

Raymond Christian Reformed Church
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Sunday Services:

10:00 am (September through May)

9:30 am (June through August)

Services available via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJa2-MhthcVjt9ULuI275OA>

Sunday School:

9:00 am (September through May)

Committee Meetings: (September through May)

Cadets: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month

GEMS: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month

Ladies Bible Study: 1st Wednesday of each month

Women's Bible Study: Every Monday Night at 7 pm

Men's Bible Study: Every Tuesday Night at 7 pm

Combined Youth Group: Jr. JAM: 2x a month on Sunday

JAM: Every Wednesday

COUNCIL

ELDERS

Merle Sietsema (320-212-6424)

Todd Post (320-212-1119)

Tim Minter (320-967-4102)

Randy Bonnema (320-979-0850)

Scott Wubben (320-894-0938)

Jerry Groen (320-905-4520)

DEACONS

Adam Olson (320-262-1102)

Doug Asche (320-220-0450)

Micah Groen (320-905-0462)

Nick Fragodt (320-212-1452)

Josh Bestge (320-894-5156)

Pastoral Intern

Tony Krossman (320-212-3862)

"Be strong and courageous."

MORNING ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 17th, 2026 – 10:00 am

Pastoral Intern Tony Krossman

Prelude

Welcome

Class of 2026

*Call to Worship

* *In Christ Alone* – LUYH 770

Reading of the Law

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

* *Before the Throne of God Above* – LUYH 682

Scripture: **Acts:1-11**

Sermon: **Christ ascension is for our benefit.**

* *Yet Not I but Through Christ In Me*

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund

*Benediction/Blessing

* *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* – LUYH 224 vs. 1 & 4

Postlude

**Stand if able*

This Week:

Mon. **Women's Bible Study 7 pm**

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Next Sunday: May 24th

10:00 am – Morning Worship

Offerings: General Fund

5/24 Cookies: Karin Asche, Aimee TeBrake, Judy Heida, & Helen Beekman

Ministry Servers: May 24th

AM Accompanist: Aimee TeBrake

Power point: Loudena Roelofs

Sound: Clark Feikema

Video: Carson Beerman & Wyatt Krossman (Train)

Nursery: Amanda Olson & Blake Vogel

Library: Cheryl Bonnema

Ushers: Clark Feikema & Caleb Asche

***Door Greeters:** Wayne & Kayla Fragodt (E)

Darrin & Amanda Gerdes (W)

Join us in praying God's blessings over the CMCS Seniors, as we congratulate them on their incredible achievements as they graduate from Central! Commencement will be held in the Central Event Center on Fri., May 22nd at 5 pm.



The Haiti Literacy team is thankful for the support of so many from this community. We are currently preparing for Antonio Jean Louis to visit Haiti to encourage our teachers and staff who are helping Haitian adults gain basic literacy skills, in order to qualify for a small business loan through the Microfinance Program. This opportunity prepares them to start a business of their own to provide for their families' basic needs. We'd like to send funds with Antonio to pay our staff their monthly wages, so that we can avoid paying the bank fee in the US and the transfer fee in Haiti when we send it electronically. Would you be willing to make a donation so that we have funds available to send with Antonio? We need donations by Wed., May 20th. The amount we are praying for is \$2,000. Any amount will help us reach this goal. Thanks for prayerfully considering how you can help. You can send a check to: Haiti Life Projects, PO Box 83, Willmar, MN 56201, or use this QR code to donate online.

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WE WORSHIP AND PRAISE OUR GOD

Welcome to our Worship Service at Raymond Christian Reformed Church. *Please be mindful to those who are preparing their hearts for worship as you enter the sanctuary.*

Anyone desiring spiritual counseling or experiencing a family crisis, contact a visiting Elder (Tim M. and Jerry G.) at any time.

