

Almond Valley Mailbox Messages December 9, 2018

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Family Faith Formation Tip - On this second Sunday in Advent, add things to your home that remind you that we are expecting Jesus to return. Set an extra place at the table when you eat, or create and decorate a mural together that says "Come, Lord Jesus." (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

The Jesse Tree: A Family Devotional and Craft for Advent - Enjoy a fun and informative Advent activity to go along with December's Today devotional. You can download the devotional and Christmas ornaments at backtogod.net/downloads

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

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 bentraeann@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.

Today

This morning Rev. Mark VanDyke will continue the Advent series called *The Christ: The Fulfillment of Prophecy* taken from the book of Isaiah. Today's sermon is *Christ is the Awaited King* from Isaiah 11:1-10. Tonight's message will be a Biographical Sermon on Abraham Kuyper.

Communion: It is our joy and privilege to celebrate the Lord's Supper in our morning service today. All who confess and love Jesus as Lord and Savior and are members of His church are welcome at the Lord's Table. Pray that the Spirit will prepare your hearts to come in faith and in the sure hope of His coming again.

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 *Mary & Joseph Show the Way to Bethlehem (Advent 2)*.

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. 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 today.

No plans for Christmas Day? There will be an opportunity to have dinner with members of our church and their guests on Christmas at 1:00. A sign-up sheet is at the welcome desk for names and number of people. Also, you can sign up for what part of the meal you would like to bring. Meat will be provided. You are welcome to stay for games following the dinner or leave when needed.

Ladies: If you will be around for Christmas Day and enjoy singing, please consider joining together to sing during the service. Practice will be at 6:30pm on Thursday. Contact Pam VanDyke or Becky Rhoda for more information.

Advance Notice: Next Sunday evening will be the Sunday School Christmas Program.

Church Family

Birthdays this week: 12/9 Wilma Harmsen 12/12 Kaylin Groen 12/13 Mark Andriese, Jon De Zwaan

This Week's Calendar

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
Monday 10	Cadets – 6:30pm Gators (CIC), pinewood cars due Deacons Meeting – 7pm
Tuesday 11	Council Meeting – 7pm
Wednesday 12	WWW – 9am – Study pages 22-37 Youth Group – 7:30pm – Movie night
Thursday 13	Ladies Bible Study – 6am (Kaitlyn/Sharon) Ladies Singing Group Practice – 6:30pm Worship Practice – 7pm
Friday 14	
Saturday 15	
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Gather for Worship

O Worship the King (#428: 1,2,5 PH)

Angels from the Realms of Glory (#354: 1,4,5 PH)

The First Noel (Screen)

The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay
In fields where they lay
Keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night
That was so deep

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

(Chorus) Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of naught
And with His blood mankind hath bought (Chorus)

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Advent II

The Scriptures record how even in the Garden of Eden, God had a plan to redeem his fallen people through the coming of the Christ.

Then came the voice from one in the desert, saying: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

As we come closer to Christmas, our days are filled with preparations. Let us also prepare our hearts to celebrate again the coming of the Savior.

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has redeemed his people!

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (#328:1,7 PH)

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

Congregational Prayer

Offering General Fund (Next week: Relief Venezuela)

This is Christmas (Rod Mora)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10 (p. 1076)

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

Communion

You are my King (Screen)

I'm forgiven Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted You were condemned
I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me
Because You died And rose again

(Chorus) Amazing love How can it be
That You my King Would die for me
Amazing love I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

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Jesus Messiah (Screen)

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

(Chorus) Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah Lord of all
The Lord of all The Lord of all

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Sending Out

Parting Blessing

Jesus Messiah (Chorus only)

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The Ransom from heaven
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