

Almond Valley Mailbox Messages January 7, 2018

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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.

The Liberty Quartet, will be giving a concert at Immanuel CRC this Friday, Jan. 12 at 7pm. They are a traditional Southern Gospel quartet based in Boise, ID. A love offering will be taken. Come and enjoy the enthusiasm these men exhibit while serving and singing for the Lord.

| JANUARY OFS | 7-Jan | 14-Jan |
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| Greeter AM | Cliff Schoolland Phil & Joyce Kok | Mickey & Katherine Fernandes Matt & Stacy Yonker |
| Usher | Patrick Visser Scott Viss Rich Vanden Akker - PM | Patrick Visser Scott Viss Rich Vanden Akker - PM |
| Security PM | Mickey Fernandes | Jim Schuller |
| Coffee Server | Nancy Vander Veen Bev Maliepaard | Vi Sikkema Jane Viss |
| Nursery | AM Renaë Goslinga Ashley Bloemhof Hannah Visser PM Ericka Hoekstra Katie Bulthuis | AM Jalyn De Zwaan Lori Darretta David Koolhaas PM Viv Schuller Florence Moret-Butterman |
| Children in Worship | Ashley Schuller* Ruth Visser Karen Viss | Lori Van Nieuwenhuyzen Dayna Koolhaas Cindy Vander Molen Bernice Honnold |
| Sound | Corey Viss | Ray Bulthuis |
| Video | Dylan Koolhaas | Julia Visser |
| Projection | Dawn Eskes | Jody Eskes |
| Worship Team | Jody Eskes Bella Gonzales Kate Vander Veen Teresa Vander Veen* | Dawn Eskes Scott Viss Randy Eskes* |
| Musician | Joyce Kok* Becky Rhoda* Saylor De Abreu Tim Fernandes Brittany Bloemhof | Susan Visser* Jamie Eskes Geri Hekman Rod Mora Tim Fernandes Ethan McMurray |
| Evening Accompanist | Janean Heyboer | Cliff Schoolland |
| Deacon - Offering AM | Sherwin Heyboer* Jon De Zwaan* Dusty Hoekstra Dale De Bie | Jon De Zwaan* Dusty Hoekstra* Dale De Bie Scott Rhoda |
| 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) |
| Open Door Elder of the Month | Randy den Dulk | |
| Bethany Home AM | John Van Zwaluwenburg | |
| Bethany Home Accompanist AM | Vivian Roorda | |
| Beth Haven PM | Randy Eskes | |

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening of Worship

Come, Now is the Time to Worship (Screen)

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Come come just as you are come come
Brian Doerksen © 1998 Vineyard Songs ARR UBP CCL# 130254

10,000 Reasons (Screen)

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul sings Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman © 2011 Atlas Mountain Songs ARR UBP CCL# 130254

Holy, Holy, Holy (#249:1,2,4 PH)

Confession Time - Psalm 81

Came to My Rescue (Screen)

Falling on my knees in worship
Giving all I am to seek Your face

Lord all I am is Yours
My whole life I place in Your hands
God of mercy humbled I bow down
In Your presence at Your throne

(Chorus) I called You answered
And You came to my rescue
And I wanna be where You are

In my life be lifted high
In our world be lifted high
In our love be lifted high

Dylan Thomas | Joel Davies | Marty Sampson © 2005 Hillsong Music Publishing ARR UBP CCLI# 130254

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

Offering Ripon Chr. Tuition Assistance (Next week: General Fund)

Congregational Prayer

Word of God, Speak (Screen)

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say

(Chorus)
Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know
That You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness
Word of God speak

I'm finding myself in the midst of You
Beyond the music beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You
And in the quiet hear Your voice

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Hearing God's Word

Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 114)

Demanding Water in the Desert

This is My Father's World (Screen)

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems off so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad.

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Closing of Worship

Parting Blessing

My Tribute (Screen)

To God be the glory
To God be the glory
For the things He has done
With His blood He has saved me
With His pow'r He has raised me
To God be the glory
For the things He has done

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Today

Today Rev. Mark VanDyke will pick up the Exodus series starting at Exodus 17, "Demanding Water in the Desert". Israel was rebuked for "testing God" by asking for water in the wilderness, yet we're told in the Bible to bring our requests to God. What's the difference between complaining and God-approved lament?

Communion Next Sunday - Make it your goal in 2018 to increase in your unity with Christ and with his church. We will commune with our Savior and one another this coming Sunday during the morning worship service. During each day of the coming week consider the sins you commit that are preventing greater fellowship with God and others. Confess them to God. Then come to worship to celebrate the communion Jesus has earned for us through the cross.

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 *Baby Jesus is presented to God*.

This evening Pastor Mark will start a series on the Heidelberg Catechism.

Announcements

Men's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. We will be starting a new study on Ephesians. New attendees are welcome and to obtain a study guide should contact Steve Emrick.

MS and HS Youth Group Starts Back Up This Week: With school starting back up this week, so will our middle school and high school youth groups! We look forward to having you back as we kick off a new semester diving into God's Word. See you on Tuesday and Wednesday!

Adult Sunday School Resumes Next Week, 1/14: It's been a nice break, but it's time to get back to class. For the next few weeks, 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.

Start the new year out by making a difference in a life. Almond Valley CRC will host Crossroads Prison Ministry speakers, Doug and Hendrena Cuprey, on January 13th at 7 PM. Doug, a former prisoner and dynamic speaker, is Director of Church Mobilization at Crossroads.

Church Family

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

Birthdays this week: 1/8 Anika Wicker 1/11 Dorine Hatcher 1/13 Donna Slayter, Corey Viss 1/14 Danny Vander Molen

This Week's Calendar

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| Sunday 7 | Morning Worship – 9:30am Youth Education Classes (K-8) There will be no 9-12 Catechism class today. Evening Worship – 6pm |
| Monday 8 | GEMS optional badge night – 6:30pm Meet in Katie Bulthuis' barn |
| Tuesday 9 | Council Meeting – 7pm Impact – 7pm Women's Bible Study – 7pm Discussion wk 4 |
| Wednesday 10 | AV Youth Group – 7pm |
| Thursday 11 | Ladies Bible Study – 6am – Coffee: Pam/Shirley Worship Team Practice – 7pm |
| Friday 12 | |
| Saturday 13 | |
| Sunday 14 | 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 |