



COVENANT NEWS

JANUARY 2019 HINSDALE COVENANT CHURCH



- Jan 13 **Does Life Have a Purpose?**
- Jan 20 **Is there a God?**
- Jan 27 **Why Does God Allow Pain & Suffering?**
- Feb 3 **Is Christianity Too Narrow?**
- Feb 10 **Is Jesus Really God?**
- Feb 17 **Is the Bible Reliable?**
- Feb 24 **Can I Know God Personally?**

Explore God is a movement that has united over 600 Chicago-area churches; encouraging us to open our doors wide to the spiritually curious, non-believers and skeptics.

Each week of the series, we'll explore the seven biggest questions people have about life, faith, God and the Christian story. Then we'll invite friends to share their thoughts in discussion groups that will meet in area homes and public spaces.

Because everyone has questions, and we all wonder. Join us Sundays, beginning January 13.

exploreGod.com

SUNDAY KIDS CAMP | 10:30 AM

We are committed to the spiritual formation of every child who walks through the doors of our church. To that end, we have planned a Sunday morning experience called "Sunday Kids Camp" for kids that mirrors the worship service in the sanctuary, with pastor led teachings frequently based on the same scripture, a kids time of corporate worship, and small group discussions led by adult volunteers.

9:00 Service

Nursery care for children ages 0-5

10:30 Service

Nursery care downstairs for children ages 0-2
Little Lambs downstairs for children ages 2-3
Sunday Kids Camp for children ages 4-4th grade will begin in the sanctuary during Advent
Club 56 meets in the 3rd Floor Loft

MOMS GROUP

Thursdays, 9-11 AM | Begins in the Garden Court

Looking for a place to connect to other moms? Wanting to grow spiritually? Gather to connect, study and pray together, every Thursday. Contact Abby at abbyh@gmail.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING EACH WEEK?

Stay connected to what's happening at Hinsdale Covenant Church by signing up to receive our weekly Five for Friday email with the top five things happening each week. Contact the church office at office@hinsdalecovenant.com.

NEXT NEWCOMER LUNCH

February 24 , 11:45 AM | 4th Street Parsonage

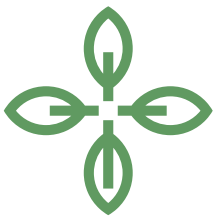
Are you new to Hinsdale Covenant Church? If so, then we'd love to have you stay for lunch to talk with Pastor Lars and hear more about our church. On the last Sunday of most months people who are new to HCC are invited to our Newcomer Lunch at the 4th street parsonage (located just west of church at 18 E. 4th St.).

COVENANT SUMMER CAMPS

Registration is open for Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point summer camps. Are you interested in sending your child to camp? Early Bird registration ends March 15th. More details at cpbc.com or covenantharbor.org. Scholarships available. Contact Pastor Lars at lars@hinsdalecovenant.com

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Our preschool is now enrolling for next school year. Classes for children ages two through five, and kindergarten enrichment programming available. Registration forms are online at hinsdalecovenant.com/preschool. Church members receive a discount on tuition costs. Contact Preschool Director Mary Seiferth at hinsdalecovenantpreschool@gmail.com.



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MEN'S FRATERNITY

Thursdays starting Jan 10, 6:15 AM | Garden Court

We have an awesome lineup of speakers for the **8 weeks ending February 28**. Men's Fraternity is focused on bringing in speakers who can shine wisdom on becoming a better husband, a better father, and a better co-worker. There have been over 40 guys from the area attending each week, which makes for great camaraderie. We hard-stop each session at 7:25am...leave when you need to.

YOUTH WINTER RETREATS

Winter Retreats at Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point are a highlight of our youth programs in the winter. Our church will be attending the following weekends:

WINTER CAMP | Grades 7-8

Jan 11-13. Cost is \$159. Register online.

ONE LIFE | Hi League

Feb 15-18. Cost is \$195 (\$34 ski pass optional). Registration forms are in the Loft. Register by Jan 13.

