

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Dinner Boxes – A group of Oceana County Churches have been collecting food to fill boxes for Christmas dinners for recent years. The December, The Salvation Army is again providing 375 hams to place in those boxes. The New Era Christian Reformed Church has been asked to provide 375 boxes of stuffing. Rather than requesting individuals to purchase boxes of stuffing and being unsure of how many would be collected, we have bought 375 boxes from a local store in the county, at a reduced rate. If you would like to participate in the joy of showing Christmas generosity, please consider donating money to a Stuffing Box that will be located across from the mailboxes. Money that is donated will be used to reimburse the cost of sharing healthy dinners to Oceana County residents who find themselves needing a boost this year at Christmastime.

Offering Report - Sunday, November 21, 2021

Total Offering - \$5,290 General Fund - \$4,950
Personal Care Pantry - \$140 Coffee Break Books - \$200

TODAY'S OFFERING – General Fund **Next Week:** General Fund

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"*



First Sunday of Advent

*"You are my refuge and my shield;
I have put my hope in your word."*

~ Psalm 119:114

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Service at 6:00 p.m.

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The Lord's Day ~ Sunday, November 28, 2021
Pastor Don Byker ~ First 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 Come, O Come Emmanuel***

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting – The Wagner Family

*Song: ***Emmanuel***

Confession and Assurance

To Give Thanks

Congregational Prayer

To Listen to His Word

Children's Worship: Paula Meyers

Children Dismissed for Children's Worship

Song: ***View the Present Through the Promise***

Scripture - Matthew 14: 1-14

Message - "Expecting? Expect Birth Pains!"

Response Song: ***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***

To Go Out and Serve

*God's Blessing

*Sending Song: ***Go Tell It on the Mountain***

*Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome! We are glad that you have joined us for this time of worship and fellowship. Together with Christians around the world, we begin our celebration of the season of Advent on the Christian calendar. The word, advent, simply means "coming". The four Sundays leading up to and including Christmas, are all part of this season. During this time, we celebrate *both* Jesus' first coming as a baby and we look forward to His coming *again* on the clouds of heaven as the King of the Universe. Today, Pastor Don Byker, will begin a series of messages entitled, "Expecting?" Over the course of these weeks, various families will be leading the Advent readings and candle lightings leading up to our celebration of Christmas.

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: Pastor Don Byker will assist with leading worship and will preach the second in a series of Advent messages focused on Jesus' second coming. Also in our Sunday service next week, we will be led in preparing to celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday, December 12.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for Pastor Larry Baar as he continues to battle the COVID virus. Please continue to pray for his family that are also recovering from the COVID virus.

Please uphold the Winterhalter family as Larry Sr., passed away unexpectedly this week. Please pray for his wife, Anita, and their children, Larry Jr., Joseph, Steven, and Mary as they process this devastating loss.

Please continue to uphold Emily, Trevor, and Lincoln Folkema in prayer as they continue lab work and search for answers for Lincoln's health concerns.

Please pray for Terri Maki, a friend of Sandy Whitaker, who is currently hospitalized with a condition that needs to improve before she can have surgery.

Sunday ~ November 28, 2021

SCHEDULES

THIS WEEK:

TODAY:

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

Nursery Providers: Janessa VanderVelde, Anna Weesies

After Morning Worship: Coffee and Fellowship

Cookies – Todd & Bekah Goodrich, Garry & Mary Weesies

Catechism for High School students: 11 a.m.

TONIGHT: Evening Prayer Gathering at 6:00 pm

MONDAY: Manna Monday – Meal begins at 6:15 pm

GEMS & CADETS – Begin at 6:30 pm

Women's Fellowship – 6:45 – 8:00 pm

Men's Bible Study – 6:45 – 8:00 pm

TUESDAY: Coffeebreak 9:30 am -11:15 a.m. at NERC

All ladies welcome!

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!

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Council Notes

~ Dave Zoller (Elder) and Tom TenBrink (Deacon) are the new council members following the lot drawing on Sunday, November 21. Outgoing members are Dick Walhout (Elder), Dave Wagner (Elder), Jeff Weesies (Deacon) and Evan Eilers (Deacon).

~ Sandy Whitaker handed out a report from the last summer community garden and the Farmer's Market. Sandy updated the council on preparations that are being made for summer 2022 events. Sandy was thanked by the council for her dedicated involvement in these community outreach projects.

~ President Mark Weesies and Don Byker reported on the progress of the pulpit supply and interim pastor search. There are two pastors that are interested in coming to our church. Pulpit supply is now set up through most of January.

~ The executive committees of the New Era Reformed Church and the New Era Christian Reformed Church have met to discuss various ways they can join together to better serve our community. A possible end of year service is in the planning stage.

~ The council approved for the Growing in Community committee to purchase a used enclosed trailer to be used to store equipment for our outdoor worship services as well as storage for the Farmer's Market

Sermon Notes
Expecting? Expect Birth Pains!
Matthew 24: 1-14

What are You Expecting?

Dreamy Expecting?

Dreary Expecting?

Discipled/Disciplined Expecting

Summary: Jesus tells his followers about His coming _____ to keep them _____ and to be about _____ business as they _____ and _____ for His return.

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