

This Week

Weds. JAM at Rock of Life CRC for a Combined Worship Night at 7 pm. This event will also be for any Jr. JAM students who wish to attend. If anyone needs a ride, we will be leaving Raymond CRC at 6:40 pm and returning around 9:30 pm.

Next Sunday

8:45 AM Sunday School – Last Day

10:00 am Morning Worship– Pentecost Sunday – Communion

Year-End Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting following Worship

5:30 pm Evening Worship

Cookies for 5/20: Sandy Wubben, Tiena Zondervan, Stephanie Vogel, Marion Epema

**Offerings: AM – General & Benevolence
PM – General**

Ministry Servers: 5/20

AM Accompanist: Cindy Ammermann

PM Accompanist: Kendra Ahrenholz

AM Power Point: Ashley Roelofs

Sound: Tom Marcus

AM Video: Levi Post

Nursery: Anna Post, Ellie Greenwaldt, Seth Groen

Library: Lynn Groen & Elaine Blom

Ushers: Gage TeBrake & Lanne Roelofs

AM Greeters: Elders (E)
Elders (W)

WE WORSHIP AND PRAISE OUR GOD

Welcome to our Worship Service at *Raymond Christian Reformed Church*. **Happy Mother’s Day!**

This morning, we have the privilege of witnessing the baptism of Mallory Ann Feikema. Mallory is the infant daughter of Clark and Megan Feikema.

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made...” Psalm 139:13-14

Anyone desiring spiritual counseling or experiencing a family crisis, contact the Pastor or an Elder at any time. There is a nursery in the West hallway with attendants present for childcare. Please sign in and out your child. If you are needed in the nursery, your child’s number will appear on the power point screen.

“She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.” Proverbs 31:26-28

Offerings: AM – General PM – General

Ministry Servers: 5/13

AM Accompanist: Aimee TeBrake

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AM Power Point: Jolene Bonnema

Sound: Adam Roelofs

AM Video: Scott Wubben

Nursery: Mary Erickson, Andrew Roelofs, Haley Yuen

Library: Lynn Groen & Elaine Blom

Ushers: Gage TeBrake & Lanne Roelofs

AM Greeters: Gene & Edith Tensen (E)
Kim & Wayne Tensen (W)

WE CARE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers & Praises

- Continuing health concerns & recovery: Garvin Marcus, Mike Groen, Ben Bonnema, Pastor Aaron Greydanus, Lynn Zimmer, Calvin Marcus, Sharon Blom, Fred Grussing, Cindy Mithun and George Parker.
- Prayer that we, as a congregation, would grow in our knowledge and wisdom of our God through hearing and reading His word.
- As VBS approaches, pray the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of the helpers, specifically to be bold in sharing the gospel. Also, in the hearts of those who attend may they have a hunger for the Lord.
- Marge Groen will be having knee replacement surgery on Monday. Prayers for the surgeon's and quick healing.
- Prayer of peace, success and fast healing for those who will experience upcoming surgeries.
- 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

Jon & Emily Setrum (Maggie & Lindsey)

Merle & Char Sietsema

Vern Sipma

Choir practice will begin promptly at 11:20 am today.

The Library Board has done some spring cleaning! Books, VHS tapes and DVD's for give-away located in the library. Anything left will be given to the Thrift store after 5/20. As always, we encourage you to check out books still in our system. Lots of great books and DVD's.

The CMCS 9-12 Pops Concert will be held on Tues., May 15th at 7 pm in the HS Gym. The high school band and choir students will perform selections from famous Broadway musicals such as "Hairspray," "The Greatest Showman," "Newsies," "Annie," and more!

Church Membership Transfer: The Consistory of Raymond CRC has released the membership of Andrea (Bonnema) Sarkauskas to Grace Church in Roseville, MN.

Friendship Bible Ministries finished our season year with a Banquet, good food and entertainment. Two of our students went to be with their Lord this year. We were honored to be part of their lives. We want to thank Michele for being a faithful Mentor. She is a blessing to her students. We thank-you for your support throughout the year.

