

# Our Weekly Newsletter

Our Church Family

January 29, 2012



◆ Please pray for the members of Council and pastors who will engage in conversation this week Friday/Saturday about the vision of Immanuel Church and our structures for leadership and governing Immanuel. We have done some reading on vision, governance and ministry. Now we hope to think and talk together about our vision, the role of our Council, and how effectively we live our vision as a congregation. We appreciate your prayers as we consider together God's calling on our church.

◆ Shawn Meems has been deployed to Afghanistan for a year's duty. Please remember him and his wife Nina and their girls, Kayla and Elliana in your prayers. Shawn's email address is shawn.meems@us.army.mail and their home address is 149 7th St., Honolulu, HI 96819

◆ Please pray for Agnes Boerfyn as she is currently at Doctors Hospital in Modesto. She is undergoing testing.

◆ 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.

## Calendar - Week of January 29

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

- 7:00 pm Chimes
- 7:00 pm Women's Retreat Comm.

Wednesday

- 7:00 am Elder's Prayer
- 8:30 am Morning Seekers
- 6:30 pm GEMS\*\*
- 7:00 pm Journey\*\*
- 7:00 pm Grief Support Group\*\*

Thursday

- 9:30 am Coffee Break/Story Hour
- 7:00 pm Evening Coffee Break
- 7:00 pm Praise Team

Saturday

- 7:15 am Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Stockton Thunder Hockey

\*\*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). Helping Hands for February is Alice den Dulk (599-4421).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Bill & Betty Finley  
11 Katie Lane  
Lancaster, PA 17650

"We have relocated to Lancaster, PA, to be closer to our grandchildren. We are thankful for the Immanuel CRC of Ripon and have appreciated the fellowship of our brothers and sisters in Christ for two years." Bill & Betty

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

1/29 Karen Sytsma, Don Wever  
1/30 Lucy Viss  
1/31 Colby De Vries, Matthew Dyk,  
Vi Hartley  
2/1 Celia Moret

2/2 Mark De Jong, Linda Rys  
2/4 Samuel Roos, Jonathan Sanny

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

1/29/1972 Bud & Deanna Den Ouden  
2/1/1957 Pete & Gladys Duyst



*Rod & Vonnie Van Dyken & family would like to thank the congregation for their support, prayers and expressions of sympathy following the passing of my father, Marion Haveman. Continued prayers are appreciated as my mother, Gladys, adjusts to her loss and the move to California. Thank you*

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**Our Council (Elders & Deacons)****OFFERINGS THIS WEEK**

AM - Cadets International

PM - Mission India

**NEXT WEEK**

AM - Ripon Christian (CEP) & Missions

PM - Family Promise

Gen Fund YTD Budget as of 1/22/11:

\$384,208.42

Gen Fund YTD Rec'd as of 1/22/11:

\$352,799.99

**FEBRUARY OFFERINGS**

5th AM - Ripon Christian (CEP) &  
Missions

PM - Family Promise

12th AM - General Fund:

Children's Worship

PM - Seafarers

19th AM - Immanuel CRC Building Fund

PM - River Rock CRC

26th AM - General Fund: Audio/Visual

PM - Modesto Pregnancy Center

**FAMILY VISITING SCHEDULE**

FEBRUARY 2012

Tuesday, February 7

**9:30 am** Diane Brown

**10:15 am** Celia Moret

7:00 pm Jeff & Linda Rys

8:00 pm Harold & Judy Groetsema

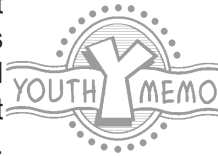
Thursday, February 16

7:00 pm Sandy Mulder

7:45 pm Beatrice Overgaauw

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

JOURNEY will be meeting at the RC Middle School Gym this Wednesday at 7 pm. We will be playing dodgeball against Modesto CRC's Youth Group. Everyone wear red!



GEMS will meet Wednesday night at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center. 8th grade please provide snack. See you then!

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## Our Ministries

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Everyone is welcome to join the Grief Support Group Wednesday, Feb 1 at 7 pm in the Ministry Center. We will be making a memory frame so bring a photo no larger than 3 1/2 inches square.

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.



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.

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### Coffee Break Service Project of Love

The Coffee Break groups are planning a service project on Feb. 9 to share our Christian love with those who may not feel loved this Valentine's Day. For the past couple of years, we have asked for your help and have been delighted by your generous response to our request. We are planning to prepare a gift bag for each of the women and children at the Haven of Peace in French Camp and the school age children at Mary Graham Children's Shelter in Lathrop. This gift bag will be given to them on Valentine's Day.

We will be assembling these bags on the morning of February 9. Following is a list of some of things that we would use to stuff our "love bags". Some new or gently used gift bags suitable for a special day (not Christmas or birthday) for women, teens, and children can also be used.

- a. A special lotion, shampoo, or body wash of normal size, male and female
- b. Trial size body care products
- c. Sponges, washcloths, or towels of nice quality
- d. Generic beauty supplies, male and female
- e. An assortment of children's toys, books, games suitable for boys and/or girls, pens, pencils
- f. An assortment of books suitable for boys and/or girls, especially teens
- g. CDs, CD players or other music items, especially for the teens
- h. Small stuffed animals
- i. Socks, underwear
- j. Devotional books for women, teens, or children. We always run short of things for the teenagers.

We are hoping that the people of Immanuel will again open their hearts to the needs of these special people. Donations will be accepted and can be placed in a labeled box under the small table located near the mailboxes beginning on January 29 through Wednesday, February 8. Thank you in advance for helping make it

possible for us to fulfill the command of Jesus given to us in Matthew 25:40, "whatsoever you did for the least of these, you did for me."

Questions? Call Church Office  
599-6163





**"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.

**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.