

This Week

Tues. Men's Bible Study 6 am

Wed. Ladies Aid Christmas Party 12 pm
GEMS 6:30 pm
Lunch: Ellie Bestge
JAM Christmas Party 7pm
Council 7:30 pm

Next Sunday

8:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Morning Worship
5:30 PM Evening Worship

Offerings: AM – General PM - Missions

Ministry Servers: 12/10
AM Accompanist: Cindy Ammermann
PM Accompanist: Cindy Ammermann
AM Power Point: Meg Feikema
Sound: Clark Feikema
AM Video: Levi Post
Nursery: Karisa Wubben, Andrew Roelofs, Seth Groen
Library: Marge Groen & Florence Visser
Ushers: Cory Erickson & Ken Blom
AM Greeters: Matt & April Beerman (E)
Josh & Jamie Bestge (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, please 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.

The council voted unanimously to extend a call to Pastor Aaron and Michelle Greydanus. There will be a congregational vote on **TODAY** immediately following the morning worship service.

Offerings: AM – General PM - Missions

Ministry Servers: 12/3
AM Accompanist: Aimee TeBrake
PM Accompanist: Kendra Ahrenholz
AM Power Point: Ashley Roelofs
Sound: Micah Groen
AM Video: Scott Wubben
Nursery: Anna Post, Blake Greenwaldt, Matthew Bestge
Library: Marge Groen & Florence Visser
Ushers: Cory Erickson & Ken Blom
AM Greeters: Stan & Sandy Wubben (E)
Merlyn & Helen Beekman (W)

WE CARE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers & Praises

- Continuing health concerns & recovery: *Sondra Yuen, Tim Stutelberg, Sharon Blom, Fred Grussing, Cindy Mithun, Camie Fernholz, George Parker, Randy Slagter, and Jeff Brown.*
- Our condolences to Jeryl Van Der Pol in the death of his brother, Aldon, on Tues., Nov. 14th.
- 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

Terry & Kendra Ahrenholz
Rollie & Cindy Ammermann
Joe & Carolyn Apol

Thank you to those who help support the Mitten Tree. Your mitten gift is due back to church by Sun., Dec. 10th.

Raymond CRC's **Congregational Meeting** will be held on **December 17th** following the morning worship service.

Council Voting: Elders up for Election: Bennett Bonnema, Tim Minter, Todd Post and Clyde Slagter. To Vote Elders: please **elect a minimum of 2 - but you may vote for up to 4.** Deacons up for Election: Matt Beerman, Clark Feikema, Brad Greenwaldt and Adam Olson. To Vote for Deacons, please **elect a minimum of 2 - but may vote for up to 4.**

Ladies Aid will have price reduced un-scriptured Christmas cards available on the table by the library.

Check out our Facebook page:
[facebook.com/RaymondChristianReformedChurch](https://www.facebook.com/RaymondChristianReformedChurch)

The Raymond Lions Club invites you to a Pancake-French Toast & Sausage Breakfast on Sat., Dec. 9th from 8 am to 12 pm at the Raymond Community Center. Profits will go to the MacPac Program.

The Soup & Pie Supper and Bake Sale was a success as we raised \$2538! Thank you to those who made pies, brought items for the bake sale, and everyone who helped out to make the night a success. Thank you for your overwhelming support of the GEMS Ministry.

Raymond Gems Club

Thank you very much for your faithful support. It is only because of you that we can be here doing the ministries that God has called us to. It is ministry you are doing together along with us. We are so grateful. We also appreciate your prayers. Right now, we would ask that you pray for us as we move from Kenya to Uganda. We will continue to do the same work we've been doing. Anthony will be teaching pastors and Sara will be working with farmers. We will also be continuing to travel to Kenya periodically to give trainings in Kenya. Pray for us that the move goes smoothly, that we would get our work permits in Uganda, and that we would have meaningful goodbyes with our friends in Kenya. Let us know how we can be praying for Raymond CRC as it is also our privilege to pray for you as well.

In Christ, Anthony and Sara Sytsma

The ladies Aid is very grateful for your support from their pie sale. We are thrilled all pies and apples sold. We will be disbursing our funds in the near future. Thank You to everyone! Ladies Aid

MAC-PAC PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE – Your Peanut Butter jar donation is due TODAY and can be placed in the kitchen on the counter by the fridge. Thank you!

The Clara City Lions Parks Project committee invites you to come out and support “Tip Night” at Pizza Ranch in Willmar on **Wed., Dec. 13th from 5 – 7:30 p.m.** We appreciate your support. The two parks will be worked on in 2018.

The Renville County Choir Christmas Concert will be held on Sun., Dec. 10th at 2 pm at Emden CRC in Renville. They will be performing the cantata "*And It Came To Pass...Emmanuel*". Enjoy the Christmas music and stay for fellowship and coffee following the concert. A free-will offering will be collected for the Renville County Food Shelf and Santa's Closet.

Prayer Request from Hancock CRC

- ❖ We praise God for continuing to bless our church family with strong love and unity. Our ministries continue to thrive, especially our children's ministries and adult Bible studies.
- ❖ We pray that God would open more doors to community outreach and ongoing strength for Pastor Newhouse and the council.
- ❖ Pray for our older members feeling the burden of aging, as well as, our young adults who struggle in faith as they face cultural pressures.
- ❖ Pray for those raising young children.
- ❖ We praise God for a vibrant church and fellowship, as well as, blessing Pastor Newhouse with nearly thirteen years of ministry in our midst.

If you have unanswered questions about your Estate Plan, you are not alone. Jim Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will be meeting with Christian families in our area during December 5-December 6. Jim will be happy to provide clear and easy-to-understand Estate Planning information regardless of the size of your Estate, your age or stage in life. There is no financial obligation for this confidential meeting. If you would like to meet with Jim, please contact Deb Harder at Barnabas Foundation at 888-448-3040.