

Today

Today Rev. Mark VanDyke will continue preaching from Exodus 17, A Manual for Spiritual Warfare. Battles are a reality for the Israelites in the wilderness and for us in a world where sin invades our lives. Exodus 17 provides a “how to” manual for hand-to-hand combat against sin in our lives.

Communion This morning we have an opportunity to joyfully receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. At Almond Valley the bread and juice are distributed to the congregation as you sit and contemplate the work of Jesus Christ in reconciling us to God. After the whole congregation has been served, we eat and drink together when led by Pastor Mark. Any person who honestly repents of their sin, looks to Jesus for their salvation, and who is a professing member in good standing at a Bible-believing church is welcome to receive the sacrament this morning. God bless you as you commune with him!

Our Children in Worship program is for 3yr olds – 2nd grade children that meet during the morning worship service for age appropriate worship. Today the lesson is *The Visit of the Wise Men*.

This evening Zac Dewey will be preaching this evening and continuing with Lord’s Day 2, Knowing our Misery. Pastor Mark is attending a Pastor’s conference in Minneapolis and will be back on Wednesday.

Announcements

WWW (Women’s Weekly Wednesday): Ladies who would like to join the Wednesday morning Bible Study are asked to contact Jerry Terpsma ASAP so that enough study books can be ordered. The plan is to use Ray Vander Laan's video entitled Early Church, and our first meeting will be January 31.

Adult Sunday School Resumes today: We will be learning about apologetics and the practice of defending the Faith from a Reformed perspective. We’d love for you to join us on this journey as we learn to listen and respond to the increasingly secularized world around us.

Church Family

Address Update: PV2 Anton den Dulk, 10149 Warfighter Rd., Delta Company Unit 617, 4th Brigade CAB, Fort Carson CO 80913. Anton is now stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, CO. He serves as a AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter repair person.

2018 Giving Envelopes are available for pickup on the table located by the council room door.

Birthdays this week: 1/14 Danny Vander Molen 1/15 Joe Darretta, Andrew Wicker 1/16 Jack Schoolland, Valerie Tavares 1/17 Maryann Overgaauw, Pam Segaar 1/18 Madalynn Andriese, Gianna Smith 1/19 Kris Talsma, Haley Vander Schuur 1/20 Shelly Koolhaas 1/21 Daniel Dykxhoorn.

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday 14	Morning Worship – 9:30am - Communion Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Youth Education Classes (K-12) Adult Education Class – 11am Discovery Class – 11am Evening Worship – 6pm
Monday 15	Let’s Go Out for Breakfast – 8:30am Perko’s, Salida Deacons Meeting – 7pm GEMS: Father/Daughter Dinner – 6:30pm
Tuesday 16	Women’s Bible Study – 7pm – Video Men’s Bible Study – 7pm New study on Ephesians. Study guide’s will be available.
Wednesday 17	AV Youth Group – Meet at church at 6:15pm. Cost: \$15 per skater. We’ll be back by 9pm.
Thursday 18	Ladies Bible Study – 6am – Coffee: Bonnie/Barb Worship Team Practice – 6:45pm Worship Committee Meeting – 7:30pm
Friday 19	
Saturday 20	
Sunday 21	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Youth Education Classes (K-12) Adult Education Class – 11am Discovery Class – 11am Evening Worship – 6pm

Almond Valley Mailbox Messages January 14, 2018

GENERAL

Blood Drive: Immanuel CRC will be hosting a blood drive, January 17, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm, in our Social Hall. Contact the church office to schedule an appointment, 209-599-6163. Previous donors may get an invite in their email.

The first meeting of 2018 for the **Bethany Christian Services Guild** is on Monday, January 22, at 10:00 am. We meet at the Bethany Christian Services office at 3048 Hahn Drive in Modesto. We have a friendly, dedicated group of women and would love to have you join us!

PRICELESS TREASURES THRIFT SHOP Happy New Year from the shop!! We here at Priceless Treasures want to thank you for your prayers, support and donations. It has been a great year with sales improving monthly!!! Thank you!! So as you bring in those new Christmas presents, remember Priceless Treasures can use your gently used items you are taking out. And we need them!!! Clothes, Furniture, household items and décor, vintage to antiques...we can use them all. Our sales have been brisk and we need your **donations**. Another way you can help is to get the word out. Be our advertisers, talk us up!! Tell a friend, tell a neighbor, tell the stranger in the checkout line!! If you have items to give for donation, think of us, **Priceless Treasures Thrift Shop!** Together we make a difference to the great organizations we support, Sierra Salem Christian Homes and Ripon Christian Schools. If you have any questions, call me, Julie Condrin, at the shop...209-579-5513. Thank you again, for all your support and may God bless you in 2018.