WINTERFEST | Grades 3-6

Feb 22-24. Cost is \$159, payable online. Register by Jan 25. Chaperones needed! Contact Christy Dykstra at christy@hinsdalecovenant.com.

Register online at covenantharbor.com. Choose "Winter Camp 2019" and select our dates listed above and the Hinsdale group.

2019 SUMMER MISSION TRIP ALASKA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

July 7-13 | Information Meeting Jan 20, 11:35am

We are gathering a group to serve at Alaska Christian College this summer, our Covenant mission partner in Soldtna, Alaska. We will be helping with construction and repair, landscaping, and various other projects in and around the school. This opportunity is available to anyone 10 or older. Forms are available in the church office or Garden Court Hallway. We will have an informational meeting about this trip on Sunday, January 20th at 11:35am in the Upper Room. Contact Pastor Lars at lars@hinsdalecovenant.com or Paul Brush if you are interested.

FAMILY CONVERSATION: PARENTING IN THE PEW

**for parents & grandparents*

Wednesday, January 16, 7PM | Taught by Pastor Joy

Are "AllTogether Worship" Sundays intimidating because your child is squirmy? Join Pastor Joy as she shares benefits of worshipping alongside our children and different approaches to worshipping together for the glory of God.

ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAYS

Do you like to organize and clean out closets? Does cleaning the church kitchen excite you? We are setting aside January 2, 3, and 4 to devote time for the staff and church volunteers to work together for clear out the clutter and deep clean! Contact Kirsten at kirsten@hinsdalecovenant.com to help out.

ANNUAL MEETING JAN 27

Save the Date! Our Congregational Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 27 at 11:30 am. Members will receive a meeting notification with the proposed budget and nominating slate in the mail this month.

BECOMING A WELCOMING CHURCH

Our staff recently read the book *Becoming a Welcoming Church* by Thom Rainer. This little book challenged us and is motivating us to look at numerous aspects of our church life, from signage to a welcome center, from parking to our worship services. We realize the need for a Welcome Team here at Hinsdale Covenant, a group of outgoing, committed folks who desire to create a great experience for all newcomers. If you are interested in being part of the formation of Welcome Team, please contact Pastor Simon at simon@hinsdalecovenant.com for more details.

COFFEE HOSTS - TIME TO SIGN UP

Each Sunday, one or more families that call this church their home takes a turn hosting coffee. If you are new to hosting, you may request to have someone show you the ropes on Sunday morning. Sign up in the Garden Court.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Friday, January 11 | Tuesday, January 22

Spiritual direction is a ministry of listening, discernment and prayer in a confidential setting of encouragement and compassion. We have two spiritual directors that are available to meet monthly with members of our congregation. Contact the church office at office@hinsdalecovenant.com.

- **Bob Tenglin is available Tuesday, Jan 22.**
- **Diana Shiflett is available Friday, Jan 11.**

HOW TO USE PUSHPAY

Text 'hinsdalecov' to 77977 to get started

As you prayerfully consider your financial participation, we have a tool for online giving. Powered by Pushpay, you can give through our website or your mobile phone by credit or debit card, or ACH bank transfer payment. Set up one-time or recurring giving. Once set up, it takes less than 10 seconds to give. Thank you for your faithful giving!

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 7:30 AM | First Floor Narthex

The Tuesday Morning Men's Bible will continue studying the Book of Matthew. If interested, contact Yogi Mahendra at ymahendra1946@yahoo.com. All are welcome.

TUESDAY EVENING CO-ED BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 7:30 PM | Upper Room, 2nd Level

The Tuesday night Bible will be studying the Book of Acts. Contact Yogi Mahendra at ymahendra1946@yahoo.com. All are welcome.

2019 GIVING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are available in the Garden Court. If you wish to use giving envelopes, choose a numbered packet and legibly write your name next to the corresponding number on the sign up sheet.