

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Custodian Update – The New Year will bring many changes and updates. We have been cleaning closets, storerooms, and shelves. The library has been transformed into a new Prayer Room. This room is open to all and can also be used for meetings and Bible Studies. Two rooms downstairs have been cleaned and set up as a music room and designated Sunday school room for children. Items that have been determined as no longer needed are currently available for free (first come, first serve) downstairs in front of the elevator. New items will be available weekly. Items will be kept for two weeks and then donated to Love, INC. – Ron, Jacque, and Sarah

Thank You! The church is very thankful to Steve Meyers for being the church custodian for many years. We thank you for your dedicated service.

NECS News: New Era Christian School is seeking its next principal to provide comprehensive leadership to their PK-8 Christian School. The position will begin in July of 2022. It is a full-time position that includes part-time teaching duties. Interviews will begin in February 2022. There is more information at <http://newerachristian.org/open-positions.html>. If you are interested, please contact Phil Morse at pmorse@newerachristian.org with questions and/or your resume. Please pass along this opportunity freely.

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

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

Announcements should be turned in by 4PM 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"*



*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares
the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."
~ Jeremiah 29: 11*

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 am

1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446
(231- 861-5554) www.neweracrc.org

The Lord's Day ~ Sunday, January 2, 2022
Pastor Don Byker - Morning Worship 9:30 am

Prelude

God Calls Us Into Worship -

Welcome and Call To Worship

*Opening Song – ***The Steadfast Love of the Lord***

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past*** – Verses 1,2,5,6
How Great Thou Art – Verses 1,3,4

Listening to God's Will for Our Lives

John 15: 9-17

Prayer of Confession

Song of Assurance: ***What A Friend We Have in Jesus*** – Verses 1-3

Installing Deacon and Elder

Instruction

Song: ***The Blessing*** (Praise Team 1st time, All join 2nd time)

To Give Thanks

Congregational Prayer

To Listen to His Word

Children's Message – Paula Meyers (Followed by Children's Church)

Scripture - John 16: 16-28

Message - "Expecting? Expect Perfect Joy!"

Prayer

Response Song: ***Joy To The World*** – Verses 1,3,4

To Go Out and Serve

*God's Blessing

*Sending Song: ***Soon and Very Soon***

WORSHIP NOTES

Happy New Year and welcome to this service of worship with New Era CRC. We are glad for all who have responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to join with us in worship. We encourage you to make this a health habit in the New Year. Don Byker will assist with our service and will be preaching the concluding message in a series entitled, "Expecting." An aspect of this service will be installing our new Deacon, Tom TenBrink and new Elder, Dave Zoller.

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: Pete Staal, a member of our congregation, will be preaching the message and assisting in leading our worship service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Adelle VanderVelde as she recovers from knee replacement surgery. Please pray for healing and relief from the pain she is experiencing.

Please uphold Daphne Smith in your prayers. She is currently fighting the COVID virus. The latest updates state that she had to be reintubated this week due to low oxygen levels. Daphne remains at the Ludington Hospital on a ventilator. Please continue to pray for her healing.

Please continue prayers for Lincoln, Emily, and Trevor Folkema. Updates this week include that Lincoln will not need a blood transfusion or repeat blood work until February. At this time, the doctors feel Lincoln is stable.

Please uphold Dorothy Nienhuis as she is currently in Blodgett Hospital and will be moving to Hospice Care. Please pray for Dorothy and her family.

Please continue to pray for Ginny Weesies on the passing of her father, Don Rypma. The funeral service for Don was on Friday, December 31. Please continue to pray for the family.

Sunday ~ January 2, 2022
SCHEDULES

THIS WEEK:

TODAY:

Prayer Time in the council room at 8:59 am. Everyone welcome!

Nursery Providers: Sarah Bofysil, Danielle Bush

After Morning Worship: Coffee and Fellowship

Cookies :

MONDAY: Girls Gathering for Christ – 6:30 pm

NEXT WEEK:

SUNDAY:

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

Nursery Providers:

Cookies :

MONDAY: Manna Monday – Meal begins at 6:00 pm

GEMS & CADETS – Begins at 6:30 pm

Women's Fellowship – 6:45 – 8:00 pm

Men's Bible Study – 6:45 – 8:00 pm

Offering Report - Sunday, December 26, 2021

Total Offering - \$18,020

Personal Care Pantry - \$50

GEMS - \$75

Farmer's Market - \$50

General Fund - \$17,500

Missions - \$220

CADETS - \$75

Benevolence - \$50

TODAY'S OFFERING – General Fund

Next Week: Missions

Interim Pastor Update

After interviewing several candidates, the council has unanimously approved hiring Pastor John Medendorp to serve as an interim Pastor for us for the term of one year while we search for a new pastor. Pastor John, his wife, and two young boys would move into the parsonage. John would fulfill all the duties for our church as full time pastor.

Congregational Meeting – January 16

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 16 about 10 minutes after the morning service. The purpose of the meeting will be to seek congregational approval to hire Pastor John Medendorp as our interim pastor for a term of one year. This vote is necessary because John is currently an ordained pastor in the CRC serving another church. If the vote passes, we will send John a letter of call to be the pastor of our church for the term of one year. There is a letter from Pastor John available by the mailboxes in the narthex. Please read the letter to learn a bit more about John and his family. If you have any questions about Pastor John or the interim position, please contact Mark Weesies at 231-670-7031.

Sermon Notes/Outline

John 16: 16-28 - Expecting? Expect Perfect Joy!

Did you get what you were expecting?

An Anxious Conversation!

A Calming Comparison?

A New Reality Leading to Perfect Joy

Summary: Jesus' followers can expect struggle and grief to turn to perfect joy when they take anything/everything to the risen and reigning Lord Jesus in prayer. Our joy will be perfect when Jesus comes again.