

Our Weekly Newsletter

Our Church Family

January 22, 2012



◆ Pray for Pastor Ken Bonostra & Geri Witt for safe travels, spiritual refreshment and growth at the Worship Symposium at Calvin College.

◆ Pray for those fighting cancer: Jake Kamper, Sheri Hoekman-Teach, Carole Wissink, Roger Neth and others.

◆ Pray for comfort and healing in the lives of those in our congregation who mourn or struggle with chronic pain and health issues.

We deeply appreciate the prayers and messages of love in the passing of our mom, Anetta Tubergen. We are comforted by the loving unity of God's family.

Fred and Narleen Douma

OUT OF OFFICE: Pastor Ken will be out of the office Wednesday, January 25 thru Saturday, January 28. Geri Witt will be out January 24-31.

Calendar - Week of January 22

Today	8:30 am	Morning Worship Service
	9:45 am	Church School
	9:45 am	Choir
	11:00 am	Morning Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service
Monday	9:30 am	January Series**
Tuesday	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	9:30 am	January Series**
Wednesday	7:00 am	Elder's Prayer
	8:30 am	Morning Seekers
	3:15 pm	After School Bible Class
	7:00 pm	Journey**
Thursday	9:30 am	Coffee Break/Story Hour
	7:00 pm	Evening Coffee Break
	7:00 pm	Praise Team
	7:00 pm	Elders/Deacons
Friday	7:00 pm	Young Couples
Saturday	7:15 am	Men's Bible Study

**Additional information in the bulletin

IN CASE OF NEED: In the event of an illness or death, contact Elder Ralph Roos (599-2862). Elderly and shut-ins, Wayne Riffie (543-8025). Other assistance contact Deacon Gordon Vander Veen (614-1211 cell) or contact the church office (599-6163). Helping Hands for the month January is Sandy Kamps (599-7543).

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

1/22 Kelsey Tillema, Landon Tillema
1/23 Nell Winters
1/25 Jace Beidleman, Wanda Meems,
Cheryl Mulder
1/27 Ken Boonstra, Megan Dyk
1/28 Laura Meester

JOURNEY meets this Wednesday night at 7 in the social hall. Julie's small group will be serving dinner for Family Promise at 5:30.



STOCKTON THUNDER HOCKEY!! Cadets are selling tickets for the Feb. 4th, 7:30 pm game. Tickets are \$8 each and proceeds will

REMINDER: There will be no Jr/Sr Sunday School this morning. We will meet next Sunday morning.

go to Camporee/General fund. Contact Willy Barslund (209-612-5347) or any Cadet for more info.

Our Council (Elders & Deacons)

OFFERINGS THIS WEEK

AM - Immanuel CRC Building Fund

PM - Sierra Salem Christian Home

NEXT WEEK

AM - Cadets International

PM - Mission India

Gen Fund YTD Budget as of 1/15/11:

\$365,179.23

Gen Fund YTD Rec'd as of 1/15/11:

\$346,032.83

FAMILY VISITING SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 2012

Tuesday, February 7

9:30 am Peter & Ardeane Broers

10:15 am Diane Brown

11:00 am Celia Moret

7:00 pm Jeff & Linda Rys

8:00 pm Harold & Judy Groetsema

Thursday, February 16

7:00 pm Sandy Mulder

7:45 pm Beatrice Overgaauw

8:30 pm Tim & Cathy Hollander

*If you are not able to meet at the scheduled time, please notify the church office (599-6163).

FAMILY VISITING SCHEDULE

This week

Tuesday, January 24

7:00 pm Mike & Rebecca Beidleman

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COLLECTIONS IN THE LOBBY: Interfaith Ministry, Haven of Peace & Stockton Gospel Center & Care Package Items for America's Heroes. A list of suggested items to donate is on the mailboxes. In the Nursery, the Modesto Pregnancy Center "Diaper Pail" is available for donations of formula, diapers or other baby items.

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK: Today we receive our guests for the week. We are expecting 2 families, a total of 6 people. They will spend the evenings and nights at our church, 5pm-7am. Check the sign-up board in the foyer as to what the needs are and sign up if you can help. Pray that the needs of our guests will be met as we get ready for them. If you have any questions contact Laura Kissee 662-0724.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE TIME: After this week Bible Time will no longer be meeting at church. We are thankful to everyone who brought cookies and especially those who gave of their time; Melanie Mendes, Anne Kort, Valerie Van Unen, Mary Lou Semke, Diane Brown, Aileen Reyes, Robyn Reyes, Karen Hoek and Miriam Miller.

