

Almond Valley Mailbox Messages January 27, 2019

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Can't make it to Holland to watch the 200th Rivalry game between Calvin and Hope in person? Immanuel is streaming the game live right here in Ripon! Come and join us for our Watch Party on Saturday, February 2! Gather your friends and come hang with us for the big game! The Watch Party will take place in Immanuel's Social Hall. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the game starts at 12:00 p.m. Food and drinks will be provided. Donations will be accepted. While not required, we'd love to know if you're planning to make it. You can call Immanuel's office to RSVP.

The children's musical is back! Open to all kids from kindergarten through 8th grade, our community production of THE SERMON ON THE MOUND will step up to the plate April 6th & 7th, with rehearsals each Sunday starting January 20th, at 1:00pm in the main sanctuary at Heartland Community Church, 510 W. Main Street. We hope to see you all Sunday afternoon to get things started!

Employment opportunity with Bethany Home Society : Director of Accounting. This position will manage the financial resources and supervise the accounting department staff for Bethany Home. The position requires demonstrated experience in financial software, corporate finance, financial analytics and budget development. For more information please go to bethanyripon.org. Please Email Resume and Cover Letter to ahutchins@bethanyripon.org

There will be a **community prayer meeting** Feb. 7, 7-8 PM at the Ripon Police Department. We will be praying for our first responders. All are welcome to come and join us for an hour of prayer. All ages are welcome. For more information contact Chaplain Randy Eskes 209-968-60901 after Jan. 29.

Bethany Home Society Annual Meeting will be held on January 29, 2019 in the Manor Dining Room at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

RIPON CHRISTIAN

Ripon Christian Schools is looking for nominees to fill upcoming openings on the **board of trustees**. Individuals should have a passion for Christian education and for Ripon Christian and its students. Eligible candidates must attend a Ripon Christian Schools foundational church and be a member of the Ripon Christian Schools Society for consideration of the four-year term. Please submit names of potential candidates for consideration to the RC Nominations Committee no later than Wednesday, February 6th by email to nominations@rcschools.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 School's Spiritual Emphasis Week has been set for **January 29-February 1, 2019**. Information flyers, e-mailed to school families, have been placed in your church mailbox. Please keep Ripon Christian in your prayers as we plan for our chapels and service projects.

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRCNA Position Opening - The Christian Reformed Church in North America is looking to hire a part-time (10-15 hrs/wk) Mixed Media Editor for its denominational magazine, The Banner. This position is responsible for planning, assigning, collecting, scheduling, and substantive editing of all Mixed Media reviews and articles in Banner online and print formats; and providing editorial comment and assistance for the rest of the magazine as needed. This is a work-from-home position. Visit www.crcna.org/jobs for position details or to apply by completing an online application, attaching a current resume and cover letter, by February 8, 2019.

Today

A Warm Welcome to All! Special greetings to all who are guests and newcomers today at Almond Valley. We appreciate your participation here and we invite you to keep coming! We are eager to share with you the love and grace we've found in Jesus Christ. If you have time, please join us for coffee after this morning's service.

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 is Baptized*.

Announcements

Update from Relief Venezuela: You can find an updated newsletter from Ruben & Jennifer at the welcome center.

Golden Bear Cadet Council Pinewood Races and Spaghetti Feed: Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019 at Ripon Christian High School. Dinner runs from 5-7:00 PM in the High School Student Center and the racing begins at 7:00 PM in the Gym.

Attention All Church Key Holders: Due to ongoing church security issues, effective Tuesday, January 29, the church is being re-keyed which means the church key you currently use to access our church will no longer work. Having a church key is a privilege and brings with it great responsibility. New church keys will only be issued to approved members via our Office Administrator, Becky Rhoda, during normal business hours after Jan. 29th. Thanks – Safe Church Committee

Church Family

Dear Almond Valley Family, we would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love in the homegoing of our dear husband, dad and grandpa Manuel Tavares. Whether it was a card, a hug, helping with his Memorial Service and lunch, a visit, meals or other deliveries, etc. please know you were and are such a blessing to us! We would also like to thank Pastor Mark and Pastor Phil for their care and visits. We would appreciate your continued prayers for comfort and strength. "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10. Valerie & Heather Tavares, Amy, Steve & Griffin Vander Meulen

Birthdays this week: 1/27 Henry Kamper 2/1 Krista Koolhaas, Kylie Koolhaas 2/2 Tim Fernandes

This Week's Calendar

Sunday 27	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Sunday School (K-8) – 10:45am Catechism (9-12) – 11am NO Adult Education – resumes Feb. 17 Evening Worship – 6pm
Monday 28	Cadets: CIC: Mustangs - 6:30pm Deacons Meeting – 7pm
Tuesday 29	Administrative Committee Meeting – 6:30pm Women's Bible Study – 7pm
Wednesday 30	High School Youth Group – 7:30pm WWW: study pages 47-62.
Thursday 31	Women's Bible Study – 6am (Coffee: Shirley & Barb) Worship Practice – 7pm
Friday 1	Jr High Youth Group Retreat – Hume Lake.
Saturday 2	
Sunday 3	Morning Worship – 9:30am Sunday School (K-8) – 10:45am Catechism (9-12) – 11am NO Adult Education – resumes Feb. 17. Evening Worship – 6pm

Let Your power fall let Your voice be heard
Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word
Holy Spirit rain down

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Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Acts 11:15-18 (p. 1711)
Message: The Spirit Produces Repentance
Prayer of Application

Sending Out

Parting Blessing

O Great God (Screen)

O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my ev'ry thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me

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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

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

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

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Come thou Fount, Come thou King (Screen)

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

I was lost in utter darkness
'Til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when
Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song
Now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me
And I'll never be alone

(Chorus) Come Thou Fount come Thou King
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride to You we sing
Come Thou Fount of our blessing
Come Thou Fount come Thou King
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride to You we sing
Come Thou Fount of our blessing

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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Call to Confession

My Jesus I Love Thee (#557:1,2)

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness.

**Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule
the nations and our small lives.**

Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power
and squandering your gifts.

We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God,
has resulted in shallow confession,
tepid conviction, and only mild repentance.

Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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 (REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory

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

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Assurance of Pardon: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #56

Your sins are forgiven.

I believe that God,

because of Christ's atonement,

will never hold against me

any of my sins nor my sinful nature,

which I need to struggle against all my life.

Rather, in his grace

God grants me the righteousness of Christ

to free me forever from judgment.

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

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Open Door Community Church, Stockton (Next Week: Ripon
Christian Tuition Assistance)

Holy Spirit Rain Down (Screen)

Holy Spirit rain down rain down
O Comforter and Friend
How we need Your touch again
Holy Spirit rain down rain down
Let Your power fall let Your voice be heard
Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word
Holy Spirit rain down

No eye has seen no ear has heard
No mind can know what God has in store
So open up heaven open it wide
Over Your church and over our lives