

Schedule of Events

Today

Nursery – Paula Meyers, Kate Eilers

Refreshments – Wes & Jan Weesies, Barb Youngs, Pam Stenberg

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 6:00 pm

Next Week

Monday

Christmas Day Service – 9:30 am

Nursery – Patti Weesies, Mary Weesies

Sunday

Nursery – Ashley Medendorp, Amy Weesies

Refreshments – Wes & Jan Weesies, Barb Youngs, Pam Stenberg

Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Lost & Found - Please check the coat room for belongings that have been left behind.

Contact Information

2023 Council Members of New Era CRC:

President - Mark Weesies **Vice President** – Dave Zoller **Clerk** – Scott Meyers **Treasurer** – Jeremy Meyers

Chairman of the Deacons – Bob Bush

Growing in Relationship with God: Elder – Dave Zoller, Deacon – Bob Bush

Growing in Relationship with Each Other: Elder – Bob Eekhoff, Deacon – Chris Martin

Growing in Relationship with Community: Elder – Mark Weesies, Deacon – Diane Adema

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

Announcements are due by 3 PM on Thursdays to ensure they are printed in the weekly bulletin.

Custodian/Church Use – Contact Jacque Weesies at 517-525-4787.

Prayer Requests – Contact Diane Adema at diane.adema@gmail.com.



New Era Christian Reformed Church

*"Growing in Relationship with God, with Each Other,
and with our Community"*



Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Worship Service at 9:30 am and 6:00 pm

1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Order of Worship

Prelude		
Welcome		
Call To Worship	Romans 16:25-27	
Opening Song	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	
God’s Greeting		
Song of Praise	<i>My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout</i>	
Special Music	<i>Christmas Hallelujah</i>	
Advent Reading	From Luke 1	
Advent Candle Lighting		
Children’s Song	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	<i>Children</i>
Church Family Time		
Offering	World Renew	
Special Music		
Congregational Prayer		
Song of Preparation	<i>Show Us Christ</i>	
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 52:7-10	
Sermon	Good, Good News!	
Closing Song	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	
Blessing		
Doxology	<i>Halle Halle Halle</i>	

Worship Notes

Morning Service

This Advent season, we will be exploring the prophecies of Isaiah to prepare our hearts for Christ’s return. Today, Pastor John will preach on “Good, Good News!” from Isaiah 52:7-10.

Evening Service

This evening, we will gather with the community for a candlelight service and carol sing.

Christmas Day

Tomorrow morning, we will meet together for our Christmas service at 9:30 am. Pastor John will preach on “Peace on Earth” from Isaiah 9:2-7.

Next Week

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the ordination of elders and deacons in the morning service. Pastor John will preach on “My Eyes Have Seen Salvation” from Luke 2:22-40. In the evening, we will reflect on the past year and celebrate communion together as we look forward to the year to come.

Council Hospitality Duties

This Week

Elder in Charge – Mark Weesies	Hospitality Elder – Dave Zoller
Deacon in Charge – Chris Martin	Hospitality Deacon – Jeremy Meyers

Next Week

Elder in Charge – Dave Zoller	Hospitality Elder – Bob Eekhoff
Deacon in Charge – Jeremy Meyers	Hospitality Deacon – Diane Adema

Council Corner

Council met on Wednesday, December 13. Here are highlights from that meeting:

- Incoming elders and deacons were invited to the meeting and outgoing elders Mark Weesies and Bob Eekhoff shared their wisdom and experience of the past three years.
- Council accepted Mary Weesies as a professing member of New Era CRC.
- Latino Outreach ministry reported good conversations and setting goals for 2024.
- Discussion and tentative plans were made for council executive and committee assignments for 2024, which will be approved at the January meeting.
- A significant amount of time was spent in mutual censure, sharing burdens and joys, and encouraging one another in the call to serve.

On behalf of the whole council, leadership, and staff of New Era CRC, a very merry Christmas to you all! May God bless you with hope, peace, joy and love this season as you grow in him and prepare your hearts for the coming of Jesus! May his Kingdom be born in you anew as you worship him in this special season.
Love, Pastor John

Prayer Requests

- For Ron Weesies, Dave Zoller, Barb Youngs, Steve Meyers, and Merle Bosch who are all recovering from surgery.
- For those who cannot currently worship with us in person: Gerald & Flossie Meyers, Paul Mulder, Betty (Jay) TenBrink, Agnes Wybenga, and others.
- For all who journey with cancer: Henry Hoekstra, Sarah Samuelson, Erin Stevens, and others.
- For all who journey with mental health, depression, anxiety, and dementia.
- For all who live under the threat of war and violence in Ukraine, Burkina Faso, Sudan, Israel and Palestine, and so many other places. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!
- For our congregation and leadership, as we seek to begin a Latino Outreach ministry. Pray that God will continue to bless our church and help us grow deeper in relationship.
- For our sponsored missionaries: Pablo & Sheryl Canché in Mexico City, Jeffrey & Evelyn Hough in Muskegon, Jeff & Kristi Schmidt with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Bob & Marcia Vermaire in Sierra Leone, and church planter S.M. in Uttar Pradesh, India.

Offering Report – Sunday, December 17, 2023

Total Offering - \$5,943	Roy's Kids - \$40
Personal Care Pantry - \$107	Benevolence - \$50

Today’s Offering – World Renew
Christmas Day - Benevolence
Next Week’s Offering – General Fund