

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for comfort of the family of Fred Newman. Fred was able to return home on hospice and passed away on Tuesday evening. We express our sympathy to the Newman family and promise them our continuing prayers. The funeral service for Fred will be held at the Harris Funeral Home in Shelby on Monday, December 13. Visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the service will take place at 2:00 p.m.

Please continue to pray for Margaret and the Bruinsma family on the passing of Margaret's mother, Jane Wilting.

Pam Weesies has tested positive for COVID. At this point, she has minor symptoms. Please remember her in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for Sandy Whitaker's friend, Terri Maki as she recovers from surgery.

Please continue to pray for Lincoln, Emily, and Trevor Folkema as they await more test results for Lincoln.

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"*



*"Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!"
~ Phillipians 4:4*

**Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
Prayer Service at 6:00 p.m.**

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*The Lord's Day ~Sunday, December 12, 2021
Pastor Don Byker ~ Third 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 All Ye Faithful** – Verses 1,3

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting – The Dexter Weesies Family

*Song: **Joy to the World** – Verses 1 & 2

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

To Give Thanks

Congregational Prayer

To Listen to His Word

Children's Worship: Sharon Zoller

Children Dismissed for Children's Worship

Song: **Hark the Heard Angels Sing** – Verses 1 & 2

Scripture - 2 Timothy 3: 1-17

Message - "Expecting? Expect Godlessness"

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

Communion

The Invitation

*The Thanksgiving

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Prayer

The Words of Institution

Pastor: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of sacrifice, until he comes again.... Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Prayer of Consecration (Concluded with The Lord's Prayer together).

The Communion

Song: **Comfort, Comfort Now My People** – Verses 1-3

(During distribution of Bread and Juice)

Taking and eating Bread and drinking Juice together

The Thanksgiving

Song: **How Great Our Joy** – Verses 1-4

Prayer after Communion

All: Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living member of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of His body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

To Go Out and Serve

*God's Blessing

*Sending Song: **Joy to the World** – Verses 3,4

*Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us for this time of worship and fellowship. Together with Christians around the world, we are continuing our celebration of the season of Advent. During this time, we will be celebrating *both* Jesus' first coming as a baby and we look forward to His coming *again* on the clouds of heaven as the eternal King of Kings. Today, Pastor Byker will continue a series of messages entitled, "Expecting?" Over the course of the weeks of Advent, various families will be leading the Advent reading and candle lightings leading up to our celebration of Christmas.

Communion will be celebrated during our service this morning. All who have trusted in Jesus for forgiveness of their sins, for the gift of new and eternal life, and for the strength to follow Him, are invited to join us around the table of our Lord. Pray that our faith, hope and love will be fortified and energized as we celebrate our Savior's coming and look forward to His coming again.

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 Byker will assist with leading worship and preach the fourth sermon in a series of Advent messages focused on Jesus' second coming.

Offering Report - Sunday, December 5, 2021

Total Offering - \$ 10, 632 – General Fund

TODAY'S OFFERING – Missions

Next Week: Love INC

Sunday ~ December 12, 2021

SCHEDULES

THIS WEEK:

TODAY:

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

Nursery Providers: Patti Weesies

After Morning Worship: Coffee and Fellowship

Cookies – Jake & Janessa VanderVelde, Dexter & Amy Weesies

Catechism for High School students: 11 a.m.

TONIGHT: Evening Prayer Gathering at 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY: Manna Monday – Meal begins at 6:00 p.m.

GEMS – Begin at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Fellowship – 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.

*****Don't forget your white elephant gift!*****

Men's Bible Study – 6:45 – 8:00 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 – Dan & Mary Mulder, Ruben & Debra Gaitan, Kari Hall

Catechism: 11:00 a.m.

Evening Prayer Gathering: 6:00 p.m.

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

Sermon Notes

Bible Passage II Timothy 3: 1-17

Message: *Expecting? Expect Godlessness!*

Expect . . .

Slippery Surroundings

“Ain’t it _____!”

Treacherous Conditions for

Traction from Trust in Jesus, God’s Word & _____ in Christ

God _____ His servants, by faith in Jesus Christ, His Word and strong Christian companions to travel in _____ conditions while expecting Jesus’ return, His _____ coming.

Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Missionary Gifts: Women’s Fellowship is again collecting money for a Christmas gift for each of our missionary families: Schmidt’s, Vermaire’s, and Canche’s. Bring your offering to our Christmas gathering on December 13 or give it to Barb Youngs or Sharon Zoller.

Updates from Council:

New officers for 2022:

President - Mark Weesies

Vice President - Dave Zoller

Clerk - Wes Weesies

Treasurer - Dexter Weesies

Committees:

Growing in Relationship with God: Bob Eekhoff, Dave Zoller

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

Growing in Relationship with Community: Tom TenBrink, Todd Goodrich

It was decided to hold our Christmas service on Sunday, December 26 and the New Year's service on Sunday, January 2, since both holidays fall on Saturday this year.

Outgoing council members Evan Eilers, Jeff Weesies, Dave Wagner, and Dick Walhout were thanked by president Mark Weesies for their time of service over the last three years.