

***We cordially greet all who have come to worship today.
Please join us for fellowship after the service.***

Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.

Scripture Lesson: Selected Texts from Proverbs

Message: Lazy About Love

This morning Pastor Lloyd continues our Lenten series on the seven deadly sins looking at sloth. It's a lot like laziness but before you check this one off as having conquered, listen carefully to what the scriptures call us to consider lest "selective entropy" catch us off guard.

Bethany Home & Beth Haven: Serving at Bethany Home this morning are Elder Jim Van Otterloo and accompanist Geri Hekman. At Beth Haven this evening is Bill Mulder.

All children ages 3 years old to 2nd grade are welcome to join the "Children & Worship" service downstairs in the basement during the morning worship service. Today's story is "Jesus & Bartimaeus".

Bulletin Cover Artist: Kevin Bulthuis

Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:18-27 (p. 1757)

Confessional Focus: Belhar Confession, Article 1

Message: Hope to Carry On

Waiting is hard. And sometimes as we look at all that is going on in and around us, we find waiting on God especially difficult. But we must not grow discouraged. God is not silent or apathetic. What can we learn in our waiting? Tonight Pastor Lloyd will wrap up or study of Belhar Confession looking at a text from Romans that has hooks into every one of our lives—especially today!

Thank you to those who run our video each week. You are an important part of Almond Valley's ministry to Bethany Home. Thank you Janeen Viss, Tyler Goslinga, Nathan Hekman, Braden Schuller, Jon Vander Molen and Cassandra Bulthuis.

Today @ Almond Valley:

Birthdays this week: 3/7 Vi Sikkema, Ron Vander Molen 3/9 Mary Mensonides 3/10 Steve Emrick 3/12 Pete Bulthuis 3/14 Renae Goslinga, Craig Kootstra

Anniversaries this week: 3/7 Adrian & Margaret De Kruyf 3/11 Wayne & Gina Moret

Thank you for all your cards, prayers, visits, meals and acts of kindness while we were sick & recuperating. - Adrian & Margaret De Kruyf.

Church Visitors from Classis will be at our next council meeting, March 8th. Anyone who would like to talk with them or be part of that meeting can contact Pastor Lloyd or Jim Schuller.

AVCRC Moms Club Easter Egg Hunt: On Saturday, March 27 at 10:00 AM, the AVCRC Moms Club will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on the church's front lawn. This will include dying eggs (so wear appropriate clothing), a story and Easter egg hunt. Bring a friend and her kids! Please RSVP to Leah at avmoms@almondvalley.org or at 765-1184 by March 20.

This Week at Almond Valley

Sunday, March 7

9:30am **Morning Worship**

10:45am **Church School Classes**

11:00am **Love and Respect:** Meet in the Sanctuary

6:00pm **Evening Worship**

Monday, March 8

6:30am **Cadets:** Tigers are in charge

7:00pm **Council Meeting**

Wednesday, March 10

9:00am **Beloved Disciples:** p. 208 to the end, meet at Sharon's.

3:30pm **Monthly Afternoon Prayer Meeting:** Meet in Gertie Butterman's room at Beth Haven. Contact: Effie Visser

7:00pm **Ignition: Gym Night Snacks:** Tyler G. & Matt VG Drinks: Ben DR & Katie dD.

