

## *Schedule of Events*

### **Today**

**Nursery** – Mary Weesies, Kate Eilers

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

**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

### **Next Week**

**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

**Thursday**

**Thanksgiving Service** – 9:30 am at NERC

**Sunday**

**Nursery** – Amy Weesies, Ashley Medendorp

**Refreshments** – Jim & Danielle Bush, Jeremy Meyers

**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

**Lost & Found** - Please be sure to check the coat room to see if you may have left an item 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

**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 Bob Broekema*

**Sunday, November 19, 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 19, 2023*

**Order of Worship**

Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 119:145-152
*Opening Song	<b><i>O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God</i></b>
*God's Greeting	
*Song of Praise	<b><i>Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)</i></b> <b><i>I Stand Amazed</i></b>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<b><i>They'll Know We Are Christians</i></b>
Confession of Faith	
Children's Song	<b><i>Jesus Loves Me</i></b>
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Church Family Time	
Offering	General Fund
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<b><i>Speak, O Lord</i></b>
Scripture Reading	Luke 18:35-19:10
Sermon	The Last, the Least, the Lost
*Closing Song	<b><i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i></b> v. 1-3
*Blessing	
*Doxology	<b><i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i></b> v. 4

*Worship Notes*

**Morning Service**

This morning we 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. He will be preaching on "The Last, the Least, the Lost" from Luke 18:35-19:10.

**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**

On Christ the King Sunday, Pastor John will wrap up our series on the Proverbs of Solomon with a sermon on Proverbs 22:1-16, "The King for a Friend." In the evening, Pastor John will lead a teaching on the Belhar Confession, Article 3, with a focus on the gospel ministry of reconciliation.

*Offering Report - Sunday, November 12, 2023*

Total Offering - \$5,807	Farmer's Market - \$10,000
Love INC - \$310	

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

*Council Hospitality Duties*

**This Week**

Elder in Charge – Scott Meyers	Hospitality Elder – Mark Weesies
Deacon in Charge – Bob Bush	Hospitality Deacon – Chris Martin

**Next Week**

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

## *Announcements*

- Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, **all announcements will be due on Wednesday, November 22 at noon** for the Sunday bulletin.
- **Pastor Vacation** – Pastor John and his family are away on vacation this week. They will return on November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The drawing for **Elders and Deacons** has been moved to the November 26<sup>th</sup> worship service when Pastor John will return from vacation.
- 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)).
- **NECS Famous Banket Fundraiser** – 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 at 231-557-2942 or [Lynnie3511@aol.com](mailto:Lynnie3511@aol.com).
- **Advent Ensemble!** Male and Female Voices! Coming Soon! You like to sing...but...in a group. Understood. This is for YOU! Encourage a friend also! Details next week. Please sign your name on the sheet below the mailboxes or call Mary Mulder.
- 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.

Our church has again been asked to contribute towards 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.

## *Prayer Requests*

- For Dave Zoller, who has a pinched nerve in his neck.
- For Merle Bosch, who is recovering from open heart surgery.
- For Barb Youngs, as she recovers from hip replacement surgery this week.
- 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, and church planter S.M. in Uttar Pradesh, India.

## *Council Corner*

The Council of New Era CRC met on Wednesday, November 8. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- Received a report from the deacons that NECRC is partnering with Love INC to help clients with car repair needs.
- Made preparations for the November 12 congregational meeting.
- Discussed special holiday services for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's.