

YOU ARE WELCOME

The members of the Zion United Reformed Church of Ripon are pleased to welcome you to our place of worship. A sincere invitation is extended to you to participate in our programs of ministry.

We are a Protestant church, belonging to a federation of congregations known as the United Reformed Churches in North America. We believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and our only Savior from sin . By the name "Reformed" we say that we stand in the tradition of the historic Protestant Reformation, accepting the Bible as the inspired, inerrant, and unchanging Word of God, seeking to be Reformed by that Word and the power of the Holy Spirit.

As Christ ministers to us, we want to minister to others. Feel free to make use of any of our ministries for yourself and your family.

If you wish to become involved in our programs or would like more information, please contact one of the members of the Council or call 599-9399.

THIS WE BELIEVE

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, inerrant in its entirety, unchanging, and God's revelation of Himself.

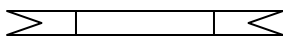
In our teachings, we subscribe to these Reformational creeds which constitute our forms of unity: The Heidelberg Catechism, The Belgic Confession, and the Canons of Dort. In our worship liturgy, we use these creeds which confess our unity with the historic Christian church: the Apostles' Creed, the Athanasian Creed, and the Nicene Creed.

We hold the world and life view by which we see all of reality in every area of life as being subject to the rule of Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE: First Sunday of March (am); Good Friday; First Sunday of June (am); Second Sunday of August (am); First Sunday of October (am); New Years Eve/Day

ELDERS: Duane Bulthuis, Bill De Kok, Ray Enas, Leonard Enserink, Ken Koolhaas, Jake Sonke, Dan Van Groningen,

DEACONS: Gary Kroon, Larry Mouw, Eric Segaar, Dennis Sonke, Rick Van Duyn



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Rev. Kevin Efflandt, Pastor

Radio Program: Sunday 8:30 a.m.; 99.9 FM
"The White Horse Inn"

"Announcing freedom from guilt, the comfort of grace, and the joy of gratitude in the person and work of Jesus Christ."



ZION UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

January 1, 2012

"In those days, at that time," declares the Lord, "The people of Israel and the people of Judah together will go in tears to seek the Lord their God. They will ask the way to Zion and turn their faces toward it. They will come and bind themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten."

Jeremiah 50:4-5

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Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Entering God's Presence

- * Call to worship
- * Votum
 - * *Minister*: In Whom is your help?
 - * *Congregation*: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."
- * God's Greeting
- * Hymn of Praise: #37 *"Amid the Thronging Worshippers"*

Confession of Sin

- Reading of God's Law
- Silent Confession of Sin
- Assurance of Pardon
- * Song of Thanksgiving: #387 *"I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew"*

Offering Ourselves to God

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings: General Fund
Congregational Prayer

God's Word

Scripture: Genesis 1:1 - 2:3
Sermon: **In the Beginning**
Prayer of Application

Communion With God

- * Hymn of Commitment: #301 *"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"*
- Lord's Supper
- Offering: Modesto Pregnancy Center
- Hymn of Thanksgiving: #388 *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*
(verse 3 a cappella)

Closing With God

- * Benediction
 - * Doxology: #493 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
 - * Postlude
- * *Those who are able, please stand*

Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Preparing for Worship

- Song Service: *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* (#45 - LB)
"I Have No Other Comfort" (insert)
"Wonderful, Merciful Savior" (insert)
- Call to Worship
- * God's Greeting

Confession of Faith

- * Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (page 3 in the Psalter Hymnal)
- * Hymn in Response: #219 *"My Heart Is Fixed, O God"*
- Reading of the Psalms: Psalm 12

Offering of Gifts and Offerings

- Presentation of Gifts and Offerings: Rev. Bill Green
- Congregational Prayer
- * Hymn of Preparation: #205 *"The Tender Love a Father Has"*

God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 7:7-11
Confessional Reading: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 46
Sermon: **Praying to Our Heavenly Father**
Prayer of Application

Closing With God

- * Hymn of Commitment: #328 *"My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"*
- * Benediction
- * Doxology: #204 *"O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord"* (v. 5)
- * Postlude

"Those who are able, please stand"

Calendar

Today

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship
10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
7:15 p.m. Coffee Fellowship

Monday

8:00 a.m. **Yesterday's Youth Breakfast at Denny's**
(Jacktone Rd. by Flying J) (1st Monday of month)

Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Lesson 12)

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Young Adults

Church Family

Remember those of our congregation who have ongoing needs:

Binie Den Dulk, Marinus Gaalswyk, Cindy Hoeksema, Connie Mays, Don Paauw, Carl & Evelyn Plett, Berneice Van Duyn, Fred Veenstra, and Rhondalynn Whitehead.

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We welcome you and pray you will receive God's blessing in your worship with us today. Please be sure to sign our guest book on the table in the narthex if you have not already done so. We invite you to a time of fellowship immediately following each worship service.

Church Announcements:

This morning we have the privilege to partake of the Lord's Supper. We want to remind all of our guests who are not members of this congregation that they are welcome to participate at the table with us. We ask that you fill out the communion card found in the bulletin, stating you are a professing member in good standing of an evangelical Church and you believe in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. When you are finished, place the card in the offering receptacle. May the Lord cause our faith to grow and mature as we partake together.

Pastor Kevin will be on vacation from January 2nd-9th. He will be back in his office on Tuesday, January 10th. Next Sunday, Rev. Fritz Harms will lead us in worship in the morning and Mr. Angelo Contreras will lead us in worship in the evening.

