

# ***Almond Valley Mailbox Messages February 4, 2018***

## **GENERAL**

**Hosts Needed!!** Dordt College Concert Choir will be in Ripon March 14 & 15 during their Spring Tour. If you'd like to help by hosting a pair of students for those two nights, please contact Linda Scholten at 209-275-7762 or [rkscholten@yahoo.com](mailto:rkscholten@yahoo.com). Mark your calendars for their concert at First CRC on Thursday, March 15, 7:00pm!

**41st Annual Golden Bear Pinewood Race and Spaghetti Dinner will be Saturday Feb.10.** Dinner is served from 5:00-7:00 PM, race starts around 7:00. Come and enjoy a delicious Spaghetti Dinner in the Student Center at Ripon Christian High School followed by an exciting Pinewood Race in the Gymnasium. 435 N. Maple Ave, Ripon CA if you need GPS to find it.

PRICELESS TREASURE THRIFT SHOP A couple of announcements from the shop!!

- First, I want to remind those of you that have school age kids that attend Ripon Christian, that we have uniform shirts in every color, and specially priced at \$1.99.
- The biggest announcement is to let you know, the store will be moving!!! We have secured a new location across the street from Hobby Lobby on McHenry about 3.5 miles north from our current location. Please pray for us as we work through the details, renovations, and challenges this move will present us. But nothing is bigger than our Lord and we know He will make all things possible, He has already made this possible and we are very grateful. This is an exciting time for us here, more details will come as we get closer. We expect to be moved and open by June 1.

Myself and all of us here at the shop thank you again for all you have given, be it volunteering, donations, prayers or words of encouragement, we appreciate it all, keep it coming!!! In Christ's Love, Julie Condrin, Manager Priceless Treasures Thrift Shop

The Esther School in Zambia, Africa, has multiple job openings for a Country Director and Teachers. These fundamental positions are integral to the school's mission to connect with the local Zambian children, families, and community. You can view the job descriptions at <https://www.estherschool.org/get-involved/#opportunities>. For questions and inquiries, contact Jill Postma, Executive Director, [jill.p@estherschool.org](mailto:jill.p@estherschool.org). Ideally, the chosen applicants should be available to begin service in August 2018.

## **RIPON CHRISTIAN**

Join **Ripon Christian School Circle** for our first meeting of 2018! Learn about our upcoming fundraiser and be entered to win a Las Casuelas gift card in the raffle! Stop by Almond Valley CRC after dropping off on Friday, February 9th. Meeting begins at 8:30 and child care is provided. Email [scircle@rcschools.com](mailto:scircle@rcschools.com) with any questions.

## **CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Step Back into Ancient Times - Walk the paths of the Exodus from Egypt to Israel! From Saturday, April 14, 2018 — Sunday, April 29, 2018, you'll travel with a group led by a Resonate missionary and be given a vision of Christ's historical chosen people so you can build a vision for today's church. Deadline to apply is March 16. Visit [resonateglobalmission.org/exodus](http://resonateglobalmission.org/exodus) for more information.

Opportunity for Service	Feb. 4	Feb. 11
<b>Greeter AM</b>	Jack & Cherie Andriese Bruce & Renae Goslinga	Phil & Joyce Kok Ryan & Teresa Vander Veen
<b>Usher</b>	Scott Viss Patrick Visser Rich Vanden Akker - PM	Scott Viss Patrick Visser Rich Vanden Akker - PM
<b>Security PM</b>	Rich Vanden Akker	Bill Butterman
<b>Coffee Server</b>	Margie Winters Judy Kamper	Margie Winters Karen Viss
<b>Nursery</b>	AM Julie Vanden Akker Rachel Goslinga Taylor Anema PM Marilyn Hoekstra Janeen Dykxhoorn	AM Saylor De Abreu Jalyn De Zwaan Sydney McMurray PM Katie Bulthuis Joyce Kok
<b>Children in Worship</b>	Ashley Schuller Avery McMurray Saylor De Abreu Karen Viss	Cindy Vander Molen Ruth Visser David Koolhaas Jennifer Carrasquel
<b>Sound</b>	Ray Bulthuis	Ray Bulthuis
<b>Video</b>	Samantha Anema	Dylan Koolhaas
<b>Projection</b>	Dawn Eskes	Jody Eskes
<b>Worship Team</b>	Brittany Bloemhof Connie Bloemhof Tim Bloemhof*	Dawn Eskes Scott Viss Randy Eskes
<b>Musician</b>	Joyce Kok* Becky Rhoda Rod Mora Greg Schoolland Bill Butterman Ethan McMurray	Janean Heyboer* Brittany Bloemhof Geri Hekman Bill Butterman Jack Andriese Matthijs Moret
<b>Evening Accompanist</b>	Janean Heyboer	Susan Visser
<b>Deacon - Offering AM</b>	Scott Rhoda* Daniel Dykxhoorn* Sherwin Heyboer Jon De Zwaan	Daniel Dykxhoorn* Sherwin Heyboer* Jon De Zwaan Dusty Hoekstra
<b>Elder-Door</b>	Randy Eskes Ron Vander Molen Ric Winters	Randy Eskes Ron Vander Molen Ric Winters
<b>Bethany Home AM</b>	Jerry Segaar Ron Vander Molen	John Van Zwaluwenburg* Randy Eskes Dave Hollander Jerry Segaar Ron Vander Molen (N)
<b>Bethany Home Accompanist AM</b>	Geri Hekman	
<b>Beth Haven PM</b>	Randy Eskes	