Thursday, March 11

6:00am **Ladies Bible Study:** Coffee: Sharon & Shirley

7:00pm **Praise Team Practice**

7:45pm **Recharge Practice**

Sunday, March 14

9:30am **Morning Worship** – Rev. Derek Zeyl

10:45am **Church School Classes**

10:45am **Beth Haven B & C**

11:00am **Love and Respect:** Meet in the Sanctuary

6:00pm **Evening Worship** – Voices for the King, Scott Van Voorst

Opportunities for Service		3/7/10	3/14/10
Greeters		Cliff & Lori Schoolland, Jody Eskes, Agnes Dillender	Cliff & Lori Schoolland, Jody Eskes, Agnes Dillender
Host Family		Cliff & Lori Schoolland	Bob & Marilyn Hoekstra
Ushers	AM	Casey Rhoda, Bruce Goslinga, Lloyd Van Dyken	Casey Rhoda, Bruce Goslinga, Lloyd Van Dyken
	PM	Rich Vanden Akker	Rich Vanden Akker
Security	PM	Bill Butterman	Craig Kootstra
Cookies	AM	Gwen Hollander, Bernice Honnold, Judy Kamper, Thelma Kamps, Kayla Kootstra, Bev Maliepaard	Sharon Melcher, Mary Mensonides, Lindsay Mora, Kerrie Mora, Kriste Moret, Gina Moret
Coffee Servers		Helene De Boer, Dawn Eskes	Dawn Eskes, Vi Sikkema
Nursery	AM - Infants	Jaime Van Groningen, Carol Van Der Maaten	Karen Viss, Trisha Winters
	AM - Toddlers	Stacy Yonker, Marijke Bishop, Nathan Hekman	Kelly Tenente, Jon Vander Molen, Tyler Goslinga
	PM	Barb Hollander, Christina Van Otterloo	Heidi Wicker, Kerrie Viss
Elders	Doors	Dave Kamper, Matt Visser, Jerry Segaar	Matt Visser, Jerry Segaar, Al Bishop
	Narthex	Al Bishop, Jim Schuller, Bill Mulder	Jim Schuller, Bill Mulder, John VZ
	Bethany Home	Jim Van Otterloo	
	Beth Haven	Bill Mulder	
Children & Worship	Leaders	Clint Bishop, Bev Maliepaard	Amanda Schoolland, Shauna den Dulk
	Greeters	Emily B., Ashley B., Adela B., Kaylin G.	Anton dD., Anne H., McKenna M., Nick B.
	Song Leader	Connie Bloemhof	Tammy Oosterkamp
Sound		Steve Vander Molen	Ray Bulthuis
Video		Nathan Hekman	Braden Schuller
Projection		Dawn Eskes	Heather Visser
Bethany Home		Geri Hekman	
Organ	AM		Geri Hekman
Piano	AM	Janean Heyboer*	Tammy Oosterkamp*
Keyboard	AM	Jamie Eskes	Becky Rhoda
Piano/Organ	PM	Sue Visser	Cliff Schoolland
Other Musicians	AM	Matt Frailey, Jack Andriese, Bill Butterman	Bill Butterman, Rod Mora, Joe Darretta
Praise Team	AM	Cherie Andriese, Viv, Kelsi & Ashley Schuller	Cindy Vander Molen, Ashley Segaar, Scott & Janeen Viss, Joie Darretta

Order of Worship

Opening of Worship

I Worship You, Almighty God (#73 MFW)

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (#3:1,3 MFW)

Blessed Be Your Name (Screen)

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name.

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.
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How Deep the Father's Love for Us (#111:1,3 MFW)

Prayer of Confession and Gratitude

Oh, How He Loves You and Me (#83 MFW)

Children & Worship dismissed

As our children go out to their time of worship this morning,
we want to send them out with a prayer
for the willingness and ability to work hard.

*"Teach them, Lord, to value work and to work hard at everything they do,
'as working for the Lord, not for human masters.'" (Col. 3:23)*

Offering

CRC Disaster Response Services
(Next week: Calvin Seminary)

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Closing of Worship

When It's All Been Said and Done (Screen)

When it's all been said and done there is just one thing that matters,
Did I do my best to live for truth did I live my life for You.

When it's all been said and done all my treasures will mean nothing,
Only what I've done for love's reward will stand the test of time.

Lord Your mercy is so great that You look beyond our weakness,
And find purest gold in miry clay making sinners into saints.

I will always sing Your praise here on earth and ever after,
For You've shown me Heaven's my true home,

When it's all been said and done You're my life when life is gone.

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Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (#638 PH)

Almond Valley Mailbox Messages, March 7, 2010

GENERAL MESSAGES

CBI Instructors and the general public are invited to attend a Continuing Education Seminar led by Mrs. Carolyn Geertsema on **Enhancing Your Time with God Through Writing**. The seminar is sponsored by The Center for Advanced Studies at Crossroad Bible Institute and will take place on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Ministry Center at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church, 517 Orange Avenue, Ripon, CA 95366. A potluck will be held at 5:00 pm for Instructors and their spouses. Call Lori Schoolland at 209-599-2686 by Monday evening, March 8.

Bethany Christian Services Guild will hold a meeting tomorrow morning, Monday, March 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bethany Christian Services office in Modesto (3048 Hahn Drive). New members are welcome!

Join us on Saturday, March 13th for the most fun you will ever have talking about money! "Total Money Makeover Live" is an afternoon full of powerful information from America's trusted source for financial straight-talk, Dave Ramsey. Along with thousands of other people, you will be entertained, educated and inspired. The simulcast will be offered at Davis Park Church of Christ, 901 W. Rumble Rd., Modesto. Tickets are just \$10 per person for this 5 hr. seminar, including workbook. To register or for more information, please call the church office at: 209-522-7226.

