

This morning, we recognize the start to the season of Advent – the 4 Sundays before Christmas, that remember the coming of Christ and encourage our anticipation of his return.

Next week, we look forward to participating in the sacrament of Baptism .

Next Sunday evening, we will be led in worship by our Sunday School students in a special Christmas service.

Church Family

Please see printed bulletin or prayer chain.

Offering Schedule

<u>Today, December 3</u>

AM: Gideons - This group personally witnesses to and distributes Bibles to 148 countries around the world. **PM: Rehoboth Christian School -** Seeks to disciple and train children in the Red Mesa Region based on God's Word through a fully accredited K-12 education.

<u>Next Sunday, December 10</u> *AM: Luke Society PM: Resonate Global Mission*

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 3 8:45am - Sundav School 10:00am - Morning Service 6:00pm - Evening Service 7:15pm - Men's Bible Study Monday, December 4 7:00pm - The Bridge 7:00pm - Women's Bible Study Tuesday, December 5 10:00am - Women's Bible Study 6:00pm - AA Bible Study 7:00pm - Sojourners Wednesday, December 6 9:30am - Senior Games 7:00pm - The Upper Room 7:00pm - Praise Team & Band 7:30pm - Choir Thursday, December 7 6:00pm - AA Meeting Saturday, December 9 6:00am - Men's Bible Study 9:00am - SS Program Rehearsal Sunday, December 10 8:45am - Sunday School 10:00am - Morning Service 5:40pm - Kids Arrival Time 6:00pm - Sunday School Program

Church Announcements

The Bridge meets tomorrow from 7-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Games will be meeting this Wednesday at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to join us for this time of fellowship.

Attention Sunday School parents: Our **Christmas Program** is next Sunday, December 10. The only extra practice is Saturday morning at 9am in the Sanctuary. **If any youth (all ages!)** have prepared a church-appropriate Christmas song and would like to play as part of the piano prelude for the service, please contact Heidi V. Thank you!

Additional **Orders of Worship** are available on the tables in the foyer, for those that may have trouble reading the screen from their seats.

A reminder that we are asking all members of our church to take a turn in serving as **Greeters** on Sunday morning. If you do not wish to greet, and have not already done so, please contact the church office. Otherwise you will automatically be added into the alphabetical rotation.

The Evangelism Committee continues to seek out volunteers for the **Modesto Gospel Mission** to serve in the women's and children's center. Our time is the fourth Wednesday of every month throughout the school year from 5-7:30pm. For more information please speak with any member of the Evangelism Committee.

Community Announcements

Celebrate the Christmas season with the presentation of **Handel's Messiah** today at 3pm, at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church (517 Orange Ave, Ripon). An offering will be taken to offset the expenses. You are encouraged to listen to the beautiful words that honor the birth, suffering, death, and the glorious resurrection of the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings. There will be a light luncheon for everyone after the presentation.

Get to know the **Redwood Family Center**! Save the date for their open house this Friday, December 8, from 3-7pm. Located at 1030 California Ave, Modesto. Join in food, drink & fellowship!

Ripon Christian FFA is hosting a **Babysitting Night** fundraiser on Saturday, December 9, from 5:30-8:30pm in the High School Gym. The cost is \$25 per child and they will get to spend an evening playing games, making crafts, and watching a movie. Pizza and snacks will be provided. For more information visit us on Instagram @*rc.ag.ed*.

Please Email: prayerChain@escaloncrc.org

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