

## Waiting with Joy

On Sunday of the third week of Advent, the third candle that is lit is traditionally pink or rose, and symbolizes JOY at the soon Advent of the Christ. It marks a shift from the more solemn tone of the first two Sundays of Advent that focus on Preparation and Hope, to a more joyous atmosphere of anticipation and expectancy. Our preparation for the coming of Christ, who will be "The Light of the World", continues. Our excitement builds as we think of the joy that his coming will bring. The Light of his love will drive away the dark of doubt and despair. We rejoice as we think of the world bathed in that light which heals and gives new life. (Lizann Bassham)

Scripture readings for the third week of Advent are as follows: Psalm 126:1-6, Zephaniah 3:14-20, Philippians 4:4-7 and Isaiah 35:1-10. 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: God of joy and rejoicing, as we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ, help us to look into our own hearts. Give us the wisdom to see the ways we can work for Jesus, who is the light of the world, and the strength to carry that work into the everyday acts of our lives. Amen.

Kerry



**Hot Lunch:** Hot lunch this week Wednesday, December 14, will be sloppy joes and chips.



**The Ripon Christian Boosters Club** is selling spiral cut hams for \$30. Orders are due this Wednesday, December 14.



## Christmas

**Performances:** Remember our Christmas performances this week:

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.



Students in grades K-3 will start a unit on tumbling beginning in January. Mrs. Engel requests that students not try the tumbling movements at home without adult supervision.

**TRIP:** Save time! Simplify your life! Shop with TRIP!



## Yard Duty Volunteers

**Tues.** – J. Haugg, P. Kessler, J. Manus, T. Spagnola

**Wed.** – D. Smith, F. Larson, C. Van Vuren, M. Swager

**Thurs.** – J. Haugg, D. Nichelson, T. Van Vliet, B. Spicer

**Fri.** – C. Bakker, G. Perez

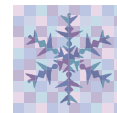
**Mon.** – K. Van Elderen, L. Van Groningen, B. Salie

**Tues. - 12/20** – M. Franzia, R. Alger, M. Mendes, S. Johnston, J. Haugg



## Middle School Sports

12/13 – 12/15 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr. girls' BB Tournament @ Ripon -TBA



## 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

