as “Oktoberfest”), taking place inside the Cairnwood Village Dining Room. The price for the run includes dinner. Brats will be provided though extra side dishes, salads, and desserts are always welcome.

The main feature for the Brewfest is our homebrew showcasing. Tasting glasses will be provided (making great souvenirs!), participants can enjoy a wide variety of brews from several local home brewers.

There will be music, dancing, and lots of fun!

To register ahead of time sign up online at www.ivyland5k2k.com.

Every Drop Counts:

On **Tuesday, October 8**, Ivyland will be hosting another blood drive from the American Red Cross. Our recent drives have been successful in the past in that we have many donors show up and give blood, many of which have not seen our church before.

Signing up is easy, visit redcrossblood.org and enter ivyland new church under the sponsorship code.



You can come, donate blood, interact with some new people, or simply volunteer help with registration. Speak to Ryan for more details.