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Power point: Morgan Taatjes

Sound: Micah Groen

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Nursery: Meg Feikema & Mckenna Gerdes

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Nick & Andrea Fragodt (W)

WE CARE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY

(Reminder updating the list once a month)

Prayers & Praises

- Please be in prayer for:
 - *We give thanks to God that Claire Bestge is now home. Prayers for the new medication that it will bring relief.*
 - *Marge Groen and family as she mourns the loss of her niece, Dawn (Ledebor) Sheward, who passed away May 10th.*
 - *Carolyn Apol as she recovers from surgery.*
 - *Shelly Krossman's brother, Troy Holtkamp has esophageal cancer.*
 - *Mel Ryks has been moved to the Care Center in Clara City to room 136.*
 - *Greg & Randy Bonnema's mom, Jean Johnson, broken ankle.*
 - *David & Amy Baker's daughter, Kara Baker will be having surgery on May 28th.*
 - *Luanne Groen's Mom, Krys Antvelink prays for her during recovery.*
- *Pray 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

Darrin & Amanda Gerdes (Brayden, Mckenna, Gavin)

Bill Goeman

Caleb Groen

Join us to celebrate the end of our educational season with a potluck **TODAY** following the morning worship service.

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and visits. We really appreciate it. Nice to have a large church family who really cares.

Merle & Char Sietsema

Church Family, thank you so much for your overwhelming love, support, and prayers following the passing of my dad. I am deeply grateful for the cards, letters, phone calls, text messages, food, and visits. Your kindness has been a great comfort to me and my family during this time. With gratitude, Tony Krossman and family.

Graduation Open House - You are invited to join our families in celebrating the graduations of **Carson Beerman, Logan Roelofs** and **Cayden Wubben** from CMCS on Fri., May 22nd. The celebration will be held after the 5 pm graduation ceremony at the Lone Star Farm (Scott & Lexi Wubben residence). Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and food as we celebrate this exciting milestone and give thanks for God's faithfulness in their lives. All are welcome!

All are welcome to an Open House celebration honoring Chelsea Lopez as she graduates from MACCRAY on Fri., May 29th. The open house is Sat. June 13th from 1-4 pm at the Clara City Community Center.

Address Change: Larry & Norma Blom's new address: 1205 Willmar Avenue SE Apt. 232 Willmar MN, 56201.

Thank you GEMS Prayer Partners! As the GEMS season has wrapped up for the year, we want to THANK YOU for your commitment to praying for the GEMS girls throughout this GEMS season. We truly appreciate your kindness, prayers, love, and care shown to the girls this year. As we eagerly anticipate a new season, we invite you to prayerfully consider signing up again this fall to be a Prayer Partner for an individual GEMS girl. Your support, prayers, and encouragement make a meaningful difference in the lives of our girls.

Serve with us!

Love People? Join the Hospitality Team!

Do you have a heart for making people feel seen and valued? Jesus welcomed the stranger, the lost, and the broken. We believe that a warm welcome can change someone's entire day. We are looking for team members who love reaching out to others and finding creative ways to say, "We're glad you're here!" Whether it's greeting people at the front doors or dreaming up new ways to connect with our local community, we'd love to have your energy on the team. Connect with Scott Wubben to hear, we're glad to have you!

🎓 Class of 2026 Graduates



Carson Beerman is the son of Matt and April Beerman. Carson graduates from CMCS on May 22nd. He will be attending Ridgewater College this fall for Boilers License and then a Plumbing Program.

Ellie Bestge is the daughter of Josh and Jamie Bestge.

Ellie graduates from KMS on May 31st. She will be attending Ridgewater College this fall to finish up Generals for the Nursing Program.



Chelsea Lopez is the daughter of Oscar and Andrea Lopez. Chelsea graduates from MACCRAY on May 29th. She will be attending Alexandria Technical College for Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway.



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Logan Roelofs is the son of Lanne and Lori Roelofs. Logan graduates from CMCS on May 22nd. He will be attending SDSU (South Dakota State University) this fall for Business.

Cayden Wubben is the son of Scott and Lexi Wubben. Cayden graduates from CMCS on May 22nd. He will be attending Alexandria Technical College this fall for Law Enforcement.