Wind turbines, pioneer and modern day farming, Sioux Indians ... if these topics interest you, sign up today for Great Plains Experience, a motorcoach tour the week of June 6-11. This learning vacation begins and ends at Dordt College in Sioux Center. Interesting places you'll see and discuss involve wind energy, changes in farming practices, and the 1862 Sioux Indian Uprising. From eastern South Dakota to western Minnesota, you'll see hidden gems where no tourist has gone before, with Jim Schaap and Robb De Haan as your fun and fascinating tour guides. For more information, call 712-722-6029 or see www.dordt.edu/events/great_plains/ **The registration deadline is March 10.**

What does being a "good steward" have to do with estate planning? It helps you maximize the impact of the resources God has entrusted to you. And, Bob Zeilenga, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will show you how. As a member of our congregation, a confidential Estate Planning consultation is available to you at no charge and with no obligation. Bob will be meeting with Christian families in our area during the week of March 8th, 2010. Just call Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888-448-3040 to set up an appointment. To help you get started, you may also request a free special report titled "Top 10 Estate Planning Mistakes" by simply going to www.barnabasfoundation.com/top10

The Gospel Center Rescue Mission's items for March are *toothbrushes and toothpaste*. Thank you for your continual support of the Mission.

RIPON CHRISTIAN

Ripon Christian School Circle will be having a short meeting on Friday, March 5, 2010 at 8:30 am at Almond Valley Christian Reformed Church (corner of Second and Wilma). Grab a friend and come have a cup of coffee and refreshments with us while we have a short business meeting. Come see what plans are being made for Spring! We have some fun things coming up. Nursery provided. T.R.I.P. will be at the church this week also.

Tickets are on sale now for the **RC Booster's 2nd Annual Chicken and Rib Dinner**. The dinner is on Saturday, March 20 at 6:30 in the Middle School Gym. Tickets are \$30 each for all you can eat. Call Anne Maria Boersma at 823-2607 or e-mail amboersma@aol.com. Deadline is March 10.

RC School Circle is holding a jog-a-thon on Friday, March 19 from 12:30-2:30 pm. Funds raised will go toward campus improvements to help bring Family Fun Night to our school campus. We need MANY volunteers to help make this event run smoothly. If you can help, please contact Beth Anne Brouwer @ 833-1374. Also, If you would like to make a pledge but don't have a student to sponsor you can send your pledge to the RC Elementary, labeled "**attention jog-a-thon**".

Ripon Christian School Circle Pizza Fundraiser. Wednesday, March 10, from 5-8pm @ Mountain Mikes in Ripon. 25% of all orders placed will be donated to support Ripon Christian School Circle. Applies to dine in and take out only. You must mention that you are supporting RC at the time of ordering.

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD MISSIONS - Do you know a young adult/college student who is interested in missions? Christian Reformed World Missions offers a variety of opportunities for young adults to serve and learn alongside our missionaries and their

national ministry partners. For the summer of 2010, we have opportunities in Guatemala, the Philippines, Ukraine, and more. Visit www.crwmm.org/summer for more information and to request an application.

BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL - Prayer request: Praise God that the study of His Word is making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in Africa. One woman wrote, "I thank God who has allowed me to find the CBC (Bible study). My prayer life has been renewed." Another woman wrote that she has committed to introduce the study to others.

BACK TO GOD HOUR - How Strong is God? How can God be all-powerful when we go through so many painful events like cancer, untimely death, and other dreadful experiences? Can God be both good, and all-powerful? What does the Bible say? Find out on the March 14 Back to God Hour. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

KIDS CORNER - The Great Jewel Heist: The Lizarardo Detective Agency is investigating a robbery, and all the evidence points to Grandpa Anole's twin brother. Is he guilty? Join Liz on this week's Kids Corner to solve the case! Then write to Kids Corner at Box 506, Worth IL 60482 or go to kids@kidscorner.net for your very own Bible study.

CRWRC - Chile Earthquake Response: The government of Chile is working to restore order after a catastrophic earthquake hit on Feb. 27. The quake measured 8.8 on the Richter scale and killed at least 700 people. CRWRC is responding. Donations to CRWRC's "Chile Earthquake Response" will be directed through Actions By Churches Together (ACT) to another Christian organization to provide emergency food and supplies. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.crwrc.org or call 1-800-55-CRWRC (27972).

New CRC Website - There's a new way to connect with others in the CRC about church ministries. You can ask questions, share experiences, get resources, read blogs, and more. It's called The Network and it covers dozens of ministry areas and roles. Check it out at www.crcna.org/Network

