

## *Schedule of Events*

### Today

**Nursery** – Amy Weesies, Ashley Medendorp  
**Refreshments** – Jim & Danielle Bush, Jeremy Meyers  
**Elder & Deacon Drawing** – During the 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** – Margaret Bruinsma, Lori Westrate  
**Refreshments** – Ruben & Debra Gaitan, Scott & Paula Meyers  
**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

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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"*

Humility is  
the fear of the LORD;  
its wages are riches  
and honor and life.  
**Proverbs 22:4**



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*Pastor John C. Medendorp*

**Sunday, November 26, 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)**

*Christ the King Sunday*  
*Sunday, November 26, 2023*

**Order of Worship**

Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 119:161-168
*Opening Song	<b><i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i></b>
*God's Greeting	
*Song of Praise	<b><i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i></b> <b><i>The Church's One Foundation</i></b>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<b><i>Jesus Shall Reign Wherever the Sun</i></b>
Guide for Grateful Living	Psalm 100
Children's Song	<b><i>The King of Glory Comes</i></b>
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Church Family Time	
Offering	General Fund
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<b><i>Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart</i></b>
Memory Verse	Proverbs 3:5-6
Scripture Reading	Proverbs 22:1-16
Sermon	The King As Our Friend
*Closing Song	<b><i>O Worship the King</i></b>
*Blessing	
*Doxology	<b><i>My Friends May You Grow In Grace</i></b>

*Worship Notes*

**Morning Service**

Christ the King Sunday marks the last Sunday of the Christian calendar, with the “new year” beginning in Advent. Today we reflect on the reign of Christ over the creation, over his church, and over our lives. Pastor John will be concluding our series on the first collection of the Proverbs of Solomon with Proverbs 22:1-16, “The King for a Friend”.

**Evening Service**

This evening, Pastor John continue our series on the Belhar Confession, looking at the historical context of South African apartheid and the biblical call to reconciliation in Article 3. Join us for a time of song, discussion, fellowship, and prayer as we learn to live the gospel's call to unity, reconciliation, and justice.

**Next Week**

On the First Sunday of Advent, Pastor John will preach on Isaiah 64:1-9, “A Lament for Advent.” In the evening, Pastor John will continue our study on the Belhar Confession.

*Council Hospitality Duties*

**This Week**

Elder in Charge – Mark Weesies  
Deacon in Charge – Chris Martin

Hospitality Elder – Dave Zoller  
Hospitality Deacon – Jeremy Meyers

**Next Week**

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## *Announcements*

- **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.
- **Gifts Survey** - Please take a moment to fill out the 2023 New Era CRC Gifts Survey to help us plan for the coming year. Place your completed survey in the baskets by the sanctuary doors or in the Pastor's Mailbox. We strive to be a church where everybody belongs and everybody's gifts are used. If you have a gift that isn't reflected in the survey, or wish to contribute to the church's ministry in another way, please let Pastor John know.
- Join Pastor John and Ashley for a **Christmas-themed games night** at the church on Friday, December 8 at 6 pm. Pizza and childcare will be provided. Bring your cheesiest Christmas outfit, your favorite family game, and a Christmas treat to share.
- **The children will be singing** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" for the morning service on Sunday, December 24. Families are encouraged to plan to attend this service.

## *Offering Report – Sunday, November 19, 2023*

Total Offering - \$3,208

Thanksgiving - \$500

Today's Offering – General Fund

Next Week's Offering – Personal Care Pantry

## *Prayer Requests*

- In today's service, we will draw lots for the elders and deacons who will serve our church on council for the next three years. Please keep these new office bearers and the whole council in your prayers.
- For Dave Zoller, who had surgery on Wednesday for a pinched nerve in his neck.
- For Barb Youngs, Steve Meyers, and Merle Bosch who are all recovering from surgery.
- For Erin Stevens, who was recently diagnosed with colon cancer.
- 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.