

This Week

Tues. Men's Bible Study 6 am
Weds. Ladies Aid 2 pm
Serve: Marion; Prayer: Norma
JAM at Bunde CRC 7 pm
Lunch: Gage T.

Next Sunday

8:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Morning Worship- Gideon Sunday
6:00 PM Evening Worship at First CRC for Combined
Community Prayer Service

Cookies for 5/6: Kendra Ahrenholz, Norma Blom, Marge Groen,
Kayla Fragodt.

**Offerings: AM - General & Gideon's
PM - Children of the Promise**

Ministry Servers: 5/6
AM Accompanist: Cindy Ammermann
AM Power Point: Lexi Wubben
Sound: Josh Bestge
AM Video: Alex Roelofs
Nursery: Sondra Yuen, Chloe Bendickson, Matthew Bestge
Library: Lynn Groen & Elaine Blom
Ushers: Gage TeBrake & Lanne Roelofs
AM Greeters: Ardell & Jodi Tensen (E)
Arie & Kathy Tensen (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.

Movie Opportunity

Join us **Tonight** at 5:30 pm as we gather to view the movie,
"Mully".
Thank you to Bethany Christian Services for this viewing.

Offerings: AM - General PM - General

Ministry Servers: 4/29
AM Accompanist: Kendra Ahrenholz
AM Power Point: Ellie Greenwaldt
Sound: Micah Groen
AM Video: Tyler Wubben
Nursery: Amanda Gerdes, Blake Greenwaldt, Natasha Erickson
Library: Mavis Zimmer & Jolene Bonnema
Ushers: Rollie Ammermann & Andrew Roelofs
AM Greeters: John & Pat Taatjes (E)
Joel & Aimee TeBrake (W)

WE CARE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers & Praises

- Continuing health concerns & recovery: *Pastor Aaron Greydanus, Lynn Zimmer, Calvin Marcus, Sharon Blom, Fred Grussing, Cindy Mithun and George Parker.*
- Prayers to protect and strengthen marriages of our congregation.
- Prayers for those who are struggling to seek the Lord.
- 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

Todd & Darci Post (Levi)

Adam & Jessica Roelofs (Aubree, Hattie)

Lanne & Lori Roelofs (Ashley, Andrew, Alex, Austin, Logan,
Loudena)

Join us **Tonight** as we view the movie, “Mully” during our evening worship service at 5:30 pm. This movie tells the true story of a 6-year old boy who is orphaned and raises himself on the streets of Kenya. He searches for meaning for his life, and as he becomes an adult, sets out to enrich the lives of the orphans in Kenya. Come see this amazing story of how God used him and will use you too. Childcare will be available. (Viewer discretion advised for young children due to mild violence and themes that may cause young children to ask questions.)

ATTENTION ALL CHURCH KEY HOLDERS: The church has recently been re-keyed. If you are an accompanist, sound technician, on the building or decorating committees or leader of a program, please see Lora for a new key. All old keys need to be returned to the office.

Choir Singers needed for Pentecost Sunday (May 20th) Choir:
Practices will be May 6th and May 13th starting promptly at 11:20am.

Community Prayer Service – In light of the National Day of Prayer, we will gather as area churches for a combined Prayer Service on Sun., May 6th at First CRC at **6 pm**, asking for God’s blessing upon the world, our nations, crops and industry, and the church worldwide. Pastor Aaron will be bringing the message. The offering will be for Children of the Promise and a time fellowship will follow the service.

Thank you for all your support financially and through prayers when I went on my Missions trip to New York. I had an absolutely life-changing experience. It definitely wouldn’t be possible without your guys’ support. I cannot possibly thank you enough. If you ever want to hear about my full experience, please come talk to me. I would love to tell you. Thanks again! God is Good! Ellie Greenwaldt

Thank you, Raymond Congregation, for your prayers during our pregnancy with Zoey. We could feel the prayers and God’s presence. Thank you for the wonderful baby shower, so many great gifts, and all the ladies that helped. We feel truly blessed!

Bryce, Lisa and Zoey Veldkamp

National Day of Prayer – The 5th Annual Community Wide National Day of Prayer will be held on Thurs., May 3rd at 12:30 and 7:00 pm at Raymond United Methodist Church. The theme will be “Unity”.

“Making every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:3

You are invited to the American Legion & Auxiliary Fundraising Concert **TODAY** at 2 pm at Bethany Reformed Church in Clara City. This concert featuring the "Chord-Ayres" and additional music by our area young people. Special recognition will be paid to our Veterans. Come for an afternoon of music & entertainment. Refreshments will be served and a free will donation will be taken up at intermission.

Church Membership Transfer: The Consistory of Raymond CRC has released the membership of Keena (Slagter) Covert to Unity CRC in Prinsburg, MN.

SAVE THE DATE: The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be here on Mon., May 7th from 1-7 pm. A sign-up sheet is on the Narthex table for food donations. Appointments can be made with Wilmar Boonstra.

A Midwest Hearing Loops presentation will be held at First CRC this Tues., May 1st at 7 pm. If you are interested in learning about the Loop T Coil system designed for churches to aid those with hearing aids or hard-of-hearing, you are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

The Library Board has done some spring cleaning! There are books, VHS tapes and DVD's for give-away located in the library. They will be available for the next 3 Sundays. Anything left will be given to the Thrift store. As always, we encourage you to check out books still in our system. Lots of great books and DVD's.

United Lutheran Church in Lake Lillian invites you to their Annual Pork Chop Dinner on Fri., May 4th from 4:30-7 pm. Menu: Famous Don's grilled Pork Chops, baked potato, cole slaw, vegetable, bread/butter, beverage and homemade desserts. One Chop dinner = \$10 & Two Chop dinner = \$13.00

Come join us for Prinsburg's annual Spring Garage Sales and enjoy a FREE Community Blessings Breakfast on Sat., May 5th! The breakfast will be held from 7 - 10:30 am at Unity CRC and includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, milk, juice and coffee! To-Go orders will be available! Bring your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers!

Celebration of the Ministry of Pastor Marvin Hofman: Rev. Marvin Hofman, Raymond CRC's pastor from 1981 to 1990, will be retiring in June 2018. His current congregation, 14th Street CRC in Holland, MI, is planning a weekend full of celebration. A memory book filled with messages, memories and pictures is also being worked on. If you would like to contribute to the memory book, please turn in your items to Lora by Mon., April 30th.

The CMCS 9-12 Pops Concert will be held on Tues., May 15th at 7 pm in the High School 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! You won't want to miss this!

This 2018 VBS theme is "Shipwrecked" and will be held on June 11-15th from 5:00 to 8:30 pm. We, as a committee, have been working hard for a couple of months getting the details in order. In the next coming weeks, sign-up sheets and registration forms will go out...so keep an eye out for those. Be in prayer for: leaders, families of children being sent to VBS, monetary donations as this year VBS will be FREE, like the other area VBS are) and community involvement. Thank you, Your VBS committee: Jess Roelofs, Karisa Wubben, Mary Erickson, Becky Zimmer, Jessie Freese, Jamie Bestge and Heidi Meyer