

# ***Almond Valley Mailbox Messages February 10, 2019***

## **FROM THE DEACONS**

**Support for the De Winkle Family (Missionaries to Suriname)** – Many in the congregation had a chance to connect with Peter and Miriam De Winkle. They are currently preparing to move to Suriname so Peter can work with Missionary Aviation Fellowship, an organization that flies missionaries and doctors to remote locations. They are raising money so they can start their work, so if you would like to support them you can drop a check in our weekly offerings marked “De Winkle” and those funds will help them on their way. If you would like more information or some reading material on their work see Pastor Mark.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Bethany Christian Services Spring Tea** will be on Saturday, April 13, from 2 to 4 pm, at Zion United Reformed Church in Ripon. This year's theme is "From Local to Global". Tickets are \$15 and are ready to be purchased from any Guild member, or by calling the Bethany office at 209-522-5121. Mark your calendars now and invite a friend!

**Ladies** - if you have ever been part of Immanuel CRC's GEMS (or Calvinettes) program as a girl or counselor, you are invited to join us as we celebrate 50 years of God's faithfulness on February 20. Dessert will be served. Please visit <https://www.immanuelcrc.org/gems-birthday> or contact Melanie Mendes at 209-605-4430 for all the details.

**Please Join Us:** On Saturday, March 9th from 9:30-12, Zion URC (1220 Canal Blvd, Ripon) will hold a Ladies' Luncheon with special guest Sara Wallace as our speaker. Sara will speak on the topic of **Grace for Moms:** Practical tips for gospel-centered discipline, organization, and relationships in the little years of motherhood. Session 1: More than Survival: How can we thrive in this chaotic and unpredictable season? Practical ways to point every part of our motherhood to Christ. Session 2: Coming Alongside: How can we encourage one another in this stage? How can the older generation of moms come alongside the younger generation? There is no cost to attend, we just ask that you **please rsvp:** [secretary@zionurc.org](mailto:secretary@zionurc.org) or 209-599-9399.

## **RIPON CHRISTIAN**

Come out and join us for a fun evening at the **RC Athletic Boosters "All You Can Eat" Chicken & Rib Dinner** on Saturday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m. This year we will be honoring John Vander Schaaf for his many years of service and dedication to RC Athletics! Tickets are now available for \$30 at the high school office or email [pamstuit@gmail.com](mailto:pamstuit@gmail.com).

**Boosters March Madness 3 on 3 tournament** will be held at Ripon Christian, Saturday, March 16. We will once again have both Middle School and High School/Adult divisions, as well as a Girls/Women's bracket. Start getting your team together and join the fun playing basketball and supporting RC athletics at the same time. Registration forms are on the RC website under quick links. You can also pick them up from either the HS or Elementary office.

**Ripon Christian's Close-up Club** will be selling tri-tip sandwiches, chips and drinks during the Almond Blossom Festival on Saturday, February 23rd. All proceeds will help defer the cost for Juniors and Seniors who are going to Washington D.C. in April 2019 to get a “Close Up” educational experience of American government. You may purchase tickets in advance in the high school office or from a Close-up member, OR you can buy your sandwiches the day of at either of our two locations for your convenience!

Corner of Main & Maple Ave.  
11:00 a.m – end of parade

Ripon Christian PAC parking lot (drive through)  
11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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### Today

*A Warm Welcome to All!* This morning, Pastor Mark continues his series on the Holy Spirit from Matthew 3, *The Spirit Gives Direction*. If the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness, we should expect him to bring us into some surprising, challenging, but ultimately beneficial situations. Tonight, Pastor Mark will be preaching on Lord's Day 47, *What Does it Mean to Praise the Name of the Lord?*

**Communion:** We are grateful to be celebrating the Lord's Supper as the Family of God at Almond Valley Church today. Members of this church family who have professed their faith and prepared themselves are encouraged to come joyfully to the Lord's table to celebrate being united with Christ and each other in this family of faith. If you are a visitor and have confessed your faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord and are a member of another Christian church, we welcome you as a brother or sister in Christ to this celebration of new life in Jesus.

**Our Children in Worship** program is for 3yrs old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children that meets downstairs in the youth ministry center during the morning worship service for age appropriate worship. Today's story is *The First Miracle*.

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### Announcements

**Grow Group Questions** – Hopefully our Grow Groups are continuing to meet so that we can bless one another and grow in unity as a congregation. This month's questions are: What would you ask God if you met him today? What have you been learning about Jesus lately? Also, please remember to encourage one another to share a story or experience with the congregation during Lent. Those interested should talk with Pastor Mark.

**SAVE THE WEEK** VBS is planned for June 3 - 7. We will need a lot of help to make the week successful. Please start praying about how you can serve this ministry. Thank you!

**LADIES**, are you ready for some fun, food, laughter, and prizes? Then BUNKO NIGHT this Tuesday, February 12, in the AVCRC Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm is for you! No cost but bring a canned good or non-perishable food item for the Interfaith food pantry. See Cindy, Kelsi, or Kriste if you have any questions.

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### Church Family

**Birthdays this week:** 2/10 Ruben Carrasquel 2/11 Kim McMurray 2/12 Joie Darretta, Ethan McMurray 2/14 Clara Mae Teekell 2/15 Jennifer Pater 2/16 Eric Bulthuis, Pastor Phil Kok, McKenna Moret 2/17 Hailey Brown, Geri Hekman

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### This Week's Calendar

<b>Sunday 10</b>	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Sunday School (K-8) – 10:45am NO Catechism (9-12) due to retreat Evening Worship – 6pm
<b>Monday 11</b>	Deacons Meeting – 7pm Cadets – 6:30pm CIC: Cougars
<b>Tuesday 12</b>	Women's Ministry Bunko Night – 7pm Council Meeting – 7pm
<b>Wednesday 13</b>	High School Youth Group – 7:30pm Women's Weekly Wednesday – 9am, Study pages 73-86
<b>Thursday 14</b>	Women's Bible Study – 6am (Coffee: Sharon/Lori) Worship Practice – 7pm
<b>Friday 15</b>	
<b>Saturday 16</b>	
<b>Sunday 17</b>	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Sunday School (K-8) – 10:45am Catechism (9-12) – 11am Evening Worship – 6pm

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **We Gather for Worship**

*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God (Screen)*

Holy Spirit living Breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Let the presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within  
May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways  
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see

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*Mighty to Save (Screen)*

Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

(Chorus) Savior He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave  
So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

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*His Mercy is More (Screen)*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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

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**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering:** General Fund (Next Week: Relief Venezuela)

*Spirit (Screen)*

Oh, Lord, fill us with Your spirit  
Guide us by Your presence  
How we need You, God  
Oh, Lord, lead us to Your kingdom  
Bring us back to freedom  
How we need You, God  
How we need You, God

Oh, Lord, fill us with Your spirit  
Guide us by Your presence  
How we need You, God  
Oh Lord, we will sing Your praises  
You are our salvation  
Be our strength and song  
How we need You, God  
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**Hearing God's Word: Pastor Mark**

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-4:1 (p. 1499)

Message: The Spirit Gives Direction

Prayer of Application

**Communion**

**Sending Out**

Parting Blessing

*He Leadeth Me (#452:1,3 PH)*