

## *Schedule of Events*

### **Today**

**Nursery** – Paula Meyers, Mary VanderWerp

**Refreshments** – Kent & Ginny Weesies, Henry & Loie Hoekstra

**Congregational Meeting** – Following the morning service

**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

### **Next Week**

#### **Monday**

**Girls Gathering for Christ** – 6:00 pm

#### **Tuesday**

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

#### **Sunday**

**Nursery** – Mary Weesies, Kate Eilers

**Refreshments** – Dick & Brenda Harper, Rose Brace

## *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.

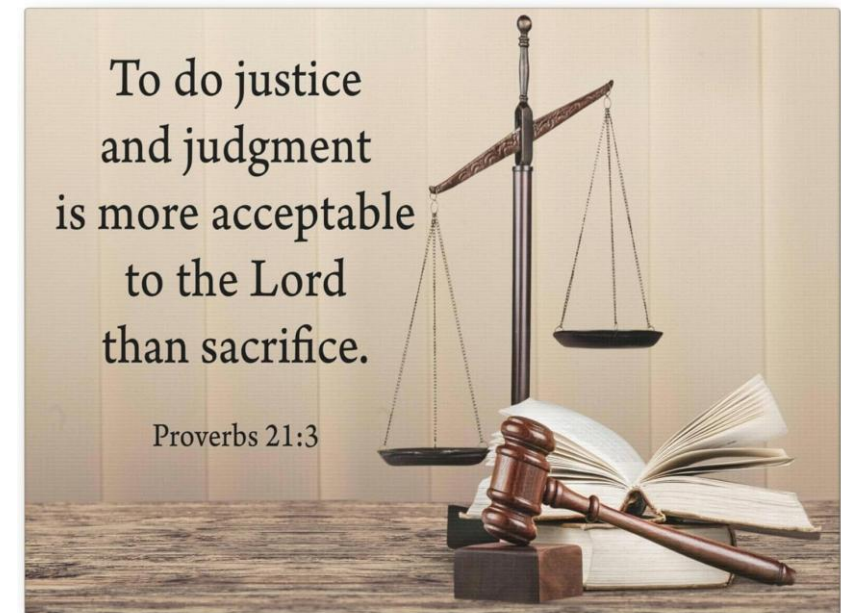
**Custodian/Church Use** – Contact Jacque Weesies at 517-525-4787.

**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, November 12, 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)**

*Ordinary Time*  
*Sunday, November 12, 2023*

**Order of Worship**

Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 119:137-144
*Opening Song	<b><i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing!</i></b>
*God's Greeting	
*Song of Praise	<b><i>Standing on the Promises</i></b> <b><i>The Lion and the Lamb</i></b>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<b><i>Koinonia</i></b>
Confession of Faith	
Children's Song	<b><i>Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!</i></b>
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Church Family Time	
Offering	Love, INC
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<b><i>Spirit of the Living God</i></b>
Memory Verse	Proverbs 3:5-6
Scripture Reading	Proverbs 20:29-21:31
Sermon	Righteousness and Justice
*Closing Song	<b><i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i></b>
*Blessing	
*Doxology	<b><i>My Friends May You Grow in Grace</i></b>

*Announcements*

- **Thank you** congregation at New Era for the special offering for us. We feel your love and are assured of your prayers for us. Pablo has recovered nicely from his parathyroid surgery and we hope to return to Mexico after one last procedure this week, to continue our work there. We'll let you know, so you can pray for our trip. It takes a couple of days to get to our city from here. Thanks again for your care for us.

– Rev. Pablo and Sheryl Canché

- **NECS Famous Banket Fundraiser** – Banket is a delicious flaky Dutch almond pastry. It is very rich and a perfect holiday treat or gift. Banket will be unbaked and frozen so that you can bake it yourself. Each stick sells for \$12.00. Orders are due Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Call NECS at 231-861-5450 to place your order. (Checks can be made payable to NECS PACE, or cash dropped off to the school). Banket must be picked up at the school on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The school does not have enough freezer space to store all the sticks. Lots of help is needed for this fundraiser. Feel free to reach out to Lynn Ramthun, if this is something you'd like to help with, or use the link,

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544AEA62AAAF58-banket7>. Contact Lynn Ramthun 231-557-2942 or [Lynn3511@aol.com](mailto:Lynn3511@aol.com).

