

Happy New Year 2019!!!

We had an amazing 2018, from Camp to DyeWars to the relaunch of Wed Night Live!, Sunday morning youth gatherings and Christmas parties. Quite a year! We've studied how to study the Bible, the wisdom literature of Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes and gone (almost) all the way through the overarching story of God.

We thank you for your students' involvement in our ministry and are looking forward to an amazing New Year of possibilities.

I wanted to give you some information about what to expect this New Year. As always you can head over to our [website](#) to get all the latest information on our ministry but I wanted to send out a broad picture of what will be coming this year.

Later this month we will be starting a series on **Wednesday night on the Gospel of John**. We will be reading through its entirety over the next few months and really digging in deep to who Jesus is. **Sunday morning** we will be starting a series on called **Who is God?**, basically answering the questions who is this God we worship and what is this God like?

We will also be starting sign ups for our **Summer Mission Trip, which will be July 13th-20th on the Lummi Reservation**. This will be a very serious missions opportunity and students will have to sign up, attend trainings on cultural awareness, expectations as well fundraising part of their funding for the trip. We will only be taking 4-10 students at maximum for this trip.

More info on the organization and the trip in general below.

<https://www.mtw.org/CONTENT/Opportunities/Documents/Lummi2019.pdf>

We will be having a **Spring Break Stay-Treat** (Spiritual Retreat) on the weekend of April 26th and 27th. It will be a time of worship and contemplation, we will not be staying overnight but instead the trip will run Friday morning to the evening and then pick back up in the morning again. More information will be coming out in the coming months but if your student wants to attend have them block out the dates now.

Finally get that date marked for **Camp 2019, the week of June 24th** also be on the lookout for the sign up and registration in the coming months...

Thanks again for all your support during our ministries transition and know we here at the youth ministry of OICC are so thankful for your students and their place in our community.

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