

**This Week:**

**Wed.** Cadets Christmas Party 6 pm  
JAM Christmas Party at Bunde 7 pm

**Sat.** Jr. JAM Christmas Party at RCRC 10:30 AM

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**Next Sunday: November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** – Sunday School  
**10:00 am** – Morning Worship  
**6:00 pm** – Candlelight Service

**Offerings:** General Fund

**12/12 Cookies:** Jolene Bonnema, Kayla Fragodt, Kendra Ahrenholz & Kim Erickson

***Ministry Servers:*** December 12<sup>th</sup>  
**AM Accompanist:** Kendra Ahrenholz  
**Power point:** Natasha Erickson  
**Sound:** Doug Zimmer  
**AM Video:** Morgan Taatjes  
**Nursery:** Stephanie Vogel, Ari Greydanus, Cayden Wubben  
**Library:** Edith Tensen & Tammy Slagter  
**Ushers:** Cory Erickson & Brad Greenwaldt  
**\*Door Greeters:** Chris Bonnema (E)  
Emma Bonnema (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 (Greg B. and Scott W.) at any time.

**Offerings:** General Fund

***Ministry Servers:*** December 5<sup>th</sup>  
**AM Accompanist:** Kendra Ahrenholz  
**Power point:** Derrick Beerman  
**Sound:** Clark Feikema  
**AM Video:** Natasha Erickson  
**Nursery:** Amanda Olson, Morgan Taatjes, Caleb Greydanus  
**Library:** Edith Tensen & Tammy Slagter  
**Ushers:** Cory Erickson & Brad Greenwaldt  
**\*Door Greeters:** Ken Blom (E)  
Bennett & Deb Bonnema (W)

## **WE CARE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **Prayers & Praises**

- Continuing health concerns & recovery: *Calvin Marcus, Mike Groen, Jeff Antvelink, Alan Dallmann, Debra Newhouse, Ron Zondervan, Emma Bonnema, Arie Tensen, Mack Carlson, Lyla Thielen, Reynold Roelofs, Geneva Grussing, Sharon Blom, and George Parker.*
- *Prayer for our shut-ins, as well as others not mentioned in our church family who struggle with physical, mental, or spiritual needs.*
- *Our Condolence to Merle and Rose Epema in the Death of their grandson Brad Kneisl, who passed away on Tues., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.*
- *Our Condolence to Mavis and Calvin Marcus in death of Mavis's son Terry Halverson from Gully, MN. Terry passed away Wed., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.*

### **Raymond CRC Family Prayer List**

Reynold Roelofs

Kevin Ryks

Mel & Bev Ryks

Friendship Bible Study Christmas Party, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at ROL.  
Please bring a baby gift for Hope Pregnancy.

**Jeff Schmitz family donation:** The Ladies Aid has voted to sponsor a donation support for the Jeff Schmitz family. There will be a pack-n-play to place your unwrapped gifts in. Suggestions: Diapers, Wipes, Clothing, Toys, Money, or Gift Card. Sizes- Boys are 3 months old and Daughter is 2 years old do 2-3 T. Please have your gifts here by Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. If any questions, contact Mavis Zimmer or Cindy Ammermann. Thank you for your help.

**REMINDER** – Sunday School Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be practicing for their Christmas program at 9 am on Sun., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders have been assigned reading lines; we encourage parents to practice with their children. If you have any questions, please reach out to Megan Feikema or Jessica Roelofs.

**Candlelight Service** - The youth of Bunde and Raymond are hosting a candlelight service of scripture and carols on Sun., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm at Raymond CRC. Communion will be served and there will also be a time of fellowship following the service. All are welcome to attend as we join together in worshipping Jesus -the light of the world.

Raymond CRC's **Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sun., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> following the morning worship service.

**Council Voting:** Elders up for Election: Doug Erickson, Joel TeBrake, Randy Bonnema, and Chad Taatjes. To vote for Elder: please elect a minimum of 2 – but may vote for up to 4. Deacons up for Election: Cory Erickson and Doug Asche. To vote for Deacon, please elect 1 – but may vote for up to 2.

