

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**NECS Treats:** NECS is selling apple pie filling for \$15.00. One bag will make 2-3 pies. They are also selling frozen Bantet for \$10.00. Either of these sweet treats would make a great gift! You can purchase at the school or contact Jacque Weesies at 527-525-4787 with your order.

**Sunday Evening Prayer Service:** Last Sunday night, those that were gathered at NECRC for the 6 pm prayer meeting decided to not have the service tonight, so people could attend the New Era Reformed Church's community service, called "Come Take a Closer Look at Christmas". This service will take place on Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. at New Era Reformed Church.

**Sunday Prayer Gathering:** There will be no Sunday evening prayer service until sometime in the New Year.

**Monday Night Activities:** There will be no Manna Monday, Cadets, Gems, Men's and Women's Bible Study on December 29. These events will resume on January 10, 2022.

**Fred Newman Sympathy Cards:** For those that would like to send sympathy cards to Fred Newman's family, they can be mailed to his daughters.

Pat and Mary Morrin  
4428 West Edge Way  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Joanne Alford  
6466 Stoney Creek Ct.  
Hudsonville, MI 49426

### **2021 Council Members of New Era CRC:**

**President** - Mark Weesies   **Clerk** - Dick Walhout   **Treasurer** - Jeff Weesies

**Chairman of the Deacons** - Jim Bush

**Growing in Relationship with God:** Elders - Dave Wagner and Bob Eekhoff

**Growing in Relationship with Each Other:** Elder - Wes Weesies   Deacons - Dexter Weesies, Jim Bush

**Growing in Relationship with Community:** Elder - Dick Walhout   Deacons - Evan Eilers, Todd Goodrich

**Bulletin Announcements** can be sent to Bekah Goodrich at necrc.secretary@gmail.com cell: 231-450-0410

Announcements should be turned in by 5PM on Thursdays.

**Prayer Requests** can be sent to Diane Adema at diane.adema@gmail.com



## ***New Era Christian Reformed Church***

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



*"I have loved you with an everlasting love."*

*~ Jeremiah 31:3*

**Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.**

**1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446  
(231- 861-5554) [www.neweracrc.org](http://www.neweracrc.org)**

*The Lord's Day ~ Sunday, December 19, 2021*  
*Pastor Don Byker ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
*Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.*

Prelude

**God Calls Us Into Worship -**

Welcome and Call To Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Opening Song: **O Word of God Incarnate** – Verses 1-3

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting – The Goodrich Family

\*Song: **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus** – Verses 1,3,4

God's Will for Our Lives

**To Give Thanks**

Congregational Prayer - Henry Hoekstra

Solo: **Here With Us** – Amy Weesies

**To Listen to His Word**

Children's Worship: Mary Mulder

Song: **In The Temple**

Children Dismissed for Children's Worship

Song: **Come, Lord Jesus** – Verses 1-3

**Scripture - Romans 13: 8-14**

**Message - "Expecting? Expect Spiritual Growth!"**

Response Song: **Blessed Be The God of Israel** - Verses 1-3

**To Go Out and Serve**

\*God's Blessing

\*Sending Song: **View The Present Through The Promise**

\*Postlude

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**Welcome** to this time of worship and fellowship with New Era CRC! We are continuing our observance of the season of Advent – celebrating Jesus' first coming as a baby and expecting of His coming *again* as the external King of Kings. Today, Pastor Don Byker will lead us in worship and continue a series of messages entitled, "Expecting?"

**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.

**Next Week:** This service will be our celebration of Christmas. Pastor Don Byker will assist in leading worship and will preach the fifth in a series of Advent messages.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Please pray for Dave Brace, who is currently fighting the COVID virus.

Please continue to pray for healing for Terri Maki, a friend of Sandy Whitaker's that is recovering from surgery. If you would like to send Terri a card of encouragement and to let her know you are praying for her, send to the following address: Mrs. Terri Maki, c/o Ovid Healthcare Center, 9480 M-21, Room 400, Ovid, MI 48866

Please uphold Daphne Smith in your prayers. She is currently fighting the COVID virus.

Please continue prayers for Lincoln, Emily, and Trevor Folkema. Lincoln is suffering from a blood disease.

*Sunday ~ December 19, 2021*

**SCHEDULES**

**THIS WEEK:**

**TODAY:**

**Prayer Time** in the council room at 8:59 a.m. Everyone welcome!

**Nursery Providers:**

**After Morning Worship:** Coffee and Fellowship

Cookies – Jeff & Pam Weesies, Ruben & Debra Gaitan, Kari Hall

**MONDAY: Girls Gathering for Christ – 6:30 p.m.**

**NEXT WEEK:**

**SUNDAY:**

**Prayer Time:** 8:59 a.m. A time of prayer seeking God's presence and blessing as we worship Him. Everyone welcome!

**Nursery Providers:**

**Cookies** – Cliff & Ellen Prince, Margaret & Henry Bruinsma, Barb Youngs

**Offering Report - Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**Total Offering - \$4,190**

**Missions - \$120**

**Security Cameras - \$2,410**

**Benevolence - \$200**

**TODAY'S OFFERING** – Love INC

**Next Week:** General Fund

*Sermon Notes*

Bible Passage Romans 13: 8-14

Message: *Expecting? Expect Spiritual Growth!*

**Where you don't want to be when Jesus returns?**

**Why \_\_\_\_\_?**

\_\_\_\_\_ cares?

**What a difference \_\_\_\_\_ makes!**

**Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and challenges of the \_\_\_\_\_ kind**

Summary: **The best/only way to be expecting/\_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus' second coming is by putting aside the deeds of \_\_\_\_\_ and clothing yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ – growing in an \_\_\_\_\_ love for you \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Prayer**