

Advent Candle – Week 3

The word “Advent” means “coming or arrival” and the celebration of Advent dates back hundreds of years. We celebrate Advent to remember the significance of the Christmas season as it pertains to the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Each part of the advent wreath has meaning.

The third Advent candle is called the Shepard’s candle. By lighting this candle we are reminded that God sent the angels to proclaim his arrival to mankind. This profound moment of joy is still celebrated today as we are commissioned to tell the world about the Good News that Jesus has come. This candle is pink in color symbolizing god’s love and faithfulness to us.

REACH Update

We had an awesome turnout this week! Freshwater people of all ages volunteered their time! Thank you! We have one more big push, and we are looking for volunteers Monday night 5pm-9pm. With one last push we will be ready to bring in the tapers! We want to thank all those that have contributed with time and resources, it is because of you that so many youth will be reached!

Goal: \$70,000 - Received To Date: \$63,804.14

Families Moving Forward

We need to fill in the final serving opportunity slots, gather the last few items, and get firm commitments for all the food items. Right now, our greatest need is in overnight hosts who will sleep at the church and be on call in case of emergency. We need one man and one woman each night, from 8:30pm to 7:00am. Register online!

Free Coffee Drinks

For the month of December, Higher Grounds Coffee House (**Waconia** coffee bar), will provide FREE specialty coffee drinks when you attend our **Sunday** service!

Christmas Eve Services

Waconia:

- December 17th at 7:00 pm
- December 24th at 3:00pm & 4:00pm

St. Boni:

- December 24th at 3:00pm, 4:00pm, & 5:00pm