

This Week

Tues. Men's Bible Study 6 am

**Wed. Ladies Aid Christmas Party 12 pm
GEMS 6:30 pm**

Lunch: Katelyn G. & Aubree R.

JAM at Bunde 7 pm

Lunch: Alex & Austin R.

Next Sunday:

8:45 am – Sunday School

10:00 am – AM Worship Service

4:00 pm – Combine Worship Service at Unity CRC -
Communion

12/8 Cookies: Kim Erickson, Helen Beekman, Kayla Fragodt,
Stephanie Vogel

**Offerings: AM – General & Bible League International
PM – World Renew – Disaster Relief Services**

Ministry Servers: *December 8th*

AM Accompanist: Cindy Ammermann

AM Power point: Jolene Bonnema

Sound: Clark Feikema

AM Video: Alex Roelofs

Nursery: Amanda Gerdes, Alex Roelofs, Maggie Setrum

Library: Sandy Wubben, Jolene Bonnema

Ushers: Randy Bonnema & Brad Heida

Greeters: Matt & April Beerman (E)

Josh & Jamie Bestge (W)

WE WORSHIP AND PRAISE OUR GOD

Welcome to our Worship Service at *Raymond Christian Reformed Church*. Please be mindful to those who are preparing their hearts for worship as you enter the sanctuary.

Anyone desiring spiritual counseling or experiencing a family crisis, contact the Pastor or a visiting Elder (Todd P. and Tim M.) at any time.

A nursery is available in the West hallway with attendants present for childcare for our morning worship service.

**Offerings: AM – General
PM – General**

Ministry Servers *December 1st*

AM Accompanist: Tami Greenwaldt

PM Accompanist: Cindy Ammermann

AM Power point: Derrick Beerman

Sound: Adam Roelofs

AM Video: Tyler Wubben

Nursery: Becky Zimmer, Ari Greydanus, Ellie Bestge

Library: Sandy Wubben, Jolene Bonnema

Ushers: Randy Bonnema & Brad Heida

Greeters: Doug & Karin Asche (E)

Merlyn & Helen Beekman (W)

WE CARE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers & Praises

- Continuing health concerns & recovery: *Roz Geels, JoAnne Slagter, Kary Brower, Bill & Betty Goeman, Lyla Thielen, Reynold Roelofs, Beverly Carlson, Geneva Grussing, Sharon Blom, and George Parker*
- Congratulations to Greg & Cheryl Bonnema in the birth of twin grandchildren, Hank Well Bonnema and Willa June Bonnema born on Wed., Nov. 20th to Brent and Anna Bonnema. Hank weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and Willa weighed 5 lbs. and 10 oz. They are welcomed by their proud sister, Lena.
- Our Condolences to the Greg Bonnema and Randy Bonnema families in the passing of their Aunt, Darlene.
- *Prayer for our shut-ins, as well as others not mentioned in our church family who struggle with physical, mental, or spiritual needs.*

Raymond CRC Family Prayer List

Merle & Rose Epema
Cory & Mary Erickson (Natasha, Ryan, Elsie, Ava)
Doug & Kim Erickson

Noisy Offering Update: The worship committee has decided we will NOT be taking Noisy Offering during the Advent Season (the month of December). This will also be in an effort for you to replenish funds. We will begin again on Sun., Jan. 5th. **Guessing Game:** Can you guess how much the Noisy Offering has helped to support the future Haiti Missions trips? Please let us know your guess at the table behind the Sanctuary. Prices for adults and children. Closest without going over wins! Contest Ends on Sun., Dec. 22nd following the am service.

The Raymond-Bunde GEMS would like to thank you for the generous donations of soup, pie, bake sale items, and monetary donations at our Soup Supper and Bake Sale. We raised \$3,978 to help cover the cost of curriculum, meals, and fun nights for GEMS. We also support our sister clubs around the world. We are so blessed to be a part of such a supportive community. Thank you!

Rock of Life Friendship Bible Class will meet on Mon., Dec 2nd at 7 pm. Please bring a card for each of your students. Gifts will be provided.

A “**Harvest Hope Community Service**” will be held on **Sun., Dec. 8th at 4 pm** hosted at Unity CRC. We gathered in October to pray and ask God for Harvest weather, and He graciously granted it. We gather on December 8 to give thanks to Him for the harvest weather, harvest provision, and the harvest hope realized. We also gather to continue to intercede for the crop that remains unharvested, fields needing fall tillage, and for a number of farm families for whom the season has taken a devastating toll, emotionally and financially. This service will include a Communion commemoration, a coming together of the body of Christ in love for one another and to honor Christ. An offering will be taken once again for relief for farmers impacted by the difficult growing conditions of this season in the upper Midwest. Let us come together with thanks and prayers to remember and believe and renew our hope in God.

Raymond CRC’s **Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sun., Dec. 15th following the morning worship service.

Council Voting: Elders up for Election: Bennett Bonnema, Mike Bonnema, Mike Groen, and Chat Taatjes. To vote for Elder: please elect a minimum of 2 – but may vote for up to 4. Deacons up for Election: Doug Asche, Cory Erickson, Jon Setrum, and Wayne Tensen. To vote for Deacon, please elect 2 – but may vote for up to 4.

Michelle and I would like to thank everyone for the gifts, cards, and words of encouragement given in the past month or so for pastor appreciation. We are grateful to God for his leading and placing us here in Raymond. It was clearly communicated we are loved and we pray you know we love you. Thanks again.

Pastor Aaron and Michelle

Thank you to all the ladies who worked and brought food for the Bloodmobile. We received 20 units of blood.

Wilma Boonstra

The Raymond Lions Club will have a Pancake/French Toast and Sausage Breakfast on Sat., Dec. 7th from 8 am to Noon at the Raymond Community Center. Free will donation with proceeds to go to the Raymond Fire Department and Ambulance.

The Renville County Christmas Choir will perform their 2019 cantata ***And on Earth, Peace*** on Thurs., Dec. 5th at 7 pm at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Olivia and also on Sun., Dec. 15th at 4 pm at Emden CRC in Renville. This concert is sponsored by the Olivia Kiwanis Club as a fundraiser for Renville County Food Shelf and Santa's Closet. Everyone is invited to join us to begin the Christmas season with inspirational music and fellowship.

The Fine Arts department at CMCS invites you to celebrate our Savior's birth at our upcoming Christmas concerts:

12/9 at 7 pm - 5-12 band concert in the Event Center

12/13 at 7 pm - K-5 program in the High School Gym

12/16 at 7 pm - 6-12 choir concert in the Event Center

We hope to see you there.

Sunday School Memory Work: December

**Represents a change from original document.

Preschool & Kindergarten: Proverbs 3:5

**1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade: Luke 2:8-15

**4th, 5th & 6th Grade: Matthew 2:1-2; Matthew 2:10-11a; John 3:16; and John 3:17

7th & 8th Grade: Apostles Creed

High School: Lords Day 1 Q&A 1&2 and Lord's Day 2

Jr. JAM Christmas Party

Sat., Dec. 14th

10:30 am to 1:30 pm

We will be meeting at Raymond CRC at 10:30 am and traveling to the bowling alley in New London. Please bring \$6 cash and a \$5 value gender neutral gift, if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. Ugly Christmas Sweaters can be worn. We will be eating pizza and pop at the bowling alley. We plan to return to Raymond CRC by 1:30 pm.