

Almond Valley Mailbox Messages February 17, 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 annual board meeting of **Ripon Inter-faith Ministries** will be held on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at their facility on 816 W. Main Street. The public is invited to come and hear what the ministry is doing in our community.

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 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.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Gather for Worship

Holy Spirit (Screen)

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence Lord

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
Your Presence Lord

(Chorus) Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord
Your Presence Lord

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Jesus Paid It All (O Praise the One)

And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

(Chorus) 'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

Chorus

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

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Living Hope (screen)

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

(Chorus) Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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

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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Congregational Prayer

Offering: Relief Venezuela (Next Week: Resonate Global Missions:
Kornelis)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Romans 8:1-11 (p. 1756)
Message: The Spirit Raises Us to Life
Prayer of Application

Sending Out

Parting Blessing

Blessed Assurance (#490 PH)

Today

A Warm Welcome to All! This morning, Pastor Mark continues his series on the Holy Spirit from Romans 8, *The Spirit Raises Us to Life*. Tonight, Pastor Mark will be preaching on Lord's Day 48, *Kingdoms at War*.

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 *Feeding the 5,000*.

Announcements

Progressive Dinner Party - Please join us for a fun filled evening on March 16, 2019, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Couples and singles of all ages are welcome to attend. Information and the sign-up sheet is available at the information booth. Please RSVP by February 24. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Melcher (599-2227) or Pam Segaar (814-2017).

BABY SHOWER! All ladies and girls are invited to a baby shower in honor of Adelyn Joy Dykxhoorn, newborn daughter of Daniel and Janeen. The shower will be Tuesday, February 26th at 7:00pm in the AVCRC Fellowship Hall. No gifts are necessary however, if you would like, you can bless this little family with a small gift or a pack of diapers. Instead of a card, please bring a children's book with an encouraging message to Adelyn written inside the front cover. Hope to see you there! Questions? See Cindy or Kelsi.

GEMS girls are collecting items for women at the Oakdale Rescue Mission. Some suggested items to donate are socks, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, gloves, snacks, instant coffee or hot chocolate mixes, nail files, hair ties, and Chapstick. Please join us in our efforts to keep filling the box in the foyer. Thank you so much for thinking of those in need!

Worship Leader Search Update – Last week saw the first meeting of the search team that has been assembled to find a Worship Leader for Almond Valley. The members of that committee are Pastor Mark, Tim Bloemhof, Bill Butterman, Rachel Goslinga, Susan Visser and Steve Emrick. During this meeting we brainstormed creative ways of locating who the Lord wants to fill this position. If you are aware of anyone who might serve well in this capacity, please connect with any of the members of the committee. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 28.

CONGREGATION! The council requests your input for deacon and elder nominees. Please provide the names (specify Elder or Deacon) of those you wish to see lead God's people at AVCRC to current council members or place the names in the box you'll find at the welcome center. Thank you for your participation in this very important process!

Church Family

Birthdays this week: 2/17 Hailey Brown, Geri Hekman 2/19 Jacob Pasillas, Bob Van Nieuwenhuyzen 2/21 Cliff Schoolland, Lydia Schoolland 2/23 Paul McMurray 2/24 Lori Van Nieuwenhuyzen

This Week's Calendar

Sunday 17	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am NO Sunday School (K-8) – 10:45am NO Catechism (9-12) Evening Worship – 6pm
Monday 18	Let's Go Out for Breakfast – 8:30am at Perko's, Salida. All ages are welcome!
Tuesday 19	Women's Bible Study – 7pm - week 9 Men's Bible Study – 7pm Daniel 9 Impact – 7pm
Wednesday 20	High School Youth Group – 7:30pm Women's Weekly Wednesday – 9am, Study pages 82-95.
Thursday 21	Women's Bible Study – 6am (Coffee: Barb/Shirley) Worship Practice – 6:45pm Worship Committee – 7:30pm
Friday 22	
Saturday 23	
Sunday 24	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Sunday School (K-8) – 10:45am Catechism (9-12) – 11am Evening Worship – 6pm