The Friendship Board

Harrison Community Presbyterian Church is celebrating their 150th Anniversary. Their open house and program will be held on Sun., May 20th from 1:30-3 pm. Address: 14110 105th Ave NE, Spicer.

The Raymond Garden Club is having a Plant & Pie Sale on Thurs., May 17th from 3-6 pm at the Raymond Community Center. Come and pick up your annuals, perennials, tomato, pepper and cabbage plants. All are welcome!

Have you thought about how your will addresses your lifestyle as a generous giver? James Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, would be happy to discuss this with you. Jim will be in our area meeting with Christian families May 21-22. He will be happy to provide clear and easy-to-understand will planning information. Call Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888-448-3040 to find out more and to schedule your complimentary conversation with Jim.

CMCS GROUND BREAKING: We are moving forward with the construction of new 4K-8th grade facilities and welcome you to join us for a Groundbreaking Celebration on Fri., May 18th at 2:30 pm in front of the elementary building. Please bring seating, if you desire, for the short outside ceremony, which will be followed by a time of refreshments in the Event Center. *"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." Psalm 118:23*

Sunshine Corner Items will be due May 23rd.

We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all those who have reached out to our family with prayers, provided meals, words of encouragement, cards, and visits. It is quite a blessing to be part of such a supportive community! Jason is doing well and is keeping busy with his home physical therapy to keep his leg strong and muscles toned. This will prepare him for his next phase of recovery!

Ron, Rae Jean, Jason, Megan, and Kelly Bulthuis

Open House Graduations

These individuals will be graduating from CMCS on Fri., May 25th. They have invited you to celebrate with them.

- ❖ Andrew Roelofs – Fri., May 25th following the graduation ceremony at home of Lanne & Lori Roelofs.
- ❖ Ellie Greenwaldt – Sat., May 26th from 9 – 11:30 am at the home of Brad and Tami Greenwaldt.
- ❖ Isaiah TeBrake – Sat., May 25th from 1-4 pm at Truck Transport.

Announcing a great opportunity to support kids in our community and the MACCRAY summer rec programs in Maynard, Clara City and Raymond. Please consider donating to the “Sponsor a Summer Rec Kid” program. Dollars raised will go towards scholarships to make sure every child has the opportunity to participate in summer rec programming. Donations can be mailed to MACCRAY, Box 690, Clara City, MN 56222. Thank you for your support for our children.

Prayer Requests for First CRC

Praise:

- We give thanks for the blessings of young families with young children and new babies born and soon to be born.
- We are thankful for the recent professions of faith of young people within our church family.
- We praise God for answered prayer for the warmer weather and pray for safety as the planting season begins.
- We are excited for “Splash Canyon” VBS to be held in our church, June 4 – 8. Pray for God’s blessings on this as well as our area outreach radio broadcast.

Petition:

- Pastor Jon Bushnell has accepted a call to serve at the Sioux Center URC. Pray for him and his family as they follow the Lord’s will and begin a new phase of their life.
- Pray for our church and Council during this transitional time. Pray also for the man God is preparing to be our next pastor.
- Pray for our youth and the Lord’s leading in their lives, especially those who will soon graduate from high school and college.
- Pray for all those of our church family recovering from accidents, surgeries, those with ongoing health concerns, confined to their home or care facility and those grieving recent loss of loved ones.
- Pray for our missionaries as they bring God’s Word and plant the seed in often difficult and challenging situations.
- Pray that we as a church will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and seek to share the good news of salvation.

The Wide Spectrum of Mothering

To those who gave birth this year to their first child—we celebrate with you

To those who lost a child this year – we mourn with you

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains – we appreciate you

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—we mourn with you

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment – we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms – we need you

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you

To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children – we sit with you

To those who lost their mothers this year – we grieve with you

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother – we acknowledge your experience

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood – we are better for having you in our midst

To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children – we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be

To those who step-parent – we walk with you on these complex paths

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren -yet that dream is not to be, we grieve with you

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – we grieve and rejoice with you

To those who placed children up for adoption — we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising –we anticipate with you

This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you.

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