
Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Gregg & Jackie Wiersema & family

Announcements

Jennie Gowan

Invocation

*Opening Hymns: #404 "The Solid Rock"

"In Christ Alone"

#124 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Prayer

Children's Message

Pastor J.T. Bean

Offertory Song: #103 "Blessed Be the Name"

Special Music: "The Summons" **Michael Blean, accompanied by Eliana White**

Scripture: **Isaiah 9:1-7**

Ken Jansma

Message: "**The Best Hope for Humanity**"

Pastor J.T. Bean

*Hymn: "The Light of the World is Jesus"

*Benediction

Postlude

**stand as you are able*

Song Leaders: **Michael Blean**

Pianist: Deane Patten

AV/Tech Team: **Will & Jen Patton**

Welcome

Welcome to Ebenezer Church! If you have any questions about our church life, fill out our communication card and the Pastor will be in contact with you. If you have any **prayer concerns** that you would like to put on the prayer chain, email Pastor J.T. Bean at pastorJT@ercmorrison.com. You may also fill out the Ebenezer Communication Card on the bulletin and drop it into the offering box. Sue Bond's email is office@ercmorrison.com. Please send bulletin announcements to this email no later than the Thursday before service. If you would like to become a church member, contact Pastor J.T. for more info.

The church is open Monday-Friday 9am-1pm and Saturdays 7:30am-12pm.

This Week at ERC

- **Youth/Education Committee will meet today at 10:45 am**
- **Executive Committee meets Monday, Dec. 2 at 9:00 am**
- **Women's Bible Study meets Wednesday, Dec.4 at 1:30 pm**
- **Worship Team meets Thursday, Dec. 5 at 5:15 pm**
- **Men's Bible Study will meet Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 am**

Happy Birthday This Week To:

12/1 Mark Heusinkveld **12/3** Allan Huizenga **12/5** John Bielema
12/6 Christine Reedy **12/7** Deane Patten

Nursery:

Today – Shawn Soenksen & Kevin Soenksen
12/8 – Beth Milnes & Kinlee Prins

Greeters:

Today – Doris Bull
12/8 – Harvey Zuidema

Prayer Room:

Today – Teresa Stout
12/8 – Keith Hamstra

Welcome Center Hosts:

Today – Michael & Marcia Blean
12/8 – Verne & Pat Pessman

Fellowship Hall Hosts:

Today – Karen L, Pat Z & Pat F
12/8 – Karen L, Pat Z & Pat F

Offering Last Sunday:

General Fund: \$10,595
Thanksgiving \$ 150

December Counting Team:

Dawn Meurs
Pat Pessman
Dave Weber

Reasons to Rejoice and Prayer Concerns

- **Those who need restored health through recovery and healing:** Velma Dean, Kathy Vanderlaan, Diane Boelkins, Neva Baar, Keith Morine, Jonelle Hook, Elmer Huizenga, Joyce Medema, Jeg Weets, Ron & Louise Wiersema, Jennifer Shultz, Freeman family, Mercurio family, Narup family, Hugg Family, Baker Family, Perry family, Allen Buikema, and all those with special needs or unspoken prayer requests.
- **Those in nursing/assisted living homes:** Barb Geerts, Loretta Temple, Don VanDerLeest, Joyce Wilkins, Mary Jane Connelly, Darlene Vos, Delores Stuart, Allen Buikema, Coretta Vankooten, & Ruth Rosenow, (at Resthave); & Marv Tichler (at Homestead of Morrison); Marge Gorzny (at Allure in Prophetstown); Also: Pam Gorzny.
- **Those serving our country:** Gregory Bush (Air Force), Brevin Pruis (Navy), Tyler Haan (Air Force), Elijah Bean (Air Force).

Ebenezer Communication Card

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

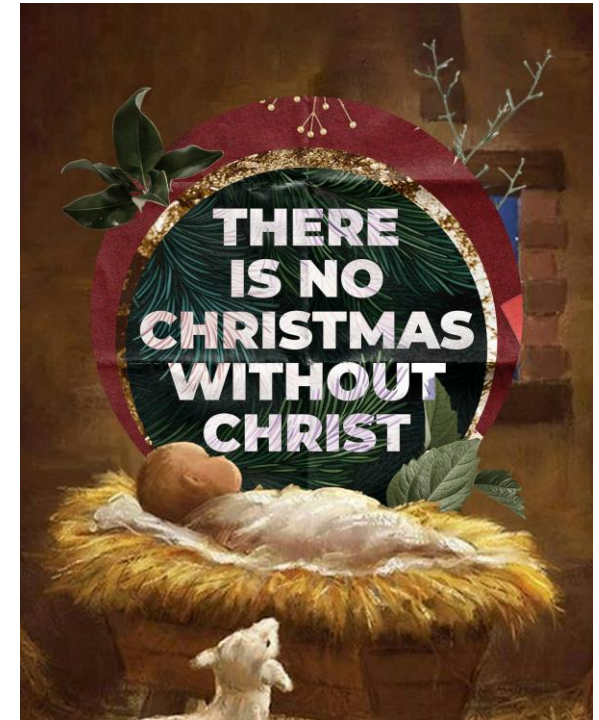
I am a visitor today/new to community

I would like to join Ebenezer

I have a change of address/email/phone

Ebenezer Reformed Church

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December 1, 2024

Our Purpose:

ERC is a congregation called to intentionally share the gospel in word and deed, as the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ. God is calling us to be a vibrant body of believers helping people experience God's love in Jesus Christ.

Announcements

Our annual Concert “Be Still and Know that I am God and Prepare for Christmas” will be Sunday, December 8 at 4:00. Refreshments will be served afterwards, so a sign-up sheet for cookies is on the bulletin board.

It’s time to think of Christmas cards for our active-duty military, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. Military addresses are available in the Lobby, and all others are available in our online directory – IF you want to mail directly. If you do not wish to mail directly you can place your cards in the red buckets which are in the lobby, Fellowship Hall, and the Office. **Please bring them by Saturday, December 7.** Martha Kophamer will coordinate mailing; you may contact her with questions at 815-238-7005.

The Youth Christmas Program will be performed on December 22 during the morning worship service. Students of all ages (Pre-K to 12th grade) are encouraged to participate. There are no lines to memorize!

Friday, December 13 is the Resthave Bizarre. Plan to stop by for a morning of coffee and other refreshments. There will be a bake sale and a drawing for a fruit basket and a poinsettia. 9:00 – 10:30 am.

The following have been elected to serve on Consistory in 2025:
Elders: Phil Ardapple and Ken Jansma
Deacons: Darlene Schipper and Brian Tichler
Any legitimate objections to their installation should be presented to the Board of Elders for its judgement.

Monthly Memory Verse

Isaiah 9:6 NIV

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

Prayer Request Slip

Fill out this short slip for anyone who needs our prayers this week.

Name and Praying for: _____

[] I will have an upcoming surgery at _____, on this date _____ and would like a visit _____ or call _____ from the Pastor.

Comments: _____