

WE CARE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers & Praises

- Continuing health concerns & recovery: Lyla Thielen, Tiena Zondervan, Reynold Roelofs, Beverly Carlson, Geneva Grussing, Calvin Marcus, Sharon Blom, Fred Grussing, and George Parker.
- Our Condolences to Selma Hubers in the death of her daughter, Louann Freitag, who passed away on Mon., Feb. 25th in Fargo, ND.
- *Congratulations to Clyde and Tammy Slagter on the birth of their grandson, Milo Jay Gish, who was born on Mon., Feb. 25th.*
- 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

Josh & Jamie Bestge (Matthew, Ellie, Annalynn, Claire, Lucas)
Alma Blom
Craig & Kelli Blom

Church Directory Pictures: Erica Bonnema or Lora Taatjes will be available on Sundays following the morning worship service to take your families pictures for our church directory. These pictures will be uploaded to “The Bridge App” and/or be used for a paper copy of the directory, available upon request.



TONIGHT at 6 pm: Come join with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ for a time of worship and prayer as we recognize the CRCNA Annual Day of Prayer. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service. *“May the words of my [our] mouth[s] and the meditation of my [our] heart[s] be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer”*. Psalm 19:14.

Family Visitation will be taking place March 12th, March 14th, and March 19th. Please check your mailboxes or the church website for the schedule and the questions.

Last week, new Committee & Contact lists were placed in mailboxes. The council of Raymond CRC would like to Thank all those who have served, agreed to serve and continue to serve Raymond CRC through our respective committee(s).

Driver Needed: George Parker is looking for individuals who are willing to help transport him to St. Cloud once per month for a medical appointment. If you are interested in helping, please sign-up on the Narthex Table.

The Worship Committee seeks two (2) people to join our committee. Do you have a calling to help maintain and promote creative, Biblical and God-honoring worship in our church and within our members? If so, see Tim Minter or Pastor Aaron for more information.

A sincere thank you to those who helped pack meals during the Food for Kidz packing event held on Wednesday at Raymond CRC. Approximately 150 people packed a total of 29,952 meals.

We wish to thank everyone for their loving support though my surgery. Your cards, prayers, and words of encouragement communicated God's love in many ways. We are thankful to God for all of you!
Pastor Aaron and family

Thank you for all the cards and visits following the death of my daughter, Louann Freitag, who was the daughter to John and Selma Zondervan. Louann is survived by her husband, David, her daughter, Angel (Troy) Koltjes of Breckenridge, four grandchildren and four brothers.
Selma Hubers

A Word of Thanks for all that was done for Cindy Mithun. Thanks for each and everything for the past 2 ½ years. All the prayers, cards, food, love and hugs. Each were very much appreciated. God Bless and thanks again.
Ken & Sharon Blom & Families

Thank you for all the prayers and concerns when I had my pace maker surgery. Also, thanks to Pastor Aaron, Michelle and the rest of the elders who came and prayed for me. It is so good to be part of a caring and loving church.
Merle Sietsema

The Library Board will be meeting on Sat., Mar. 23rd at 10:00 am.

JAM Soup & Homemade Pie Supper will be held on Wed., Mar. 20th from 5-7:30 pm at Bunde CRC. If you'd like to donate a homemade pie, please contact Heidi Meyer at 905-0787. Thank you for your support.

The MACCRAY MACPAC Program seeks interested individuals to help pack meals. Raymond CRC is scheduled to help pack meals on **Tues., April 16th at 5 pm**. Please sign up on the Narthex Table. They are currently packing for 100 kids. Adults and children welcome to pack!

Community Christian School (CCS) Middle and High School Theater Class presents: *"The Sound of Music"* at the Barn Theatre. They will perform on Fri., Mar. 15th at 6:30 pm and on Sat., Mar. 16th at 1:30 and 6:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at Eventbrite.com or in the CCS office (235-0592).

Men's Lenten Breakfasts will be Wednesdays, March 13th through April 17th, starting at 6:30 – 7:05 am at Bethany Reformed Church. Men and sons are invited to join us for pancakes, sausage and a brief message from area speakers. This year's theme is "Glory of the Cross".

The Digital Culture of Kids Parent Presentation to be held on Mon. Mar. 18th at 7 pm in the CMCS Event Center. Technology is a great thing, if used responsibly. But, digital issues like pornography, predators, sexting, social media, screen time, cyberbullying, anxiety, depression concern many families. Although many kids use technology well, Chris McKenna and the Protect Young Eyes team want to make sure families are prepared. They will unpack nine practical, actionable strategies families can implement as soon as they get home. These strategies are presented through a strong, Biblical lens. Regardless of your technology aptitude, you will feel equipped and encouraged when you leave.

