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## Today

**Today** Pastor Mark is continuing *The Future* series from John 11:1-44, A Christian View of Dying.

**Pastor Appreciation lunch:** Everyone is invited to stay for lunch today immediately following this morning's worship. Please join in thanking Pastor Mark, Pastor Phil and Zac Dewey throughout the month for their service in our church.

**Our Children in Worship** program is during the morning service in the youth center downstairs. All children, ages 3 years old to 2nd grade, are welcome to join! Today's story will be *Abram and Sarai*.

**This evening** Pastor Mark will preach from Revelation. Kelly Landoni, Campus Crusade, will be sharing his ministry.

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## Announcements

**Your GEMS club** is looking for someone to lead a Bible Study, something straightforward and simple, to offer to the moms of GEMS girls during our meeting nights-1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays. Please call or text Sandy Hekman (209) 556-3478 for more information.

**First Friday Night Babysitting ministry** will happen this week from 5pm-8pm! This is a free, no strings attached child care event for families of our church and community. Invite anyone with kids 0-13 years who could use a night off and pray that the ministry would be a blessing to these families.

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## Church Family

**Birthdays this week:** 10/2 Minnie Dirksen 10/3 Trinity Gonzales, Raegan Moret 10/4 Jerry Segaar 10/7 Isabella Andriese, Jennifer Carrasquel 10/8 Trudy O'Neal, Judah VanDyke

**Anniversary this week:** 10/5 Ralph & Melody De Abreu

**Our condolences** to Fred & Maryann Overgaauw and family in the passing of Maryann's dad last week.

**Thank you** to all those who have shown us God's love these past weeks. We appreciate our church family and how much you have done for us. Thank you for the blessing you have been to us during Paul's final days. -The Anema Families

**Dear Almond Valley Family**, we want to express our appreciation for the many cards, visits, calls and remembrances in the death of Pat Palmaymesa, our dear husband, father and grandfather. Thank you for your support during this difficult time in our lives. --Irene Palmaymesa, Randy & Dawn Eskes, and family members

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## This Week's Calendar

<b>Sunday</b> 1	Morning Worship – 9:30am Pastor Appreciation Lunch – 10:45am Evening Worship – 6pm
<b>Monday</b> 2	GEMS – 6:30pm – Devotions: 7 <sup>th</sup> gr.
<b>Tuesday</b> 3	Women's Bible Study - Discussion Men's Bible Study – 7pm - Psalm 23
<b>Wednesday</b> 4	WWW – 9am – Discussion HS Youth Group – 7pm
<b>Thursday</b> 5	Women's Bible Study – 6am - Coffee: Barb/Bonnie GEMS/Cadets Boomer's – 6pm meet at church for a ride. Worship Team Practice – 7pm
<b>Friday</b> 6	RC School Circle Brunch – 8:30am Women's Retreat Weekend First Friday Babysitting – 5pm
<b>Saturday</b> 7	
<b>Sunday</b> 8	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Education Classes (K-12) – 10:45am Adult Education – 10:45am Evening Worship – 6pm

# ***Almond Valley Mailbox Messages Oct 1, 2017***

## **GENERAL**

**The Bethany Christian Services Guild** has an important meeting on Monday, October 9. Any one interested in helping with our Christmas Boutique is invited to attend! We will meet in the Bethany Christian Services office, 3048 Hahn Drive, Modesto, at 10:00 am. Help us make this annual event a great success!

**Sierra Salem Christian Homes** will hold its Annual Dinner on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 6:00pm at the First Christian Reformed Church in Ripon. This evening provides a wonderful opportunity to learn how God is working through Sierra Salem to bless the residents. Join us for a delicious meal, fellowship and singing led by Sierra Salem's residents that will lift your spirits. Reserve your seat by calling Debbie Mensonides at 209 544-9300 or Jerald Pasma at 209 599-2322.

**Greetings from Priceless Treasures!!!** We appreciate your prayers and donations immensely, thank you for remembering to bag your items as you place them in the bins and for holding back on stuffed animals and books. The fall season has arrived here at the shop and I invite you to come see our fall and holiday décor and gift items that are filling our shelves. I want to also remind you to consider volunteering here, and as you do, think about asking a friend to come and do it with you. I am also looking for a person who has an interest in electronics to test and inspect small appliances and assorted personal items that come in. Even as little as 3 to 5 hours a week would help us considerably. Contact Julie Condryn at 209-579-5513.

