

*Sunday, February 5, 2023*

**Order of Worship**

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call To Worship  
\*Opening Song  
\*God's Greeting  
\*Songs of Praise  
  
Confession & Assurance  
Guide for Grateful Living  
\*Passing the Peace  
  
Children's Blessing  
\*Song  
Church Family Time  
Offering  
Congregational Prayer  
  
\*Song of Preparation  
Prayer for Illumination  
Scripture Reading  
Sermon  
  
\*Closing Song  
\*Blessing  
\*Doxology

**Psalm 112**

***Blessed Be Your Name***

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty  
In Christ Alone***

**Matthew 5:13-20**

**Isaiah 58:1-12**

***Koinonia***

(Children invited to Children's Church)

***Give Me Oil in My Lamp***

**Love INC**

***Speak, O Lord***

**1 Corinthians 2:1-16**

**The Spirit of Wisdom**

***Holy Spirit, Truth Divine***

***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***

*Schedule of Events & Worship Notes*

**Today**

**Nursery** – Kate Eilers, Ashley Medendorp

**Coffee & Cookies** – Mark & Patti Weesies, Jeff & Pam Weesies

**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

**Next Week**

**Monday**

**Manna Monday** - Meal begins at 6:00 pm

**Cadets, GEMS, Men's & Women's Bible Study** – 6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Tuesday**

**New Era Coffeebreak** - 9:45 -11:15 am at NERC

**Sunday**

**Nursery** – Amy Weesies, Mary Weesies

**Coffee & Cookies** – Don & Donna Byker, Rose Brace

**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

**Morning Service**

The Apostle Paul teaches us that human wisdom cannot save us, but rather that we must embrace heavenly wisdom, which is Jesus Christ. How can we, limited and human as we are, be spiritually wise with God's wisdom? This Sunday, Pastor John will preach from I Corinthians 2, on "The Spirit of Wisdom."

Everyone is welcome for coffee and refreshments immediately following the service.

**Evening Service**

This Sunday evening we continue our series on the Heidelberg Catechism. We will be starting the section on our gratitude to God for the deliverance we have received. If we are saved by grace alone and not by the good things we do at all, why do we need to do good things? Join us for a time of song, fellowship, prayer, and discussion as we learn together to live and die in the joy of the comfort of belonging to Jesus.

Pastor John will be at the Calvin Symposium on Worship in Grand Rapids Wednesday-Friday this week.

## *Announcements*

### **Next Sunday**

Next Sunday we will welcome Rev. Eric Sarwar to our pulpit. Pastor Eric is a church planter through Resonate Global Missions. He serves as Lead Pastor of Artesia City Indo-Pak CRC in Artesia, California and Fresno Punjabi Fellowship in Fresno, California. He is also the founding director of the Tehilim School of Music in Karachi, Pakistan. Before coming to the United States, he served as a pastor and musical scholar in Pakistan, where he established an interfaith ministry that brings together Christians, Muslims, and Jews through singing the psalms. He now lives with his family in Artesia, California.

### **Valentine's Care Packages**

Women's Fellowship will again make Valentine's Care Packages for our NECRC servicemen and college students. Please let us know if you have a student who is away at college or trade school with their most recent address so we can send a package at our February 6 meeting. Please contact Sharon Zoller at 861-5606 or Barb Youngs at 861-5094 with any questions.

### **Installation Service**

We will be having a special service on Friday, February 17, at 7:00 pm to install Rev. John C. Medendorp as our pastor. Pastor John has served us for the past year in an interim capacity and has accepted this church's call to continue to serve NECRC as our next pastor. A light reception will be held after the service.

### **Council Update**

The Council has asked Bob Bush to serve NECRC as a deacon for a special term of 1 year in order to equip, train, and strengthen the diaconate for successful ministry over the coming years. The congregation will be asked to approve this nomination through a congregational vote on Sunday, February 12, in keeping with the requirements of Church Order, Article 4. Please direct any questions about this recommendation to Mark Weesies, chair of council.

### **Important Dates**

February 6 – Manna Monday, Cadets, GEMS, Men's and Women's Bible Studies

February 7 – Women's Coffeebreak – NERC

February 13 – Girls Gathering for Christ

February 14 – Women's Coffeebreak - NERC

February 17 – Installation Service for Pastor John

### **Accessibility**

A T-Loop hearing system is installed throughout the sanctuary. To use, switch your hearing device to the "T" position. Our service is also available online for live-stream and recording at You Tube. Search "New Era Christian Reformed Church" on You Tube to locate the service.

### **Offering Report – Sunday, January 29, 2023**

Total Offering - \$4,405

Cadets (National) - \$79

Today's Offering – Love INC

Next Week's Offering – General Fund