

Almond Valley Mailbox Messages December 30, 2018

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Liberty Quartet, A traditional Southern Gospel quartet, will be in concert at Immanuel CRC on Friday, Jan. 11 at 7PM. Immanuel Church is located at the corner at 4th & Orange in Ripon.

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Faith Formation Tip - As one year ends and a new year begins, gather as a family to remember the highs and lows of this past year. Thank God for being with you through everything that happened. Then talk about what's coming up in the new year. This is also a great time to start new family faith formation practices in your home! (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

2019 JANUARY SERIES - the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 3 and continues weekdays through January 23 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. EST with topics such as technology and faith, the church and disabilities, restorative justice, cancer research, the #metoo movement, and so much more, by top experts in their fields. Thousands in west Michigan will join us on Calvin College's campus; others will watch the live feed at more than 50 remote webcast sites, while others listen online. For information about speakers, topics, remote sites, and listening options, go to www.calvin.edu/january

(Chorus) Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

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Hearing God's Word

Scripture: I Thessalonians 3:6-13 (p. 1839)
A Look Back, A Look Ahead
Prayer of Application

We will Glorify (Screen)

We will glorify the King of kings
We will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords
Who is the great I Am

Hallelujah to the King of kings
Hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords
Who is the great I Am

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Sending Out

Parting Blessing

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Gather for Worship

Come People of the Risen King (Screen)

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

(Chorus) Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

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Behold Our God (Screen)

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

(Chorus) Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Who has felt the nails upon His hand
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

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O Praise the Name (Screen)

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

(Chorus) O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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Lord I Need You (Screen)

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

(Chorus) Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

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Offering: Sierra Salem (Next week: Ripon Christian Tuition Assistance)

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

Congregational Prayer

Your Grace is Enough (Screen)

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Today

During this time of year the amount of light increases each day. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is that their love and faith will increase more and more until the day of Christ. This morning Rev. Mark VanDyke will be preaching from I Thess. 3:6-13, A Look Back, A Look Ahead. Tonight, Pastor Mark's biographical sermon will be Alvin Plantinga, *A Christian Can Think!*

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 they will be watching a Christmas video.

Announcements

Next Sunday, January 6, the council invites the congregation to stay after our morning worship service for an informational town hall meeting. The topic of our conversation will be worship at Almond Valley. During this meeting we will discuss the council's recent decision to hire a Worship Leader who will plan and lead the musical portion of our worship services. We look forward to sharing with you all about our decision-making process and our vision for how Almond Valley can continue worshipping the Lord.

Grow Group Questions for January – How do you hope to grow in faith this year? What have you learned about Jesus lately?

Ripon Society Member signups: Today is the last day for signups so please check the sheet at the welcome center.

Church Family

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Valerie Tavares and all the family and friends of Manuel Tavares in his death this past Monday. Visitation will be at Deegan's funeral home on Jan. 4 from 5-7pm, the burial will be at Burwood Cemetery Saturday, Jan. 5 at 9:30am and his memorial service will be held Saturday also, here at AVCRC at 11am.

New Address: Fred & Maryann Overgaauw, 3649 Pleasant Grove Rd., White House, TN, 37188

Birthdays this week: 1/1 Pamela Brown, Lori Bulthuis, Patrick Knoblauch, David Koolhaas, Dayna Koolhaas, Doug Van Dyken 1/2 Tiffany Kamper, 1/6 Tim Bloemhof

Anniversary this week: 12/30 Jacob & Anne Foster 12/31 Jordan & Rachel Goslinga

This Week's Calendar

Sunday 30	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am NO Sunday School (K-8) – resumes Jan. 6 NO Catechism (9-12) NO Adult Education Evening Worship – 6pm Deacons Meeting – 7pm
Monday 31	
Tuesday 1	
Wednesday 2	WWW: No meetings until the Calvin January Series is completed. Next meeting scheduled for January 30.
Thursday 3	Worship Practice – 7pm
Friday 4	
Saturday 5	Memorial Service for Manuel Tavares – 11am
Sunday 6	Morning Worship – 9:30am Sunday School (K-8) NO Catechism (9-12) – resumes Jan. 13 NO Adult Education – resumes Feb. 17. Evening Worship – 6pm