

### This Week

- Tues. Men's Bible Study 6 am**
- Wed. Ladies Christmas Party – Noon**  
**GEMS - 6:30 pm**  
Lunch: Loudena  
**JAM at Bunde CRC 7 pm**  
Lunch: Alex & Austin  
**Council Meeting – 7:30 pm**

### Next Sunday

- 8:45 am – Sunday School  
10:00 am Morning Worship  
5:30 pm Evening Worship

**Cookies for 12/9:** Deb Bonnema, Rose Epema, Kathy Marcus and Cindy Ammermann

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

**Ministry Servers: 12/9**

**AM Accompanist:** Aimee TeBrake

**PM Accompanist:** Kendra Ahrenholz

**AM Power Point:** Derrick Beerman

**Sound:** Adam Roelofs

**AM Video:** Scott Wubben

**Nursery:** Micah Groen, Blake Greenwaldt, Morgan Taatjes

**Library:** Elaine Blom & Florence Visser

**Ushers:** Cory Erickson & Randy Bonnema

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

### WE WORSHIP AND PRAISE OUR GOD

Welcome to our Worship Service at *Raymond Christian Reformed Church*.

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

A nursery is available 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.

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**PM – General**

**Ministry Servers: 12/2**

**AM Accompanist:** Cindy Ammermann

**PM Accompanist:** Aimee TeBrake

**AM Power Point:** Darci Post

**Sound:** Josh Bestge

**AM Video:** Alex Roelofs

**Nursery:** Anna Post, Tyler Wubben, Ryan Erickson

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Todd & Darci Post (W)

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

### **Prayers & Praises**

- Continuing health concerns & recovery: *Carolyn Apol, Betty Goeman, Geneva Grussing, Calvin Marcus, Sharon Blom, Fred Grussing, Cindy Mithun and George Parker.*
- Prayers for Elaine Blom as she will be having hip replacement surgery on Mon., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> in Alexandria.
- *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***

Anna Post  
Darren & Amy Post  
Levi & Katrina Post

Singers needed for a ***Christmas Season Choir***. We will be singing 3 parts (sopranos, altos, men). The song can be easily learned within a few brief rehearsals. Rehearsals will begin promptly 10-minutes following the close of the morning worship services **TODAY**.

Raymond CRC is responsible for the GEMS meeting meal on Wed., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please sign-up on the narthex table.

Thank you, Pastor Aaron and our church family for your many prayers while Stan was dealing with pneumonia and heart issues and Sandy's was dealing with heart issues. We are thankful for good reports and answered prayers.  
Stan and Sandy Wubben

An Open House celebration of 20-years of Ministry at Unity CRC is being held in honor of Pastor Steve Zwart and his family **TODAY** at the Unity CRC in Prinsburg from 2-4 pm. Unity CRC feels blessed to have Pastor Steve and his family in our church but also in our community. We look forward to sharing this day with you.

The Raymond Lions Club annual Pancake, French Toast, & Sausage Breakfast will be held on Sat., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> serving from 8 am to noon. Free-will donation. Proceeds for MACCRAY MACPAC & other projects.

The Renville County Christmas Choir will be performing their cantata ***Christmas Presence, A Gathering of Hope, Peace and Love*** at Emden CRC **TODAY** at 2 pm and at St. Aloysius Church in Olivia on Thurs., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The concerts are sponsored by the Olivia Kiwanis Club as a fundraiser for Renville County Food Shelf and Santa's Closet. Come and enjoy the music of Christmas.

Raymond CRC's **Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sun., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> following the morning worship service.

**Council Voting**: Elders up for Election: Bennett Bonnema, Greg Bonnema, Craig Blom, and Scott Wubben. To vote for Elder: please elect a minimum of 2 – but may vote for up to 4. Deacons up for Election: Terry Ahrenholz and Jon Setrum. To vote for Deacon, please elect 1 – but may vote for up to 2.

Please accept my thanks for the cards, gifts, and words of encouragement and appreciation given in October for Pastor Appreciation. I am grateful to God for each of you. We wish to also say thank you to the council for allowing our family the opportunity to travel to Montana for Mom's last days on this earth. Thank you to the congregation for your prayers and expressions of care and concern in the loss of Mom. The flowers given for Mom's service were beautiful and a wonderful gesture of love. We miss her but rejoice that she is with Jesus. We are grateful to God to be surrounded by a loving and caring church family.  
Pastor Aaron, Michelle, and family

**Church Membership Transfer**: The Consistory of Raymond CRC has released the membership of Laura (Bonnema) Burgstahler to CrossPoint Church in Hutchinson, MN.

**Raymond-Bunde GEMS Bake Sale**: You are invited to shop for baked items for your holiday parties and/or donate baked items to the GEMS bake sale to be held at Bunde CRC in the Fellowship Hall on Wed., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm, prior to the congregational meeting. Donations may be delivered to the church kitchen by 5:30 pm or to Raymond CRC kitchen by 4:30 pm on Wed., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Questions, contact Christy Groen 320-212-9643 or Kendra Ahrenholz 320-220-0221.

The Prinsburg GEMS will be hosting a "Taco in the Bag" fundraiser on Thurs., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, serving from 5 - 7 pm in the CMCS Event Center during the Boys Basketball game against KMS. Come out for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Free-will donation.

**Sweet Georgia Pecans:** A Fundraiser for "Youth for Christ" – These delightful pecans are available for purchase on Tues. in Dec. from 7:30 am - 5 pm at the Willmar office (106 Litchfield Ave SW). Cost: \$15/lb. bag and accept cash, check or credit card.

**PEANUT BUTTER – Spread the Love:** The MAC-PAC program provides weekend food for hungry MACCRAY students and is currently sending home 87 meals per week at an approximate cost of \$230/week. Entrees are the most expensive component, so we are running a campaign to collect needed items: microwavable Mac N Cheese in a cup, chicken noodle or chicken & stars soup, beef ravioli, Spaghetti-Os, and peanut butter (standard size works best because of limited backpack room). As we anticipate the Christmas season, what better way to honor the Christ child than to remember the needs of children in our community? Next Sunday concludes the campaign.

**CMCS Music Department** invites you to several evenings of music to help you celebrate the reason for the season. Many grades will join together to share the joy of Christ's birth. Offering will be shared with Hope Pregnancy Center.

Thurs., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm – K-6 Christmas Program in the HS gym.

Mon., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm – 5-12 Band Christmas Concert.

Performing popular carols and other pieces such as "*Little Drummer Boy*," "*Joy to the World*," "*Mannheim Steamroller*" and many more.

Mon., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm – 7-12 Christmas Choir Concert

Willmar Assembly of God presents their 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Night of Music, "Four Tickets to Christmas". Performances are Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm & 7 pm and Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Request tickets online at [www.willmarag.org/events](http://www.willmarag.org/events). Offering will be for Family Promise of Kandiyohi County.

Paul Knapper, instructor, is offering an 8-hour Defensive Senior Driving Class on Sa., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the RCW School in Renville. Completion of this class allows for a 10% deduction on vehicle insurance for 3 years. To register, contact the instructor at 320-522-2575. Fifteen students will constitute a class. A 4-hour refresher class is offered at 9 am on the same day.