

Almond Valley Mailbox Messages December 2, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Newsletter from Jeong & Misook Gho is available in the information slots by the office door.

Ringers needed in Ripon! Support the ministries of The Salvation Army in our community by signing up for a two-hour shift outside of SaveMart at Registertoring.com. A joyful experience for you or your small group!

VOICES FOR THE KING. On Saturday, December 8, at 7 pm. Immanuel CRC, 517 Orange Ave, Ripon, Voices for the King will present their 9th annual Christmas Concert. There will be a variety of Christmas-themed music and the audience will participate in singing Christmas carols. A free will offering will be received, of which the net proceeds will be given to Modesto Pregnancy Center. Come for a wonderful evening of listening, singing and praising our Lord for the sending of Jesus into this world so long ago for our redemption and thank Him for so great a salvation!

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Family Faith Formation Tip - Teach Us to Pray, published by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, is a wonderful resource for family worship. If you're looking for a meaningful way to celebrate Advent at home, the Advent section of this book is available as a free download at tinyurl.com/CICWAdvent. Each day's page includes a Bible reading, questions to talk about, prayer ideas, and more. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

RIPON CHRISTIAN

RC Sober Grad is selling the 9 lb. Honey Glaze Hams with Bacon this Christmas Season! A large selection of pies are also available. If you would like to place an order, please email RaeAnn Alger at brentraeann@velociter.net or call 209-605-0684. Thank you for supporting RC Sober Grad!

Ripon Christian Music Department will celebrate the Christmas season with a music concert on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. The concert will feature all bands, choirs, and small groups ranging from grades five through twelve. Come and celebrate this joyous season with sounds of joy and praise.

The Ripon Christian School Board needs a specific list of all the Society members to comply with state and federal corporate code. This list is required as a registered religious non-profit. The list needs to be accurate and have email and/or physical mailing addresses to provide notifications such as the annual society meeting with the presentation of the budget and the election of trustees. There will be a sign-up sheet at the welcome center.

Today

This morning Rev. Mark VanDyke will begin an Advent series called *The Christ: The Fulfillment of Prophecy* taken from the book of Isaiah. Today's sermon is *Christ is the Awaited Redeemer*. Tonight you are invited to join in the Messiah performance and community lunch at Immanuel CRC at 3pm.

Today the cloth on the cross is purple signifying the Advent season. There are four Sundays in Advent. During this season, we prepare to celebrate the arrival of Jesus.

Our Children in Worship program is for 3yrs old – 2nd grade children that meets downstairs in the youth ministry center during the morning worship service for age appropriate worship. Today's story is *The Prophets Show the Way to Bethlehem (Advent 1)*.

Announcements

The Angel Tree is now available to select a gift for a child whose parent is incarcerated. The recommended donation is a minimum of \$20.00. There are 20 children who have a need. Please take an Angel, purchase a gift, and place the wrapped gift and Angel Card under the tree by Dec. 16th so we can distribute the following week. Caregivers will be able to receive a Bible which will be sent to them from the Angel Tree, A Program of Prison Fellowship. Contact Darrell Dalton if you have any questions, 606-5522.

Donation Drive for Paradise Fire Victims: We will be collecting donations for the victims of the Paradise Campfire. There is a list of needed items in your mailboxes. Please bring to church by Dec. 9th.

Hosts Needed for AV Youth's Progressive Christmas Dinner: On Wednesday, December 19th (note date change), our high school youth group will be having our annual progressive dinner. We are in need of three host homes in order for it to happen: one for appetizers, one for the main course, and one for dessert. If you would like to sign up to host, please contact Zac.

Women's Ministry:

- All ages are invited to join us for a festive Christmas Caroling on Tuesday December 4, 2018. We will gather at Church @ 6:45 pm to pick up the sheet music, break up into groups and then go out into the community. We will meet back at the church at 8:00 PM for light refreshments. Signups are on the Women's Ministry table.
- Kick off the Christmas season - Women's ministry will be hosting their annual Christmas Party cookie exchange and secret sister reveal on Saturday, December 8, 2018 @ 10 AM in the church Social Hall. Join us for a time of fellowship with other women, festive refreshments, games and a Christmas devotional to center us around the real meaning of Christmas. Please bring 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies and a breakfast appetizer to share. Please contact Shauna den Dulk, 209-566-

5021 for any questions. Signups are on the Women's Ministry table.

Church Family

Birthdays this week: 12/7 Ashley Knoblauch, Adrian De Kruyf 12/9 Wilma Harmsen

Anniversary this week: 12/2 Henry & Joyce Van de Pol

This Week's Calendar

Sunday 2	Morning Worship – 9:30am Sunday School (K-8) - 10:45am Catechism (9-12) - 11am Adult Education – 11am Messiah & Community Lunch – 3pm
Monday 3	GEMS – 6:30pm (3 rd gr.)
Tuesday 4	Women's Ministry Christmas Caroling – 6:45pm at church. Men's Bible Study – 7pm – Daniel 7 Impact – 7pm
Wednesday 5	WWW – 9am – Study pages 15-22 Youth Group – 7:30pm
Thursday 6	Ladies Bible Study – 6am (Bonnie/Barb) Building & Grounds Meeting – 7pm Worship Practice – 7pm
Friday 7	
Saturday 8	Women's Ministry Christmas Party & Cookies Exchange – 10am
Sunday 9	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Sunday School (K-8) - 10:45am Catechism (9-12) - 11am Adult Education – 11am Evening Worship - 6pm

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Gather for Worship

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (#501:1,2,4,7 PH)

Wonderful, Merciful, Savior (Screen)

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

(Chorus) You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way (Chorus)

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne

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Even So Come (Screen)

All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon
So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

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Advent I

In ancient times, God's people were waiting for the coming of the promised Messiah.

The Lord had promised that the day would come when he would fulfill the gracious promise he had made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

The gospels record how that promised Messiah came as a baby. That child grew to be a man who was fully human and yet divine—Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs!

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Screen)

Come Thou long expected Jesus Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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Children, ages 3 – 2nd gr. are dismissed, for their age appropriate worship, to the youth center downstairs.

Congregational Prayer

Offering Ripon Christian Tuition Assistance (Next week: General Fund)

Everlasting God (Screen)

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 59:1-21 (p. 1154)

The Christ, the Fulfilment of Prophecy: "Christ Is the Awaited Redeemer"

Sending Out

There is a Redeemer (Screen)

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus

Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

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