*Important Dates*

November 12 – Annual Congregational Meeting  
November 13 – Girls Gathering for Christ  
November 14 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC  
November 19 – Elder & Deacon Drawing  
November 20 – Manna Monday, Cadets, Gems, Men's and Women's Bible Studies  
November 21 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC  
November 23 – Thanksgiving Service at NERC

*Announcements*

- **Congregational Meeting** will take place after the service today. The members of the congregation will be voting on the slate of candidates for Elder and Deacon, and the 2024 budget. The drawing for Elder and Deacon will take place on November 19.
- **Council** met this past Wednesday, November 8. A summary of the meeting will be included in next week’s bulletin.
- **Pastor Vacation** – Pastor John will be away at a retreat followed by a family vacation this week. They will return on November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Join us for a special joint **Thanksgiving service** with the New Era Reformed Church on Thanksgiving Day, November 23 at 9:30 am. The service will be held at the Reformed Church, 4775 1<sup>st</sup> St. Pastor John will preach on Psalm 65, “Satisfied with Goodness”. We will be taking a special collection for the New Era Personal Care Pantry. If you are interested in participating in this service, please contact Betsy Arkema ([besty@countrydairy.com](mailto:besty@countrydairy.com)).
- Our church has again been asked to contribute 400 boxes of stuffing for **Christmas Food Boxes** that New Hope Church puts together in early December. There is a box under the mailboxes for contributions to meet this need. This community wide ministry provides Christmas dinner for 400 needy families in our local area and is a combined effort of most of the local churches.
- New Era CRC will celebrate our **140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** in 2024. If you are interested in being part of an Anniversary Celebration Team to help plan how we will recognize and celebrate this important milestone, please let Pastor John know.

*Worship Notes*

- Morning Service**  
Throughout this year we are exploring the Old Testament book of Proverbs. The Proverbs are “wise sayings” from ancient Israel. The wise living they describe begins with the “fear of the Lord” and promises to lead to fulfillment and contentment. Pastor John will preach on “Righteousness and Justice” from Proverbs 20:29-21:31.
- Evening Service**  
This evening, we welcome Gwen Adams from the Oceana County Council on Aging. Ms. Adams will present on the challenges and opportunities facing the aging population of our county, the work OCCOA is doing to meet people’s needs, and how churches and individuals can help people age with dignity.
- Next Week**  
We will welcome Rev. Bob Broekema to our pulpit. Pastor Broekema is a retired CRC minister living in Fremont, who through his career served churches in Michigan, Washington, California, Iowa, and Florida. There will be no evening service.

*Council Hospitality Duties*

- This Week**  
Elder in Charge – Bob Eekhoff  
Deacon in Charge – Diane Adema  
Hospitality Elder – Scott Meyers  
Hospitality Deacon – Bob Bush
- Next Week**  
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Deacon in Charge – Bob Bush  
Hospitality Elder – Mark Weesies  
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## *Prayer Requests*

- For Dave Zoller, who has a pinched nerve in his neck.
- For Merle Bosch, who is recovering from open heart surgery. He is currently in ICU.
- 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, 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.

### *Offering Report - Sunday, November 5, 2023*

Total Offering - \$11,140.25  
Benevolence - \$150

World Renew - \$165.25  
Farmer's Market - \$50

Today's Offering – Missions – Love, INC  
Next Week's Offering – General Fund

## **FALL FUN COUNT & COLOR**

Follow the color guide and color the shapes. When done, count how many of each shape there are and write them in the boxes below.



**RED**



**ORANGE**



**YELLOW**



**GREEN**



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