THE WOMEN'S RETREAT is coming up fast! Just 3 months until the women of Immanuel will be relaxing and worshipping under the beautiful redwoods at Mt Hermon. For those who will be joining us, just a reminder that the next payment is due 2/1 and the final payment is due 3/1, although payment in full is welcome any time. If cost is an issue, please talk to Kimberly DeJong.

The Retreat Committee had the opportunity to meet with our speaker, Marcy Peder-son, at last month's meeting. It was great getting to know her and to see her excitement about sharing with you. The topic she will discuss is *Favored By The Lord*, based on Isaiah 61:1-2. Don't miss out! There may still be space available. For questions and payments, see Kimberly DeJong.

Our Community

JANUARY SERIES TOPICS: Monday (1/23) Deborah Lew, Stories and Songs from the Broadway Stage; Tuesday (1/24) N.T. Wright, How God Became King: Why We've All Misunderstood the Gospels. Room 117 in the Ministry Center from 9:30-10:30 am.

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES Guild will have a meeting tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at the office (3048 Hahn Drive, Modesto). Anyone who would like to join us to support this ministry is welcome! We will be making plans for our next event.

RIPON CHRISTIAN Knightsounds' Annual \$1 Auction this Friday during the home basketball game. Come see what a \$1.00 bid can win--dinner tickets, amusement park tickets, theme baskets and much more! Donations are graciously accepted. Please contact Mari Schuller at 599-2155 x291.

"AN ENCOUNTER": Prayer Seminar by Dr. Terry Teykl, Saturday, February 11 from 9:00 am-2:30 pm (includes lunch) at 1st CRC in Ripon. Cost is \$25 at the door or early bird \$20 if registered by Feb. 1.

Our Community

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK PARENT MEETING AT RIPON CHRISTIAN

The group AXIS will be ministering and working with Grades 6 through 12. The mission of AXIS is to educate hearts by questioning assumptions, interpreting media, and equipping communities to move from apathy to compassionate action. In this meeting, AXIS wants to equip parents with the information and tools they need to understand their students and educate them to think wisely about ideas influencing them. Everyone is welcome to attend Monday, January 30 at 7:00 pm in the PAC.

Please pray for **Ripon Christian School** as they prepare for **Spiritual Emphasis Week**, January 31 to February 3. Rev. Dave Lindner from Bridge of Life Church in Sacramento will be speaking to Grades K through 5. Parents are welcome to join at 8:45 am at Calvary Reformed Church on Tuesday, January 31 thru Thursday, February 2.

Care packages will once again be sent to our servicemen overseas. Contributions for the care packages can be brought to the elementary office or in the box in back of church. See a list of items on the mailboxes or on the table in back of church.



"My counseling time is booked solid
for the next two weeks.
Sorry. But how 'bout a Life Saver™?"

BETHANY HOME EXPANDS WITH NEW SERVICES

The fastest growing sector of today's population in the United States is that of its Senior Citizens. That being said, is there any wonder why the fastest growing industry in our country is the In-Home Care industry!

After 48 years of providing quality services to area seniors, we determined it was time to expand beyond our walls. In the autumn of 2011, Bethany Home branched out into the In-Home Care business. We did so not because it was the popular thing to do, or because we felt it would be a good money-maker, but we did it because we saw a NEED. And at Bethany Home, we believe it is our mission to provide today's seniors the support and care of the highest possible quality, at levels appropriate to each individual's needs.

Like our other services, we seek to provide our care in a spirit of Christian love, challenging each giver and receiver of care to act cooperatively and responsibly toward others, God and community. Living into the senior years should not be filled with fear and drudgery. Instead, it should be filled with continued growth, new relationships, and joy-filled experiences. But sometimes help is needed along the way, when physical and mental restraints limit activities. That is where Bethany's In-Home Care steps in and offers care and assistance within your place of residence. We send our caregivers to you, so that you no longer need to face the concerns of growing old alone.

Our non-medical, in-home care model offers multiple levels of care. We customize each plan of care to meet your specific needs and budget. Examples of our services include, but are not limited to companionship, transportation, housekeeping, meal preparation, mobility assistance, pet care, and errand services. If you are a senior and have a need, let us know about it and we will find a way to help! We want to be your Center for Healthy Aging! Call today to schedule your free consultation with one of our licensed In-Home Care Planners.

Bethany Home exists to serve seniors. We want to keep vibrant lines of communication with our churches and our community. Additional information about Bethany Home can be found on the web at www.bethanyripon.org. Detailed information about our In-Home Care Program can be obtained either on the web, or by calling Bonnie Mulder at 209-599-4222. Representing the Immanuel CRC on Bethany Home's Board of Directors is Tony Fernandes and Laurie Holfman.