

The Orchard Weekly

January 3, 2021
Issue 40

Mark Your Calendar

For week of January 3

Sunday

9:30am Morning Worship
6:00pm Evening Worship

Tuesday—Friday

9am-2pm Office open

Sunday

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6:00pm Evening Worship

Church Family

We extend our sympathies to Rich & Bev Maliepaard and Bill & Kim Mulder and their families. William Mulder, Sr. was taken to his heavenly home this past week at the age of 94. Visitation is scheduled for this coming Sunday, Jan. 3rd from 3-5pm at Deegan Funeral Home. A live stream service is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 4th at 11:00am and can be viewed through Immanuel CRC's website.

Birthdays this week: 1/6 Tim Bloemhof
1/8 Anika Wicker

Offering Schedule

1/3—Ripon Christian Tuition Assistance
1/10—General Fund
1/17—Modesto Pregnancy Center/
Bethany Christian Services
1/24—YWAM: Hans & Susan Oines
1/31—Resonate Global Missions: Gho

Announcements

Review of Disney's *Soul* – Check out this past week's episode of Pastor Mark & Pastor Zac's podcast, *Reformed Podomatics*. In this episode they share their thoughts on the recently released animated film, *Soul*. Is the film harmless entertainment or pure evil? Find out at <http://bit.ly/RefPodSoul>

Just a reminder! You can find the Orchard Weekly, Children's Bulletins and the Order of Worship bulletin on the website each week.

Calvin University January Series – Each year Calvin University provides a publicly accessible series of speakers on various topics related to the Christian life and worldview. This year the series runs from January 6 through 26, 2021 and because of COVID-19 is offered to us in the safety and comfort of our homes. They are offering an impressive lineup of speakers and topics. The series is free of charge but you need to register to watch it online. More information on the content, speakers list, and registration details can be found at www.calvin.edu/january. Please note that Immanuel CRC will not host a remote viewing site this year, but you are encouraged to register and watch from the safety and comfort of your homes.

2021 Budget Envelopes will be available for pickup this week. Since mailboxes are not in use at this time, you can find them on the table in the narthex. This will be available all week during regular office hours or on Sundays.

Secret Sisters- Oh the pandemic outside is frightful. To be together would be so delightful. But since we've no place to go. Let them know, let them know, let them know! Ladies, the time has come to wrap up the secret sister year. We encourage you to find a safe and creative way to reveal to your secret sister who you are before the New Year. We, the Women's Ministry committee, pray that you have a safe and happy New Year and hope we can fellowship with you again soon.

Gospel Mission Clothing Drive: We will be collecting gently used and new clothing for the Mission through mid January. If you have coats, hats, socks, gloves or any general clothing items, please bring it to church and place in the bins in the narthex. Contact: Bill Buttermann, Richard Brown

TODAY Devotionals

The TODAY devotionals have not arrived due to a busy postal season. The reorder will not be shipped until January 4th.

If you have access to a computer you can go to today.reframemedia.com to read the daily devotional.

The large print devotionals will be mailed out as soon as we receive them.

Weekly Prayer Guide

Monday - "Blessed are the poor in spirit" Praise God that those who struggle in this life will have a great reward in heaven. May we keep our eyes focused on our future home where all will be made whole.

Tuesday - "Blessed are those who mourn" Praise God that comfort will come to the brokenhearted. Pray for God's peace to comfort those who have lost loved ones that they still mourn for.

Wednesday - "Blessed are the meek" Pray for those who serve others and show God's love to this world. Pray for our missionaries around the world, who leave family and friends to serve God in their special calling.

Thursday - "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" Pray that we will hunger for God's Word, hunger for Bible studies, hunger for a closer walk with God, hunger for a vibrant prayer life.

Friday - "Blessed are the merciful" Pray for a heart of mercy and pray for opportunities to be able to show mercy to others. Everyone can use a word of encouragement or blessing. It takes practice to learn to be merciful.

Saturday - "Blessed are the pure in heart" Pray that we can have lives that honor God in our words, thoughts, and deeds. The more Christ-like we live, the more we will see God working in this world, and the more opportunity that we can join Him in His redemptive work.

Sunday - "Blessed are the peacemakers" Pray that we can join God in bringing peace into this world. As we join in worship today, may God's peace shine forth into this world. May others see God's family at work, joined together in love.