

Almond Valley Mailbox Messages February 24, 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!

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

Our next **RC School Circle** meeting will be Friday, March 1. Come and meet Ashley Enserink from Wild Willow Designs, and make a beautiful Spring sign to take home and enjoy! Meeting will be held at Almond Valley CRC, beginning at 8:30 am. Childcare and coffee are provided. Look for our FB event page to let us know what you would like to make! See you there!

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.

Today

A Warm Welcome to All! This morning Jeong Gho, missionary in Japan, will bring us God's Word from Act. 11, *God Used Antioch Church for His Glory*. Please join us for a town hall meeting and Chicken/Ribs dinner after this morning's service. Learn what's going on in the ministry of Jeong & Misook Gho and then fellowship together over a great meal.

You are encouraged to come back for our prayer service during our worship time this evening led by Pastor Mark, Pastor Zac, Elder Ron Vander Molen, and Deacon Dusty Hoekstra in praying for our church and each other.

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 *Jesus and Zacchaeus*.

Announcements

Discovery Class: Pastor Mark will begin leading a "Discovery Class" for those who are interested in learning about the Christian faith and our church. While there will be no pressure to join Almond Valley at the conclusion of this 3-week course, attending the course would educate you on what it means to be a member at AV. The class will be on March 3, 10 & 24 after the morning service.

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.

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!

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!

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: 2/24 Lori Van Nieuwenhuyzen 2/25 Randy Eskes, Tyler Goslinga 2/27 Rocky Gonzales, Jordan Goslinga 2/28 Loretta Gonzales, Matt Yonker 3/2 Kevin Bulthuis, Griffin De Abreu, Katherine Fernandes, Florence Moret-Butterman, 3/3 Matt Visser

This Week's Calendar

Sunday 24	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Sunday School (K-8) – 10:45am Catechism (9-12) – 11am Town Hall – 11am All church Lunch – 11:45am Evening Worship – 6pm
Monday 25	Deacons Meeting – 7pm Cadets – 6:30pm CIC: Eagles
Tuesday 26	Baby Shower – 7pm Education Committee Meeting – 6:15pm Elders Meeting - 7pm
Wednesday 27	High School Youth Group – 7:30pm Women's Weekly Wednesday – 9am, Study pages 97-110.
Thursday 28	Women's Bible Study – 6am (Coffee: Judy, Bonnie) Worship Practice – 7pm
Friday 1	RC School Circle Meeting – 8:30am
Saturday 2	
Sunday 3	Morning Worship – 9:30am Sunday School (K-8) – 10:45am Catechism (9-12) – 11am Discovery Class – 11am Evening Worship – 6pm