## **RIPON CHRISTIAN**

**School Circle invites you to join us for our annual Fall Brunch!** Come by Almond Valley CRC on Friday, October 6th after morning drop-off. No regular meeting will be held. This is a time for fellowship and delicious food. We can't wait to see you there! As always, please feel free to email us at [Scircle@rcschools.com](mailto:Scircle@rcschools.com) with any questions.

**The Ripon Christian Music Department** will present its annual Fall Festival of Music on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. The concert will feature all high school instrumental and vocal groups as well as the middle school band and choir. Come for an evening of celebration, joy, and worship as we start off our concert season.

## **CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Devotions for the Reformation** - Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with Today devotional. Recapture the significance of the Reformation for your personal faith. Get "The Reformation for Today" when you subscribe to Today devotional at [todaydevotional.com/reformation](http://todaydevotional.com/reformation).

**World Renew Responds to Multiple Floods** - In North America and globally, World Renew's disaster response teams are reacting to destructive hurricanes and floods. You can help. In the U.S., World Renew DRS is assisting survivors of Hurricane Irma in Florida and Hurricane Harvey in Texas. World Renew is also responding to flooding internationally in South Asia where 40 million people are affected in India, Bangladesh, and Nepal. Please support those who are struggling and World Renew's responses with your prayers. You can donate financially at [worldrenew.net/floodingresponses](http://worldrenew.net/floodingresponses) or call 800-552-7972 in the US and 800-730-3490 in Canada to support those in urgent need.

	1-Oct	8-Oct
Greeter AM	Jim & Viv Schuller Jack & Cherie Andriese	Jerry & Pam Segaar Phil & Joyce Kok
Usher	Tim Fernandes - AM Lloyd Van Dyken – AM Rich Vanden Akker - PM	Tim Fernandes - AM Lloyd Van Dyken - AM Rich Vanden Akker - PM
Security PM	Jerry Segaar	Jody Eskes
Coffee Server	Vi Sikkema Jane Viss	Cherie Andriese Irene Bishop
Nursery	Janeen Dykxhoorn - AM Stacy Yonker - AM Ashley Bloemhof - AM Sierra Sorensen – AM Jean Vander Schuur - PM Florence Moret-Butterman - PM	Renaë Goslinga - AM Kerri Mora - AM Tiffany Kamper - AM Sarah Vanden Akker - AM Dayna Koolhaas - AM Amanda Schoolland - PM Viv Schuller - PM
Children in Worship	Ashley Schuller David Koolhaas Olivia Orozco Karen Viss	Cindy Vander Molen McKenna Moret Julia Visser
Sound	Dave Hollander	Corey Viss
Video	Samantha Anema	Dylan Koolhaas
Projection	Heather Visser	Jody Eskes
Worship Team	Jennifer Carrasquel Madelyn Yonker Olivia Orozco Cindy Vander Molen*	Brittany Bloemhof Connie Bloemhof Tim Bloemhof
Musician	Joyce Kok* Becky Rhoda* Saylor De Abreu Rod Mora Brittany Bloemhof	Susan Visser Sydney McMurray Cliff Schoolland* Bill Butterman Jack Andriese Matthijs Moret
Evening Accompanist	Janean Heyboer	Geri Hekman
Deacon - Offering AM	Scott Rhoda* Daniel Dykxhoorn* Henry Van de Pol Jon De Zwaan	Daniel Dykxhoorn* Henry Van de Pol* Jon De Zwaan Dusty Hoekstra
Elder-Door	Randy Eskes Ron Vander Molen Ric Winters	Ric Winters Ron Vander Molen Randy Eskes
Open Door Elder		Dave Kamper
Bethany Home AM	Ron Vander Molen	
Bethany Home Accompanist AM	Geri Hekman	
Beth Haven PM	Randy den Dulk	

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Opening of Worship

*Holy, Holy, Holy (#249:1,4 PH)*  
*Everlasting God (Screen)*

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
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We will wait upon the Lord  
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Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint

You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles

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*Cornerstone (Screen)*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (REPEAT)

Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

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## Time of Confession & Assurance

Almighty and most merciful Father;  
we have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the deceits and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against Your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
And there is no health in us.  
But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.  
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent according to Your promises  
declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of Your holy Name.

*Amen.*  
(BCP, 1928)

## Song of Response *The Summons* (Ladies Group)

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**Children, ages 3 yrs. thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed for their time of worship in the youth center downstairs.**

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## Congregational Prayer

**Offering** Ripon Christian Tuition Assistance (Next week: General Fund)

**Hymn of Preparation** *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* (#262:1,4 PH)

## Hearing God's Word

The Future: A Christian View of Dying, John 11:1-44 (p. 1627)

## Closing of Worship

*In Christ Alone* (Screen)

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid

Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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