

This Week

- Tues. Men's Bible Study 6 am**
- Wed. Cadets Christmas Party 6 pm**
JAM at Raymond 7 pm
Lunch: Blake G.
- Sat. Jr. JAM Christmas Party 10:30 am**

Next Sunday:

- 8:45 am** – Sunday School
10:00 am – AM Worship Service
5:30 pm – PM Worship Service

12/15 Cookies: Kim Tensen, Elaine Blom, Emma Bonnema, Florence Visser

Offerings: AM – General
PM – General

Ministry Servers: December 15th

AM Accompanist: Cindy Ammermann

PM Accompanist: Cindy Ammermann

AM Power point: Ashley Roelofs

Sound: Doug Zimmer

AM Video: Scott Wubben

Nursery: Jessica Roelofs, Tyler Wubben, Logan Roelofs

Library: Sandy Wubben, Jolene Bonnema

Ushers: Randy Bonnema & Brad Heida

Greeters: Craig & Kelli Blom (E)
Ken Blom (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.

“Harvest Hope Community Service”

Join us TODAY* at 4 pm at Unity CRC

Includes Communion Commemoration

Offering: World Renew – Disaster Relief Services

*This service will replace our evening service.

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

Ministry Servers December 8th

AM Accompanist: Aimee TeBrake

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 CARE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers & Praises

- Continuing health concerns & recovery: *Roz Geels, Lyla Thielen, Reynold Roelofs, Beverly Carlson, Geneva Grussing, Sharon Blom, and George Parker*
- Our Condolences to the Greg Bonnema and Randy Bonnema families in the passing of their Aunt, Darlene.
- *Congratulations to Doug and Kim Erickson on the birth of their 6th grandchild, Lucy Lara Erickson, born on Tues., Dec. 3rd to Dillon & Courtney Erickson. Lucy weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz., and was 21 inches long.*
- 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

Jerry & Caryl Erickson
Clark & Megan Feikema (Vivian, Mallory)
Mackenzie Fragodt

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. Prizes for adults and children. Closest without going over wins! Contest Ends on Sun., Dec. 22nd following the am service.

Mitten Tree: If you picked up a mitten, please make sure you put your name with the mitten number on the list on the Narthex Table. Thank you to those who help support the Mitten Tree. Your mitten gift is due back to church or Wilma Boonstra's by Thurs., Dec. 12th by noon.

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 Chad 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.

Thank you for the donations given toward the Advent banners for the sanctuary. They are beautiful!

The Decorating Committee

The Renville County Christmas Choir will perform their 2019 cantata ***And on Earth, Peace*** 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

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.

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.

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