



COVENANT NEWS

FEBRUARY 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 explore the seven biggest questions people have about life, faith, God and the Christian story. Because everyone has questions, and we all wonder. Join us Sundays.

exploregod.com

We invite you to be a part of the conversation by coming to one of our Explore God Discussion Groups that are meeting during this series. Contact simon@hinsdalecovenant.com.

Sunday, noon at Corner Bakery in Hinsdale
Wednesday, 7-8:30pm in the 1st floor library
Thursday, 4:30pm in Western Springs (for Men)

ADULT FORMATION

Intercessory Prayer | Sunday Mornings

During the Explore God Series, join us for intercessory prayer for our church, our community, and the world. Prayer sessions will be held each Sunday morning during worship (9:00 and 10:30 AM) in the Upper Room.

Family Conversations | Wednesdays 7PM

Mars, Venus, God & Marriage | February 6

Learn about the 4 things not to do in a marriage and the 7 habits that make for a healthy and vibrant one! In this serious but light-hearted look at ourselves, we'll explore some practical steps to improve marital communication! Taught by Dr. Keith Baird. Located in the Upper Room.

Covenant Conversations | Sunday Afternoons

Why Is This in my Bible? | February 10, 3PM

Do the so-called holy war texts of the Old Testament portray a divinely inspired genocide? Did Israel slaughter Canaanites at God's command? These texts shock us. But have we rightly understood them? Join us to hear a thoughtful, biblically and culturally centered approach to these questions by Dr. John Walton, co-author of *The Lost World of the Israelite Conquest*.

NEW! WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 AM beginning Feb 6 | Upper Room

Women of all ages, stages and backgrounds are invited to a new weekly intergenerational Bible study for women. Join us Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11am as we set aside time each week to dig into God's Word, encourage one another and pray together. Bring a friend and your Bible. Childcare available. RSVP to Marie Roesler at marie_roesler@hotmail.com. We are studying the book of Matthew. Begins February 6.

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. 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.). Join us February 24 at 11:45 a.m. for a light lunch and conversation.

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

CANOPY COURSE 2

We are excited to announce the return of our adult discipleship cohort, the Canopy Course. This is an intensive discipleship experience that will give you a new understanding of God's call upon your life, new tools to follow him daily, and a view of God's kingdom from the canopy. This cohort will meet monthly starting in March and will culminate in a pilgrimage to Israel in November. Forms will be available in the office on February 1. Space will be limited. Contact Pastor Lars for more details at lars@hinsdalecovenant.com.



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SENIOR LUNCH: A DAY AT THE FAIR

Tuesday, February 19, 11 AM | Garden Court

The next Senior Lunch is February 19. The special program will be a historic portrayal by entertainer Terry Lynch. A Day At The Fair with Daniel Burnham. Experience the majesty of the 1893 Columbian Exhibition. Relax for a day at the fair with Chicago architect and Director of Works for the Columbia Exposition Daniel Burnham. Program begins at 11 am, lunch (\$10) is served at noon. RSVP to office@hinsdalecovenant.com by Friday, 2/15.

2019 SUMMER MISSION TRIP

July 7-13 | Alaska Christian College

We are gathering a group to serve at Alaska Christian College this summer, our Covenant mission partner in Soldotna, Alaska. We will help 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. Contact Pastor Lars at lars@hinsdalecovenant.com.

STORIES FROM THE UPPER ROOM

February 20, 7-9 PM | Upper Room

Stories are powerful. One of the best ways to flourish in community is through the sharing of our stories. Women's Ministry brings you Stories From The Upper Room--an evening designed to learn from one another through the sharing of our stories. Women, join us for stories you won't want to miss!

MEN'S FRATERNITY

Thursdays through February 28, 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.

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.

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.

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!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Sunday, February 24, 5-7 PM | Garden Court

Last Year's inaugural Trivia Night was such a success, we just had to have a return engagement! Childcare in the gym. Pizza provided for donation. If you would like to assist with set up or clean up please contact Julie Akers at juliekakers@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Friday, February 8 | Tuesday, February 19

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, Feb 19.**
- **Diana Shiflett is available Friday, Feb 8.**

TUESDAY EVENING CO-ED BIBLE STUDY

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

The Tuesday night co-ed small group will complete the study of the Book of Acts on February 5th. After a break, we will resume on March 5th at 7:30 pm. Please feel free to join us. Contact Yogi Mahendra at ymahendra1946@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Wednesdays, 8:00 AM | First Floor Narthex

All men are invited to join the Wednesday morning men's group for breakfast and a time of fellowship and prayer. We have interesting guest speaker on a wide range of subjects. We meet from 8-9:30 am. Come and check us out.

SCOUT TROOP FOR GIRLS

Scout Troop 8 is considering starting a girls troop. To do so we need five girls age 11 and up and two female leaders. Girls can now achieve Eagle Scout and can enjoy all the activities that boys have. If interested contact Joe Craig 630-606-2423.

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 9 | Community Room

Save the Date! Pancake Breakfast and Auction from 7:30-11:30 am.

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.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY HCS FOOD PANTRY

"...Love your neighbor as yourself" Luke 10:27

Please join this month in sharing Christ's Love with our local community. Contact Sue McGrath to understand the many ways to get involved. (630) 624-6606, mgrathds@aol.com HCS Family Services serves the residents of Southeast DuPage County to prevent homelessness and food insecurity, help low-income individuals achieve their dreams of sustained economic self-sufficiency and to create an improved quality of life for themselves and their families.