

Important Dates

December 12 – Girls Gathering for Christ

December 13 – New Era Coffeebreak – New Era Reformed Church

December 14 – Council Meeting

December 19 – Manna Monday, Cadets, GEMS, Men's & Women's Bible Study

Hearing Loop System

A hearing loop system is installed throughout the sanctuary. To use, switch your hearing device to the "T" position.

You Tube Link

If you are at home and would like to join us in worship via live stream click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJnzi7vpo5Hr9u3dxOULcA> after 9:20AM and you should be able to watch the service live. You should also be able to watch the service at a later time by clicking on the same link.

Offering Report –

Next Week's Offering – General Fund

2022 Council Members of New Era CRC:

President - Mark Weesies **Vice President** – Dave Zoller **Clerk** – Wes Weesies **Treasurer** – Dexter Weesies

Chairman of the Deacons – Tom TenBrink

Growing in Relationship with God: Bob Eekhoff and Dave Zoller

Growing in Relationship with Each Other: Mark Weesies, Dexter Weesies, Jim Bush

Growing in Relationship with Community: Tom TenBrink and Todd Goodrich

Pastor Information – Pastor John Medendorp - Email – pastor.necrc@gmail.com, Cell – 231-284-8245

Bulletin Announcements can be sent to Bekah Goodrich at necrc.secretary@gmail.com, Cell - 231-450-0410

Announcements are due by 4 PM on Thursdays to ensure they are printed in the weekly bulletin.

Custodian/Church Use – Contact Jacque Weesies at 517-525-4787.

Prayer Requests – Contact Diane Adema at diane.adema@gmail.com.



New Era Christian Reformed Church

*"Growing in Relationship with God, with Each Other,
and with our Community"*



Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Worship Service at 9:30 am

Evening Service at 6:00 pm

1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446

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Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 11, 2022

Order of Worship

Prelude	
Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 146:5-10
*Opening Song	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>
*God's Greeting	
*Songs of Praise	<i>All Earth is Waiting</i> <i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>
The Promises of God	Matthew 11:2-11
Advent Candle	
Special Music	Way Maker - Led by the Vocal Ensemble
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
*Passing the Peace	<i>Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love</i>
Church Family Time	
Offering	Missions
Congregational Prayer	
*Song of Preparation	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 35:1-10
Sermon	The Way through the Wilderness
*Closing Song	<i>O Holy Night</i>
*Blessing	
*Doxology	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>

Schedule of Events & Worship Notes

Today

Nursery Providers – Janessa VanderVelde, Amy Weesies
Coffee & Cookies – Scott & Paula Meyers, Henry & Margaret Bruinsma
Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Next Week

Monday

Girls Gathering for Christ – 6:30 pm

Tuesday

New Era Coffeebreak - 9:45-11:15 am at NERC

Sunday

Nursery Providers – Paula Meyers, Mary Weesies
Coffee & Cookies – Todd & Bekah Goodrich,
Jake & Janessa VanderVelde
Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Morning Service

On the third Sunday of Advent, we light the joy candle. The promises of God bring great joy to all people, especially to the poor, the oppressed, and the marginalized, because God's Kingdom is a kingdom of justice. For many people on the margins of society, it feels like there is no way for them to experience joy. But we worship the God who makes a way through the wilderness, makes a way through the sea, makes a way where there is no way. Pastor John will preach from Isaiah 35, Isaiah's prophecy of restoration.

Everyone is welcome for coffee and refreshments immediately following the service.

Evening Service

For a special service this evening, we will be welcoming John DeVilla, who has been worshipping with us over the past few months. John will share his personal story of growing up, going to prison, and now wrestling with terminal cancer. John wants the church to know what life is like for prisoners in our state, the conditions they face, and the personal and spiritual battles they fight.

Announcements

Roy's Kids

Roy's Kids gifts are due TODAY. Gifts will be picked up tomorrow. If you haven't returned your gifts with tags yet, please do so later today.

WMC Christmas Collage

The bands and choirs of Western Michigan Christian High School present the time-honored tradition of Christmas Collage. Please join us for a special evening of music to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the season of Christmas on December 13 at 7:00 pm. Our ticket site is now live! Order your tickets for the Christmas Collage at <https://wmc-collage-tickets.square.site/>

Candlelight Service

Please invite your friends and neighbors to our special candlelight service with a carol sing on Sunday, December 18 at 6pm.

Longest Night Service

On Wednesday, December 21, we will have a special "Longest Night" service with Trinity Lutheran Church at 6pm. A Longest Night service offers worship space during the busyness of the holiday season to come before God with the grief, fear, and worry that we carry during this season.

Church Stuffing Project

Thank you to all of you who donated money to the Oceana County Church Christmas boxes. Meals were packed in boxes and given to 400 families in need from Oceana County. Our church donated 400 boxes of stuffing. If you have not had a chance yet to donate, the stuffing box will be out until Dec. 18.

Thank you, The Outreach Committee of NECRC.

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will be having their annual Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 19 at 6:45. If you are able to join us, please bring a wrapped white elephant gift to exchange for fun.

We will also be sending a monetary Christmas gift to our missionary families: Vermaire's, Schmidt's, and Canche's. If you would like to contribute to these gifts, please donate by December 18th. Checks can be made out to Women's Fellowship. Thank you!