

## *Schedule of Events*

### **Today**

**Nursery** – Ashley Medendorp, Amy Weesies

**Refreshments** – Dick & Judy Walhout, Dexter & Amy Weesies

**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

### **Next Week**

#### **Sunday**

**Nursery** –

**Refreshments** –

**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

## *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

**Pastor Information** – Pastor John Medendorp - Email – [necrc.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:necrc.pastor@gmail.com), Cell – 231-284-8245

**Bulletin Announcements** can be sent to Bekah Goodrich at [necrc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 31, 2023**

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

**1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446  
(231-861-5554) [www.neweracrc.org](http://www.neweracrc.org)**

*Sunday after Christmas*  
*Sunday, December 31, 2023*

**Order of Worship**

Prelude	
Welcome	
Call To Worship	<b><i>Once in Royal David's City</i></b>
God's Greeting	
Song of Praise	<b><i>King of Kings</i></b> <b><i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i></b>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<b><i>Come and Stand Amazed You People</i></b>
Ordination of Office Bearers	
Song	<b><i>God of the Prophets</i></b>
Church Family Time	Schmidts
Offering	General Fund
Special Music	
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<b><i>What Child Is This?</i></b>
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:22-40
Sermon	My Eyes Have Seen Salvation!
Closing Song	<b><i>Lord Bid Your Servant Go in Peace</i></b>
Blessing	
Doxology	<b><i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i></b>

*Worship Notes*

**Morning Service**

This morning, we will celebrate the ordination of elders and deacons for terms of service to this church. Pastor John will preach on “My Eyes Have Seen Salvation” from Luke 2:22-40.

**Evening Service**

This evening, we will gather to remember the year that has passed and look forward to the year to come. Pastor John will preach on “All Things New” from Revelation 21:1-6. We will also celebrate the sacrament of communion together.

**Next Week**

Next Sunday morning, Pastor John will introduce our new year's theme of joy. He will preach on “The Joy of the Lord” from Nehemiah 8:5-12. In the evening, we will begin a new series on the Belgic Confession, one of the Confessions of Faith in the Reformed tradition.

*Important Dates*

January 8 – Manna Monday, Cadets, Gems, Men's and Women's Bible Studies  
January 9 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC  
January 17 – Girls Gathering for Christ  
January 18 – New Era Coffeebreak - NERC

*Council Hospitality Duties*

**This Week**

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

*Announcements*

- Council executive will meet this Wednesday, January 3, to set the agenda for the January 10 meeting of council. Please direct any communication for council to the clerk, Scott Meyers.
- We are planning the 2024 **Farmer’s Market**. Those of you who make end of the year or New Year charitable donations can donate to the New Era Farmer’s Market by using the green Special Offering envelopes and just write in “Farmer’s Market.” We will have 8 markets in 2024 with 8 live bands. Your donations to this ministry are much appreciated. – Sandy Whitaker
- Stephanie Weesies’ new address is:  
6 Penny Lane, Apt 6B  
Hancock, ME 04640  
She could really use your encouragement and prayers.

*Offering Report – Sunday, December 24, 2023*

Total Offering - \$7,579.41	Benevolence - \$5,000
Farmer's Market - \$100	World Renew - \$428.41

Today’s Offering – General Fund  
Next Week’s Offering –

*Offering Report – Monday, December 25, 2023*

Total Offering - \$1,439.58  
This offering was for Benevolence.

*Prayer Requests*

- 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.