

**Seeking God and others
By Loving
Serving
And Learning together**



**Central Park Church
January 4, 2026**

Pastor Marc Nelesen will preach on Isaiah 60:1-22 and Matthew 2:1-12 "Stranger Things" for Epiphany Sunday. Communion will be served.

Order of Worship

We Gather

Prelude

Ringling of the Bells

"All Are Welcome"

Welcome

Call to worship

"Lord Most High"

We Receive

Invitation and Announcements

Prayer of Thanksgiving concluded with the Lord's Prayer

Jesus' words at the Table

Communion

"Instrument of Peace"

Mutual Greeting

Presentation of Offering *"Doxology"*

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-22 and Matthew 2:1-12

Page 646 & 840 in Pew Bible

Sermon: "Stanger Things"

Prayer

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

We are Sent

Blessing

"My Friends May You Grow in Grace"

(hearing loop available)

A Community Seeking God & Others



To send out an email **For Prayer and Care** contact Jessica Stam:
at 616-820-9329 jessica@centralparkchurch.org

- **Helen and Sam Hofman** thank all of you for your prayers for them over the past couple of months. Helen is slowly regaining strength and is very grateful for your prayers, cards, emails and phone calls. She would appreciate your continued prayers for complete healing.
- **Carol Sanchez**, one of our regular Wednesday community dinner attendees, will be having another eye surgery on January 8.

A group meets every Sunday morning from 9:25-9:45 for prayer in the Overlook Room. You are welcome to join to pray or to be prayed for. In addition, the second Sunday of every month, prayer team members are available after the morning service at the front of the sanctuary and would be glad to pray with or for you there, or if you prefer, in a more private setting.

By Loving & Serving

Worship Online- To catch the livestream or watch the service later, click on the link on our website homepage and go to the Central Park Church YouTube Channel.

A nursery is available on the lower level for children and infants to 3 years old. Our helper today is Kris O'Donnell. Next week (January 11) will be Pat Veenman.

Stay for a bit following worship and enjoy coffee and cookies. Coffee is also available before and during the worship service. Please use one of the covered cups. Jim & Judy Prince are our Hospitality leaders today. Next week (January 11) will be The Saturday morning Bible study group. Diane Slager and Judy Prince are our Greeters this morning before and after worship. Next week (January 11) will be David VanHekken and Bill VanBruggen.

We need help with shoveling! If you would like to help with this contact Dave VanHekken.

We would like your help. We are looking for input for the next steps in Central Park's search process. A form was emailed out last week and additional forms are available on the table in the information center. Please fill them out and return them to the office or email them to centralparkreformedchurch@gmail.com by Sunday January 25. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any member of the Executive Team (Pastor Marc, Jen Werley, Kim Nevenzel, Kathy TenBrink, Dave VanHekken). Thank you for your help with this.

Christmas decor takedown will happen on Tuesday, January 6 at 9am and we could use your help! Please contact Shelley Kunkel (shelmum@gmail.com) with any questions or if you are available to help.

Holiday Shoppe will meet next week Monday, January 12, at 10am.

We need cookies for Sunday morning fellowship. If you would like to donate some, please bring them in Sunday morning, during office hours, or contact Jessica in the office. Thank you!

Wednesday night community dinner starts again on Wednesday night serving pulled pork sandwiches, chips, coleslaw and dessert.

Keeping our Micro Pantry well stocked

Here's what we need this week-

- Complete Meals
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Mac and Cheese
- Boxed Cereal
- Pop Tarts
- Rice
- Knorr Pasta sides
- Pasta Roni Pasta mix
- Pancake & Syrup
- Snacks – Fruit snacks, crackers
- Paper Towels, Kleenex
- Hand and Dish Soap
- Shampoo & Conditioner

As the weather gets colder let's stock up on items that won't freeze. Help us support our community by donating items to keep the pantry full. Keeping our Micro Pantry stocked this week is Lynn Streur.

Ever wonder why the sanctuary is dressed in purple, or green, or white (or once per year red)? Central Park worship team follows the church year (liturgical) calendar which tells the whole Christian story in the course of a year. Particular colors tell worshippers what part of the story we are in. If you are interested in learning more, there is a guide on the information table that explains how this works and why we follow it.

And Learning Together

MS/HS Students meet on Sundays at 6:30pm.

Wednesday Nights –resumes this week, January 7th, with Scott Hoezee teaching on “Why We Listen to Sermons”

Jan 7		Scott Hoezee – Why We Listen to Sermons, Part 1
Jan 14		Scott Hoezee – Why We Listen to Sermons, Part 2
Jan 21		Jennifer Kramer – The heart of worship
Jan 28		Community Action House

Feb 4		Momentum Center
Feb 11		Escape Ministries
Feb 18		Ash Wednesday – No Adult Ed offerings
Feb 25		Jeff Monroe – Telling Stories in the Dark 1

Mar 4		Jeff Monroe – Telling Stories in the Dark 2
March 11		Jeff Monroe – Telling Stories in the Dark 3
March 18		Jeff Monroe – Telling Stories in the Dark 4
Mar 25		End of year party

Thursday Morning Women’s bible study will resume this week with a new start time of 11:30am on January 8.

Saturday Women’s Bible Study meets every other week and will be starting a new study soon on Experiencing Contagious Joy by Christa J. Kinde on January 31.

Next Sunday Pastor Marc Nelesen will preach on Matthew 3:13-17 “Shame and Grace” for Baptism of the Lord Sunday.

This Week at Central Park Church:

Sunday January 4

- No Students

Tuesday January 6

- Cardio Café – 9:00am
- Executive Team Meeting – 6:00pm

Wednesday January 7

- Community night Dinner – 5:30
- Kids classes – 6:00
- Adult education – 6:15

Thursday January 8

- Cardio Café – 9:00am
- Women’s Bible Study – 11:30am
- Open Volleyball – 7:00pm

Offering:	12/28/2025	YTD %
General Fund	\$2,291	93%
Mission Fund	\$0	95%

Year to date actual General Fund expenditures	Year to date General Fund gifts
\$281,916	\$276,324

Two ways to give from your smart phone.

- Text the keyword GiveCPC to 616-201-3550
- Scan our Giving QR Code

Contributions can also be made online through the church website, by mail, dropped off during office hours or placed in the baskets at the sanctuary entrances. **Thank you for your continued financial support of the ministry of Central Park Church**