The Secretary will be out of the office on January 2nd and 3rd. The office will re-open on Wednesday, January 4th.

Church School Classes will not meet today. Classes will resume next week.

There will be no Prayer Meeting this week. We will resume meeting on January 9th.

Sunday Evening Bible Study will not meet today..

Youth Group will not meet this week.

If you would like to receive **Christian Renewal** at the bulk rate, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please place your money in the attached envelope and mark paid behind your name. The cost for 2012 is \$37.00.

Cadets: We have been invited to join the Almond Valley Cadets for a practice race for the Pinewood Derby. We will meet at Almond Valley CRC on Monday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. Dads are also welcome to come and watch the race. Pizza will be served! Please be working on your cars so they are ready for this race! Advanced Notice: The Pinewood Derby will be held on February 11th.

Ladies Bible Study with Story hour will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 24th with an introduction to their new study on Proverbs by Kathleen Buswell Nielson. This will be followed with a welcome back brunch.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study with coffee break will continue their study of John on Tuesday, January 24 with Lesson 38.

White Horse Inn Discussion Group: In conjunction with our airing of the White Horse Inn every Sunday morning (8:30 am on 99.9 FM), we are hoping to start a White Horse Inn Discussion Group after the first of the year. This would be an excellent opportunity to meet together to discuss various programs from the White Horse Inn and would also serve as an outreach opportunity to connect and fellowship with other likeminded believers in our area, as well as an opportunity to invite new people to church. We are planning on meeting once a month (probably on the first Tuesday of every month) for approximately 60-75 minutes. If you would be interested in being part of this group, please sign up on the sheet on the book table today.

VBS needs for 2012: Although it is early, the VBS committee is asking the congregation to start saving items needed for crafts for next summer's VBS program. Please check your closets for the following items; jute, brown fleece, wide mouth canning rings, muslin, calico or gingham fabric scraps. We also need tuna or chicken cans which have been thoroughly washed and dried. There will be a big green VBS donation box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much!

Items for the bulletin are due Wednesday by 6:00 p.m.

Hearing assistance receivers with earplugs or headsets are available upon request. Inquire at the sound table.

Prayer Chain: Nettie Roos, 599-7404; Adrianna Miedema, 599-6639

Tapes and CD's of the morning and evening worship services will be available after each service at the sound desk or contact Chuck De Jong. A suggested donation of \$1 per tape or CD is appreciated.

Ripon Christian School Announcements:

Ripon Christian School Circle invites you to their first 2012 meeting, to be held at Almond Valley CRC's fellowship hall on Friday, January 13. Make a note on your calendar for the second Friday of the month, since school will have just resumed on the 5th. Decisions for allocation of fall funds raised have been carried over into 2012, so SC welcomes your attendance and participation for this very important meeting! Nursery provided; T.R.I.P. sold at this location. Refreshments served at 8:20, meeting to follow. T.R.I.P. drawing for those present. Hope to see many of you there!

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION MEETING: Parents of college-bound students, regardless of college choice, are welcome on Tuesday evening, January 10 at 6:30 pm at the Ripon Christian High School Library. Steve Mouw of Dordt College will be leading an informational meeting to explain the college financial aid process.

Community Announcements:

Westminster Seminary California Annual Conference 2012: You are invited to join us in Escondido, CA for this year's conference entitled, The Unfolding Mystery: Reading and Applying the Bible. This will take place on Jan. 13-14, 2012 at the WSC campus. The Bible can be described as an unfolding mystery because its diverse contents all progress toward one goal Jesus Christ. This conference will show how we are to understand the differences in the Bible in light of its unity, and how that understanding affects our reading and application of the Bible. For plenary topics, speakers, schedule, rates, and to register online, visit www.wscal.edu or call [888.480.8474](tel:888.480.8474).

Oakdale Community Church Memorial Blood Drive, in honor of Myer Lanting will take place on Saturday, January 7 from 10am until 2pm at Oak Valley Medical Plaza. This is located at 1425 West H Street in Oakdale. Scheduled appointments are recommended, though walk-ins are welcome. (870) 897-2919.

Schedules

Greeters today: John & Connie Mays
Phil & Trisha Mensonides
Greeters next week: Bill & Susy De Kok
Ken & Corrine Koolhaas
Organists today: AM: Glenn De Jong PM: Joann Veenstra
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Nursery today: AM: Infants: Angel K., Jessica S., Emily H.
Toddlers: Brenda H., Laurie V.G., Derek H.
PM: Infants/Toddlers: Char V.V., Trisha M., Jeremy S.
Nursery next week: Infants: Ruth S., Corrine K., Ciara W.
Toddlers: Kristina F., Wilma C., Faith Eberhard
PM: Infants/Toddlers: Letha E., Ada B., Kayla S.
Ushers today: Vince Van't Voort, Greg Kamper, Steve Andriese
Ushers next week: Kent Van Groningen, John Sikkema,
Phil Mensonides
Coffee servers today: Ella Nieuwsma, Pat Van Groningen
Coffee servers next week: Tim & Karan Philipsen
Library today: Hermina O., Karan P.
Library next week: Monique D.J., Nettie R.
Hospitality Hosts today: Fritz & Brenda Harms
Hospitality Hosts next week: Leonard & Letha Enserink
Refreshments today: AM: Joanne P., Kim M., Annette B.,
Irene W., Leslie H., Sandy F.
PM: Sena L., Melinda Sikkema, Alyda S., Sherrie V.H.
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