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Opening of Worship

*Spirit of the Living God (#424 PH)*

*You are God Alone (Not a god) (Screen)*

You are not a god created By human hands  
You are not a god dependent On any mortal man  
You are not a god in need of Anything we can give  
By Your plan That's just the way it is

(Chorus) You are God alone from before time began  
You were on Your throne You are God alone  
And right now in the good times and bad  
You are on Your throne You are God alone

You're unchangeable You're unshakable  
You're unstoppable that's what You are  
You're unchangeable You're unshakable  
You're unstoppable that's what You are

You're the only God whose power None can contend  
You're the only God whose name and Praise will never end  
You're the only God who's worthy Of ev'rything we can give  
You are God That's just the way it is

And right now in the good times and bad  
You are on Your throne You are God alone

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*Behold Our God (Screen)*

Who has held the oceans in His hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

(Chorus) Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of His words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hand  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

## Preparation for Communion

### Our Confession

*Lord, I Need You* (Screen)

Lord I come I confess Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart

(Chorus) Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You  
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**Children, ages 3 yrs – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, are dismissed for their time of age-appropriate worship. They meet downstairs in the youth center.**

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### Congregational Prayer

**Offering** Resonate Global Missions – Gho's (Next week: Ripon Chr. Tuition Assistance)

*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

I was blinded by my sin Had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within Had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life Opened up Your word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son Gave me endless hope and peace

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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### Hearing God's Word

**Text:** Exodus 20:4-6 (p. 117)

**Message** Worshipping Our Indescribable God

### Closing of Worship

*Indescribable* (Screen)

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring  
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

(Chorus) Indescribable uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God  
All powerful untameable  
Awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
None can fathom  
You are amazing God

Indescribable uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God

Incomp'able unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart  
And You love me the same  
You are amazing God  
You are amazing God  
You are amazing God

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## Today

**Today** Rev. Mark VanDyke will continue preaching from Exodus, *Worshipping Our Indescribable God*. For as long as we've been around, people have wanted to worship something we can see. But God's complexity and character are such that he cannot be represented with an image or statue. He is beyond our comprehension.

**Our Children in Worship** program is for 3yrs old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children that meet during the morning worship service for age appropriate worship. Today the lesson is *Jesus' First Miracle*.

**This evening** Rev. Mark VanDyke will be continuing with the Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 5: Who Can Redeem Us? The amazing and mysterious doctrine of the incarnation is necessary for our salvation. If Christ is only God, he could not suffer. If Christ is only human, he could not conquer sin and death.

## Announcements

**Family Promise is here again!** Beginning next week 2/11, we have the opportunity to serve 4 families (11 people) through this ministry. Sign-ups are in the hallway or see Dusty Hoekstra for more info. (275-2203) Our next hosting time is not until August, so don't miss the opportunity to give of your time to bless this ministry.

**Attention all Almond Valley medical professionals & CPR/AED Trained:** The Safe Church Committee is requesting volunteers to be "on-call" on an "as available" basis to assist the Safe Church Team with medical emergencies during church services you are attending. Please sign up on the signup sheet located on the kiosk. More details will be forthcoming as the Safe Church Team operational plan progresses. If you have any questions prior to volunteering please talk with Dave Hollander, Randy den Dulk or Becky Rhoda.

**The Prayer Committee** is seeking a person to prepare the weekly Prayer Guide. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve AV. Contact Randy Eskes or Barb Hollander for details.

**Our Outreach Committee** has been working with Bethany Home's Skilled Nursing Facility to begin a program of patient visits for those residents who don't get regular visits from friends and family. There is a great need for people willing to do this. If interested, please contact a member of the Outreach committee (Bill Buttermann, Scott Viss, Daniel Dykxhoorn, or Darrell Dalton). They will give you further details on this.

## Church Family

**Birthdays this week:** 2/5 Clara Schoolland, Lloyd Wicker 2/6 Pastor Mark VanDyke 2/8 Janean Heyboer 2/10 Ruben Carrasquel 2/11 Kim McMurray

## This Week's Calendar

<b>Sunday</b> 4	Morning Worship – 9:30am Youth Education Classes (K-12) -10:45am <i>NO Class for 6-8<sup>th</sup> due to YG retreat</i> NO Adult Education Class Crossroad Prison Ministry Training – 3pm at First CRC. Evening Worship – 6pm
<b>Monday</b> 5	GEMS – 6:30pm 6 <sup>th</sup> gr. devo/refreshments
<b>Tuesday</b> 6	WM Bible Study – 7pm Discussion lesson 5 Men's Bible Study – 7pm Lesson 2 Ephesians. Study books will be available if you want to join.
<b>Wednesday</b> 7	WWW – 9am Early Church Discovery Guide - pages 16-48 Good News Club – 2:15pm Technology Committee Meeting – 7pm AV Youth Group – 7pm
<b>Thursday</b> 8	Ladies Bible Study – 6am – Coffee: Shirley/Pam Worship Team Practice – 7pm
<b>Friday</b> 9	RC School Circle Meeting – 8:30am
<b>Saturday</b> 10	Pinewood Derby & Spaghetti Dinner – 5pm RC Gymnasium
<b>Sunday</b> 11	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Youth Education Classes (K-12) -10:45am Adult Education Class – 11am Evening Worship – 6pm