

Thankful for Forgiveness

Like God's people centuries ago, we also need a Savior who will forgive our sins. The second week of Advent reminds us of the seriousness of our sin and our great need for God's forgiveness. In churches which light Advent candles, the second candle is lit to recognize our sin and our need for a savior. We reflect on the forgiveness that we have been given through Christ. We long to be purified so that we might present ourselves to the Lord in righteousness.

The scripture readings for the second week of Advent are as follows: Psalm 130:1-8, Jeremiah 31:31-34, and Luke 1:68-79. Parents, you may wish to abbreviate or eliminate certain readings depending on the age(s) of your child(ren). You may also want to read these selections out of a Children's Bible.

Share this prayer with your kids: Dear God, as we reflect on the second week of Advent, we recognize our sin and our need for a savior. We thank you Lord for your forgiveness through your Son, Jesus. We long to be purified so that we might present ourselves to you in righteousness. Come, Our Savior! Amen!

Obviously, you may need to explain some of the words of the prayer depending on the age of your child(ren).

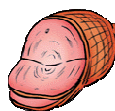
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Hot Lunch: This week Wednesday, December 7, will be burritos.



Chapel: The chapel topic for this month is *Joy-when we celebrate life*. The K-8 chapel will be this Tuesday, December 6, at 8:30 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center.



The Ripon Christian Boosters Club is selling spiral cut hams for \$30. An order form was sent home.



Christmas Performances: Mark your calendars with the following dates:

Tuesday, December 13
Grades 9-12 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 15
Grades 5-8 – 7:00 p.m.

Both concerts will be held in the Performing Arts Center. A freewill offering will be taken.



Advance Notice: Ripon Christian will be dismissing students at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 21. Buses will run at that time.

TRIP: Christmas is rapidly approaching so please consider buying TRIP for your Christmas purchases.



Yard Duty Volunteers

Tues. – P. Kessler, S. Johnston, M. Franzia, J. Haugg

Wed. – W. Bryan, F. Braga, S. Nelson, M. Vrieling

Thurs. – J. Haugg, H. Wicker, L. Van Vliet, A. Silva

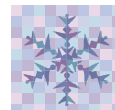
Fri. – D. Mensonides, G. Barnes, C. Wilkerson

Mon. – K. Van Donselaar, D. Miller, B. Salie



Middle School Sports

- 12/7 7th & 8th gr. girls' BB @ home – 3:30 p.m.
12/8 7th & 8th gr. girls BB @ home – 3:30 p.m.
12/6 6th gr. girls' BB @ home – 3:30 p.m.



December Calendar

- 12/13 H.S. Christmas Concert
- 7:00 p.m. – PAC
12/15 5-8 Christmas Concert
- 7:00 p.m. – PAC
12/21 K-12 Noon dismissal
12/22 – 1/4 – Christmas Break

