



**Today** we continue our journey through the season of advent by lighting the candle of peace.

**Tonight** we would like to encourage you to attend the performance of the Messiah at Immanuel CRC in Ripon at 3pm. In light of that, we will NOT be holding our own evening service.

**Church Family**

Please see prayer chain or the printed bulletin for church family announcements.

**Offering Schedule**

**Today, December 5th**

**AM: Modesto Pregnancy Center:** Councils those facing an unplanned pregnancy and provides them with an alternative to abortion.

**Next Week, December 12th**

**AM: Sierra Salem Christian Homes:**

Helps developmentally disabled adults with furthering schooling, job development, and more.

**PM: The Upper Room:** Helps fund our high school aged student's youth program.

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, December 5th**

8:45am - Sunday School  
 10:00am - Morning Service  
 NO EVENING SERVICE  
 7:15pm - Men's Bible Study

**Monday, December 6th**

7:00pm - The Bridge  
 7:00pm - Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, December 7th**

10:00am - Women's Bible Study  
 1-7pm - Blood Bank  
 5:00pm - Sojourners  
 6:00pm - AA Bible Study

**Wednesday, December 8th**

7:00pm - Praise Team & Band  
 7:00pm - The Upper Room  
 7:30pm - Choir

**Thursday, December 9th**

6:00pm - AA Meeting  
 3:30pm - SS Program Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 11th**

6:00am - Men's Bible Study

**Sunday, December 12th**

8:45am - Sunday School  
 10:00am - Morning Service  
 4:30pm - SS Program Rehearsal  
 6:00pm - Sunday School Program

**Church Announcements**

**The Bridge** (our Middle School Youth Group) will be meeting this Monday, Dec 6 from 7-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Sojourners** Christmas Dinner will be this Tuesday, December 7 at 5pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Our special Christmas Offering will go to our Escalon CRC Adoption Fund.

The **Blood Bank**, previously scheduled for Dec 14, will now be held this Tuesday, Dec 7. If you would like to schedule a donation, please contact Debbie Veenstra.

We would like to start having **Greeters** again regularly, and want to begin with those that are willing to serve. If your family is willing to serve as greeters, please contact the church office.

**All Sunday School youth** (Preschool-5th grades) **and parents:** Our Sunday School program is next Sunday, December 12th, at our 6pm service!

- **This Friday is our after school practice.** Please bring your children to the sanctuary at 3:30pm, and come pick them up at 5pm. We will not be serving snacks this year, so if needed, please have your child have a snack before coming.
- **We will also practice next Sunday afternoon, Dec 12th, at 4:30pm.** The children will be served a light meal in between the practice and the program. Please have your children dressed in their Christmas church clothes. Also, if each family would please bring one dozen cookies to be served after the program, it would be appreciated! Thank you!
- **If any youth (all ages!)** have a prepared a Christmas song to play as part of the piano prelude for the service Sunday evening, please contact Heidi this week. Thank you!

**Community Announcements**

On Saturday, Dec 11 at 7pm, **Voices for the King** will present their 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert at Zion URC (1220 Canal Blvd, Ripon). This 19-voice male chorus will present a variety of Christmas-themed music. The audience will also participate in singing Christmas carols. A free-will offering will be received, of which the net proceeds will be given to *Stockton Gospel Mission*.

**Ripon Christian Music Department** will celebrate the Christmas season with a music concert on Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00pm in the Performing Arts Center. The concert will feature the music ensembles ranging from grades Six through Twelve. Come and celebrate this joyous season with sounds of joy and praise.

**Prayer Chain**

Please Email: [prayerchain@escaloncrc.org](mailto:prayerchain@escaloncrc.org)

**Helping Hands Ministry**

Please contact one of the Pastors, Deacons or coordinator with requests.