Our missionaries, Anthony & Sara Sytsma, will be in the US this summer from mid-June through mid-October and will need a vehicle to use. If you can help or know of someone who can help, contact them at ssytsma@world-renew.net.

On April 4-6, 2019, Dordt College and the Andreas Center will host a conference titled "The Prodigal Love of God: Reencountering Dordt at 400 and Beyond." We would love to offer a discounted group rate of only \$30 per attendee for churches who will be bringing 8 or more people. Just go to our registration page <https://prodigalloveofgodregistration.eventbrite.com> and enter in the Promotional Code: ChurchGroup. For more information on this event, visit our website at www.theandreascenter.org.

Save the date – Dinner and a Show! The MACCRAY 2180 Foundation 11th Anniversary Fundraiser Supper and Silent Auction will be held Sat., Mar. 16th serving from 5:00 – 6:30 pm at the MACCRAY HS Cafeteria. Enjoy a tax deductible, free-will offering meal of a Pulled Pork Sandwiches with sides (coleslaw, chips and pickles) and dessert as well as Student and Community entertainment. Stay for the MACCRAY Theater Department's presentation of *"Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook"* at 7:30 (tickets are available at the door or HS office). To-date, the MACCRAY 2180 Foundation has provided \$130,000 to support the educational needs of the MACCRAY School District, thanks to the generous support of the community. Let's keep the momentum going!

Safe Church Training: Rock of Life CRC is inviting all who is involved in church council, leadership in Youth Programs (Youth Group, Children's Ministries, Sunday School, Nursery) and leadership in ministries for vulnerable adults to a half day Safe Church Training Seminar on Sat., Mar. 23rd from 8:30 am-12:00 pm. Speaker Kasey Baker from Safe Avenues will be giving the presentation "Hidden in Plain Sight: *The Realities of Domestic & Sexual Violence and the Impact on Children.*" The purpose of the seminar is to show us practical ways that we as a church can identify the signs and advocate for those who are victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Doors open at 8:00 am for coffee and donuts. If you are able to attend, RSVP by calling Renae at 235-3060 or email willmarcrc@gmail.com.

Host Families Needed! The CMCS Concert Band will be hosting and participating in a concert by the Rehoboth Christian Band from Rehoboth, NM on Tues., Mar. 26th at 6 pm in the high school gym. There are 66 students and chaperones who need a place to stay for the night before continuing their tour at 7:45 am the next day. If you have a spare room and are willing to host for the night of Tues., Mar. 26th, please email Devin Veenstra at devinv@cmcschool.org.

The CMCS Drama Department invites you to take a trip back to 1965 and relive the old TV series "Get Smart." Witness Maxwell Smart, Agent 99, and the Chief as they take on the evil villain Mr. Big and his KOAS agents to keep them from taking over the world with the "Inthermo!" Performances are Thurs., Mar. 28th at 7 pm; Fri., Mar. 29th at 7 pm and for a Dinner Theater on Sat., Mar. 30th at 6 pm. Tickets available by contacting the HS office starting Thurs., Mar. 7th at 978-8700.

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"Helping Hands" Project (April 2019 Mississippi): A "Helping Hands" trip is being organized to the deep south over spring break. Junior and Senior HS students are invited to come along to lend a helping hand at the Cary Christian Center in Cary, MS. Will you join us? The Lord has blessed us GREATLY on previous trips!!! Please pray about it...and if the Lord is prompting you to join us, please sign up in the school office.

If you have questions, please contact Duane Bonnema at 320-212-9660 (cell) or 320-967-4472 (home); or Andy Ypma at 320-510-0142 (cell) or 320-978-6206 (home). The cost will be \$175 per student. If this cost places a burden on you, contact Duane or Andy.

Our group will be leaving Fri., Apr. 12th at 6 am and returning Sat., Apr. 20th. We need a couple more adult leaders, especially with skills in carpentry, shingling and home repair. If you know someone who is interested, contact Andy or Duane. We are also looking to borrow a van or suburban type vehicle. If you have one available, please let us know.

If you are unable to join us on this trip, but are willing to help, you can be a part of this ministry effort by praying for us. We need your prayers and we need God's guidance as we prepare to lend a helping hand to those in need.

...This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. – I John 3:16-18