

Waiting for the Son

As we near Christmas Day, remind your child(ren) that the word, Advent, means “coming” or “visit.” In the Christian season of Advent we prepare for the “advent” of Christ at Christmas.

In the churches which celebrate Advent, three candles have been lit. The first represented waiting for God our Shepherd. The second signifies how we ask the Lord to come and forgive our sins. The third, a pink candle, represents our joy as we wait. This week we focus on the coming of the Son – the son of Mary, the Son of God!

Scripture Readings for the week include Psalm 89:1-4, 19-37, 46-52; Isaiah 9:1-7; and Luke 1:26-38. In the last reading the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she is pregnant and will give birth to a son. Her son will also be “the Son of the Most High” and will sit on the throne of David. He will be the reigning Son of David and the divine Son of God!

Our Waiting is Over!

On Christmas Day we celebrate the birth of Christ. On that day we celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ, Jesus the Good Shepherd, Jesus who forgives our sins, Jesus who will come again, Jesus the son of Mary, the Son of David, and the very Son of God! The Scripture readings for Christmas Day include the following: Micah 5:1-5, God promises through the prophet Micah that his future rule will come from Bethlehem, even though this town is, indeed, a “little town” and quite insignificant; Luke 2:1-20, Jesus the Messiah is born in Bethlehem; and Psalm 145, Let us join the psalmist in offering praise to God for his mighty works!

Share this prayer of Joy and Adoration with your child(ren). Dear God, we rejoice in the birth of your Son. May we worship him, welcome him, and make room for him in our hearts. O come, let us adore him! Amen!

I wish you all a joyous and blessed Christmas Day as you celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus and share the true meaning of Christmas with your family and friends.

Kerry



P. E. - 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.

Chapel: The chapel topic this month is Joy-when we celebrate life. The elementary chapel will be Tuesday, December 19, at 8:30 a.m. with the 5th grade doing a presentation. The middle school chapel will be Wednesday, December 20, at 8:30 a.m. Some exploratory groups will share their accomplishments at this chapel.



Lost-and-Found: There will be a table out in front of the office today and Tuesday with lost-and-found items. Unclaimed items will be donated.



Don't Forget to pick up your ham on Wednesday, December 21, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in front of the middle school gym.



The staff here at Ripon Christian hope that you have a safe, relaxing and meaningful Christmas with your family and friends.



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



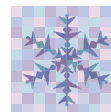
Yard Duty Volunteers

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

12/20 – 7th & 8th boys' BB
@ Hilmar – 3:45 p.m.



December Calendar

12/21 K-12 Noon dismissal
12/22 – 1/4 – Christmas Break