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## Parent Newsletter

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### **Welcome to GEMS!**

Thank you for sharing your girl with our GEMS Club! We are excited to get to know her better, and we have good things planned for the year ahead! This is a place that your daughter will come to love to be with other girls and have lots of fun! GEMS is a ministry all about building relationships with girls and spreading God's love to them so they, too, can share God's love to others they know.

Each month your daughter will bring home a copy of the Parent Newsletter. Be sure to read it all as there will be important information about upcoming meetings and events as well as the snack schedule!

You can also find important reminders on the Raymond-Bunde GEMS Club Facebook page. This is a page only for the GEMS parents and counselors. It is a closed group page where every member has to be approved. You will find pictures, upcoming event reminders, and many more important bits of information that you will want to know about. There will also be a copy of the newsletter posted on this page!

### **GEMS Meeting Nights:**

We will be serving supper at all GEMS nights starting at 6:00pm, unless otherwise specified. All girls are welcome to come and have a meal before the GEMS night starts at 6:30pm. You may pick up your daughter at 8:15pm when the night ends. We ask that whoever is picking up your daughter, come inside the church to pick them up. This is just a way to ensure safety for your girls.

### **Be a Blessing!**

Each year GEMS has a theme study. This year our Theme is "Be a Blessing" based on 2 Corinthians 9:8, *"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."* Tonight we had a special "Theme Night" where the girls learned what it means to be a blessing and how to be a blessing to others. Throughout the year, through worship, crafts, blessing projects, bible lessons, and other fun activities, the girls will discover what it means to receive God's blessings and eagerly share them with others so they can know Him, too.

October 2018

## **Soup & Pie Supper and Bake Sale**

**Wednesday, November 7 {5pm-7pm}**

Our annual Soup & Pie Supper and Bake Sale is just around the corner-November 7! This is the only fundraiser we do and who doesn't like a hot bowl of soup and a piece of delicious pie on a cold November night? Each girl is assigned to work a shift and bring a pie. Girls are also encouraged to bring baked goods for the bake sale. Please make sure your daughter wears her GEMS shirt and is on time to work her assigned shift. You will receive an assignment sheet at the next GEMS meeting. Invite all your family, friends, and neighbors to come and enjoy some soup and pie!

## **Blessing for the GEMS Grown-ups!**

Would you like to know a blessing that is just for YOU? The GEMS Girls' Clubs magazines! Within each issue of *Sparkle* Magazine (grades 1-3) and **SHINE brightly** Magazine (grades 4-6) is a GEMS Grown-Ups pull out section! This new insert was created with you in mind. We know speaking into your girl's life is something you care about, and sometimes might feel lost about. Culture is constantly changing, and we desire to help you speak the unchanging truth of God and His Word into your girl's heart. We pray the tools bless you and help build bonds for a lifetime with your girl. For more information visit [gemsgc.org/sparkle-magazine/](http://gemsgc.org/sparkle-magazine/) or [gemsgc.org/shinebrightly/](http://gemsgc.org/shinebrightly/). GEMS Girls' Clubs is the go-to ministry for girls' spiritual growth! If you would like to learn more about this life-changing, global ministry, visit [gemsgc.org](http://gemsgc.org). We will be sending you regular updates for what's happening here in club, too.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your daughter more this season!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Club Coordinators at any time!

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## **Snack Schedule**

*Please bring 2 dozen cookies or a pan of bars. Vegetables, fruit, or something different is welcome too. Please bring enough for 20 people. Beverage provided.*

October 13	Aubree Roelofs, Brenna Wordes, Tseganesh & Landry Schwitters
November 7	Soup & Pie Supper
December 5	Loudena Roelofs, Emily & Layla Owen-Dobmeier, Morgan Taatjes

## **Calendar of Events**

October 13	Meeting {6:30-8:15pm}
November 7	Soup & Pie Supper {5-7pm}
December 5	Meeting {6:30-8:15pm}

## **Counselors**

*Please feel free to contact your daughter's counselor or the club coordinators at any time if you have any questions or concerns.*

2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Mary Erickson & Rebecca Slagter
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Kim Erickson
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Tanya Ulferts
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Verla Folkerts
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Edith Tensen
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Anna Post & Michelle Minter
Craft Counselor	Kayla Fragodt
Club Coordinators	Kendra Ahrenholz & Christy Groen