Immanuel CRC hosts award-winning *January Series*: On weekdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Jan. 3 through Jan. 23, 2018, Immanuel CRC (517 Orange Ave, Ripon, in the Multipurpose room) will broadcast one of the nation's leading lecture and cultural arts series. A few of the featured presenters include Katherine Boo, a staff writer for *The New Yorker* whose work has been honored with a Pulitzer Prize; Jeremy McCarter, co-author of *Hamilton: The Revolution* who witnessed the Broadway show's journey from concept to cultural phenomenon; and Kevin Olusola, who is best known as the beatboxing member of the Grammy-winning vocal quintet Pentatonix. Experts will offer informed perspectives on a wide range of today's most relevant topics, including race in America, technology and national security, bio-waste and global poverty, among many others. For a full list of speakers and topics, visit www.calvin.edu/january-series/speakers.

RIPON CHRISTIAN

Ripon Christian Schools Open House is a time for parents to meet the pre-school & kindergarten teachers, see the classrooms, view the curriculum, and learn about what Pre-school and Kindergarten looks like at Ripon Christian Schools. Please join us on **Tuesday, January 16th** for both our Pre-School Information Night from 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Pre-School class room and Kindergarten Information Night from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Kindergarten Classroom. We will also have classrooms open and staff onsite for grades 1st-5th.

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Writers: Freelance opportunity, apply now. - Hey, have you seen the new Banner? The monthly publication of the Christian Reformed Church and its website thebanner.org have just had a makeover. We're looking for new writers to contribute to our news section with stories of our congregations, ministries, and members. Coaching is available. Inquire about joining our correspondent team at news@thebanner.org and our news editor will get back to you.

JANUARY OFS	14-Jan	21-Jan
Greeter AM	Mickey & Katherine Fernandes Matt & Stacy Yonker	Dave & Judy Kamper Agnes Dillender
Usher	Patrick Visser Scott Viss Rich Vanden Akker - PM	Patrick Visser Scott Viss Rich Vanden Akker - PM
Security PM	Jim Schuller	Sherwin Heyboer
Coffee Server	Vi Sikkema Jane Viss	Vi Sikkema Jane Viss
Nursery	AM Jalyn De Zwaan Lori Darretta David Koolhaas PM Viv Schuller Florence Moret- Butterman	AM Kelly Tenente Tiffany Kamper Dayna Koolhaas PM Amanda Schoolland Becky Orozco
Children in Worship	Lori Van Nieuwenhuyzen Dayna Koolhaas Cindy Vander Molen Bernice Honnold	Cindy Vander Molen Gianna Smith Samantha Anema Kaitlyn Goslinga
Sound	Ray Bulthuis	Corey Viss
Video	Julia Visser	Griffin De Abreu
Projection	Jody Eskes	Jody Eskes
Worship Team	Dawn Eskes Scott Viss Randy Eskes*	Julia Visser Gianna Smith Kelsi Schuller Tim Fernandes*
Musician	Susan Visser* Geri Hekman	Joyce Kok Sydney McMurray Cliff Schoolland* Saylor De Abreu Rod Mora Matthijs Moret
Evening Accompanist	Cliff Schoolland	Vivian Roorda
Deacon - Offering AM	Jon De Zwaan* Dusty Hoekstra* Dale De Bie Scott Rhoda	Dusty Hoekstra* Dale De Bie* Scott Rhoda Daniel Dykxhoorn
Elder-Door	Randy den Dulk Jerry Segaar John Van Zwaluwenburg	Randy den Dulk Jerry Segaar John Van Zwaluwenburg
Communion	Ric Winters* John Van Zwaluwenburg Randy Eskes Dave Hollander Jerry Segaar (N)	

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening of Worship

We Praise You, O God (#237:1,3 PH)

Meekness and Majesty (Screen)

Meekness and majesty Manhood and deity
In perfect harmony The Man who is God
Lord of eternity Dwells in humanity
Kneels in humility And washes our feet

(Chorus) O what a mystery Meekness and majesty
Bow down and worship For this is your God

Father's pure radiance Perfect in innocence
Yet learns obedience To death on a cross
Suffering to give us life Conquering through sacrifice
And as they crucify Prays 'Father forgive'

Wisdom unsearchable God the invisible
Love indestructible In frailty appears
Lord of infinity Stooping so tenderly
Lifts our humanity To the heights of His throne

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Take My Life and Let It Be (#288:1,5,6 PH)

Prayer of Confession

Blessed Assurance (#490:1-3 PH)

Communion

Children, ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade, are dismissed for their time of age-appropriate worship. They meet downstairs in the youth center.

Congregational Prayer

Offering General Fund (Next week: Hans & Susan Oines)

Hearing God's Word

Exodus 17:8-16 (p. 114)
A Manual for Spiritual Warfare

Stand up, Stand up for Jesus (#559:1,2 PH)

Closing of Worship

Stand up, Stand up for Jesus (##559:3 PH)