

This Week:

- Tues. Education Committee Meeting 7 pm**
(Consistory Room)
- Wed. Church Softball Game at Prinsburg City Field**
6 pm game – Raymond CRC vs. Willmar/Roseland
7:15 pm game – Unity CRC vs. First CRC
- Sat. Jr. JAM Lake Day at Marly & Gale T.**
11 am – 3 pm (6th – 8th Grades)
Celebration of Life for Marion Epema
1-4 pm; Come and Go Event

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Next Sunday: August 15th

9:30 am – Morning Worship Service –
Worship Leader – Pastor Art Miller

Offerings: AM – General

8/15 Cookies: Amanda Gerdes, Kim Erickson, Sandy Wubben,
and Elaine Blom

Ministry Servers: August 15th

AM Accompanist: Aimee TeBrake

Power point: Morgan Taatjes

Sound: Clark Feikema

AM Video: Scott Wubben

Nursery: Sondra Yuen, Ari Greydanus, Cayden Wubben

Library: Marge Groen & Mavis Zimmer

***Door Greeters:** Mel & Bev Ryks (E)
Jon & Emily Setrum (W)

WE WORSHIP AND PRAISE OUR GOD

Welcome to our Worship Service at Raymond Christian Reformed Church. We welcome Pastor Jeff Schmitz as our worship leader today. *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 (Bennett B. and Tim S.) at any time.

Offerings: AM – General

Ministry Servers: August 8th

AM Accompanist: Kendra Ahrenholz

Power point: Darci Post

Sound: Micah Groen

AM Video: Natasha Erickson

Nursery: Jessica Roelofs, Haley Yuen, Caleb Greydanus

Library: Marge Groen & Mavis Zimmer

***Door Greeters:** Adam & Jessica Roelofs (E)
Lanne & Lori Roelofs (W)

Jeff Schmitz Biography: Jeff is the husband to Summer and father to two-year-old, Finley. Finley is expecting twin brothers within the next month. Jeff is about to start his 10th year as Chaplain for United Campus Ministry serving Ridgewater College, his 8th year for Joppa young adult ministry, and his 5th year pastoring Blomkest Baptist Church. If he has any spare time in the future, his hobbies will probably include sleep. For more information about the campus or young adult outreaches, connect with Jeff at 320-905-0345 or ridgewatercia@gmail.com.

WE CARE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers & Praises

- Continuing health concerns & recovery: *Deb Kneisl, Emma Bonnema, Brad Kneisl, Austin Roelofs, Karen Nieuwbeerta, Arie Tensen, Lydia Hoogeveen, Lexi Wubben, Craig Zondervan, Mack Carlson, Steve Boonstra, Lyla Thielen, Reynold Roelofs, Geneva Grussing, Sharon Blom, and George Parker.*
- Our condolences to Merle & Char Sietsema and Adam, Stephanie, Blake, Taryn, & Abigail Vogel in the death of their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Russell Sietsema, who passed away on Sun., July 25th.
- *Anthony and Sara Systma ask for Prayer of Thanksgiving following Sara's bout with Malaria in which she was hospitalized. She received excellent medical care in Soroti and asks for prayers for her recovery to full strength and energy.*
 - *Prayers for Sara's youth Bible Study. She has 30 regular attendees with one parent helping to lead kids to Christ. The challenge is to disciple children who only speak and read Ateso.*
- 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

Ben Bonnema
Bennett & Deb Bonnema
Brian Bonnema

Pastor Aaron will be away from the office until Sun., Aug 15th. If you are in need of spiritual counseling or experience a family crisis, please contact an Elder.

Lora will be in the office on Thursdays through the month of August. Please be sure all Bulletin news items are in by Noon.

Celebration of Life Lunch in memory of Marion Epema will be held on Sat., Aug. 14th from 1-4 pm in the Raymond CRC Fellowship Hall. This will be a Come & Go event.

Church softball has begun at the city field in Prinsburg. *If you are interested in playing, contact Terry Ahrenholz.* Concessions will be sold at the game. \$5.00-\$6.00 full meals available. Wear your GRAY t-shirt, grab your glove (or your lawn chair) and plan to join us.
August 11: game 1 at 6:30 pm – Raymond CRC vs. Willmar/Roseland
game 2 at 7:15 pm – Unity CRC vs. First CRC

Raymond CRC Lake Day: Stan and Sandy Wubben invite our senior citizens and/or all who can come to their home on Eagle Lake on Fri., Aug. 20th at 2 pm. (Address: 5383 Hwy 71 NE, Willmar) Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you at the lake!

Congregation Information Change: Lynn & Mavis Zimmer have removed their home phone number. Lynn can be reached at 320.979.0476 and Mavis at 320.979.9800.

Membership Transfer: The Consistory of Raymond CRC has released the membership of Ben Bonnema to Crow River Lutheran Church in Belgrade, MN.

JAM – Jr. JAM Events

Aug. 11th – RSVP for Jr. JAM Lake Day to Garrett

Aug. 14th – Jr. JAM Lake Day at Marly & Gayle Tebben's
11 am to 3 pm for 6th through 8th grades.

Aug. 20th – JAM to Valleyfair (6th -12th grades); Cost is \$30.
Leave CMCS at 9 am and return approximately 9 pm

Raymond Christian Reformed Church is seeking to hire an Administrative Assistant. The position would be 20-25 hours a week; work hours would be approximately 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, Tuesday through Friday. We would like to have someone in this position as soon as possible. Please request a job description/pay rate info if you have an interest in this position. You may contact one of the following Executive Committee members (or any other church council member): Greg Bonnema – 320-212-1376; Mike Groen – 320.905.6044; Terry Ahrenholz – 320.894.8308; Pastor Aaron Greydanus – 616.481.6019.

Hope Pregnancy Center invites you to their Annual Celebration of Life Fundraising Banquet that will be held at the Willmar Conference Center on Mon., Sept. 13th. The keynote speakers, Dr. Tony Levatino and his wife, Ceil, will share their inspiring story of transformation. Doors open at 5:15 pm with Social Hour & Silent Auction starting at 5:30 pm. Dinner, Live Auction & Program will begin at 6:30 pm. No tickets required but an RSVP is necessary! To reserve YOUR place at a table, call 320-235-7619 or register online at findhopepc.com/donors & follow the prompts.

Join Bible League Volunteers for their “Spreading the Fragrance of Life” conference on Sept. 20-21 at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center, IA. Guest Speaker and author, Kelli (Kredit) Botthardt, has a story that will encourage and inspire you. Tickets are available online at bibleleague.org/tickets or call 708-367-8546 during business hours through Tues., Sept. 6th. Need further information, contact Sandy W. at 212.0944.

United Community Action Partnership Head Start – Applications being accepted for FREE Preschool, Early Childhood program and Prenatal Program serving pregnant women and children ages 0 to 5. Home Based and Center Based Options available: school readiness, family engagement, health and wellness, and nutrition. To apply, call 800-992-1710, ext. 600 or online at www.unitedcapmn.org.