**CMCS Christmas Concert Dates** The CMCS Music Department invites you to attend the following Christmas concerts: Elementary K-5<sup>th</sup> Concert Fri., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in High School GYM. 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Band Concert Mon., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Event Center. 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Choir Concert Mon., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Event Center.

Thank you for the opportunity I had to speak in our church about the Gideon ministry. On behalf of the Gideons of Willmar and Gideons International, I want to express my sincere thanks to our congregation for the support of the Gideon work. All funds that were given are evidence of the love a congregation has for making the Word of God available to those who otherwise may not have a copy. Thank you for your generous offering of 2,096.50. This will enable many Bibles and Testaments to be purchased and placed. Thank you also for your prayer support for the Gideon ministry. Stan Wubben

**Community Christmas Caroling:** Please join us on Wed., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm for a night of Caroling. We will meet at Raymond CRC to organize into groups and go out from there. All three Raymond congregations (United Methodist church and St John's Lutheran church) are invited for a night of fun. We will join back at Raymond CRC for refreshments.

## Jr. JAM Christmas Party

Sat., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>  
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 \$3 cash and a \$5 value gender neutral gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. We will be eating pizza and pop at the bowling alley. We plan to return to Raymond CRC by 1:30 pm.

**Jr. JAM and JAM leaders needed:** Do you love students and love Jesus? We need your help! We are looking for leaders to join our JAM leadership team. Please contact an Elder or Deacon if this is something you would be interested in helping with the youth.

## JAM Christmas Party

Wed., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

We will be meeting at Bunde at 6:30pm and traveling to Jake's Pizza for supper. Please bring a \$5 value gender neutral gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. We will be collecting food pantry items for the Blessings Box at Ridgewater College Campus Ministry Center.

Dear Friends at Raymond CRC, we just received word of your recent gift in support of our ministry with students in Lithuania. Thank you. We are grateful for a network of churches and individuals/couples who see that the call to minister to and with students, both Christians and those who are not yet there (the great majority). Last night I was in the dormitory at a floor meeting. The RA is in my Bible class. Three students and I were to "tell your own story." After I spoke about mine, they asked many questions which enabled me to tell God's story of redemption. Thanks for making that possible.

Do you have a passion for the mission, vision, and values of Central Minnesota Christian School?  
Steve & Chris Van Zanen

The CMCS Governance Committee is updating its candidate pool to reflect members who would consider serving on the school board in the next 1-3 years. We would appreciate the opportunity to share insight as to how we partner with school leadership to fulfill the mission of CMCS. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way and reach out if you would like to learn more about how the board functions, the time commitment to serve, and attributes we are looking for in directors. If you know anyone else in your circle who might be a strong candidate to serve the school in this way, please encourage them to come forward as well. For more information, contact Jason Ver Steeg at [jasonvs@cmcschool.org](mailto:jasonvs@cmcschool.org) or Josh Lundeen at [joshl@prinsbank.com](mailto:joshl@prinsbank.com).

**Notice regarding scholarships available to Calvin Seminary students:** Calvin Seminary has two endowed full tuition or nearly full tuition scholarships for Dordt students. If you are interested or know of interested students, please contact Charles Veenstra, Calvin Seminary board member, or a member of the Dordt University Career Development Center.

Do you care deeply about seminary students on the journey to ministry? The Classis Ministry Leadership Team (CMLT) of Classis Lake Superior seeks to identify, encourage and support men and women who feel God's call to ministry. We believe this works best when pastors and lay people communicate with, support, and pray for seminarians. We are in need of a layperson to serve on our committee, which meets a few times a year and makes connections with the students, typically by Zoom. If you are interested and willing to serve on this committee, please get in contact with Robert Hoekstra ([pastor@hopecrc.com](mailto:pastor@hopecrc.com)).