

Schedule of Events

Today

Nursery – Cyndi Natte, Patti Weesies
Refreshments – Larry & Joyce Weesies, Mavis Lownds
International Day of Prayer – 5:00 pm
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

Sunday

Nursery – Paula Meyers, Mary VanderWerp
Refreshments – Kent & Ginny Weesies, Henry & Loie Hoekstra
Congregational Meeting – Following the morning service
Evening Service - 6:00 pm

Important Dates

November 5 – International Day of Prayer
November 6 - Manna Monday, GEMS, Cadets, Men's and Women's Bible Studies
November 7 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC
November 12 – Annual Congregational Meeting
November 13 – Girls Gathering for Christ
November 14 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC
November 19 – Elder & Deacon Drawing

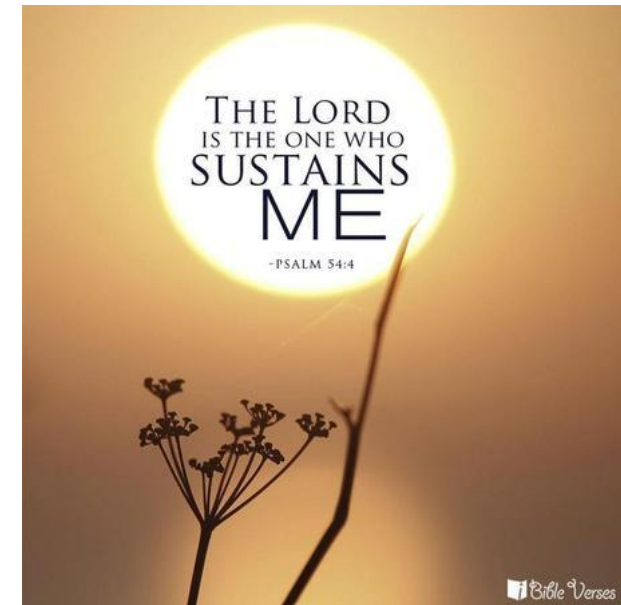
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Announcements are due by 3 PM on Thursdays to ensure they are printed in the weekly bulletin.
Custodian/Church Use – Contact Jacque Weesies at 517-525-4787.
Prayer Requests – Contact Diane Adema at diane.adema@gmail.com.



New Era Christian Reformed Church

*"Growing in Relationship with God, with Each Other,
and with our Community"*



Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, November 5, 2023
Worship Service at 9:30 am and 6:00 pm

1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446
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Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 5, 2023

Order of Worship

Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 119:129-136
*Opening Song	Rock of Ages
*God's Greeting	
*Song of Praise	By Faith
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	We Are One
Guide for Grateful Living	The Apostles' Creed
Children's Song	He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Church Family Time	
Offering	World Renew
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	Break Now the Bread of Life
Memory Verse	Proverbs 3:5-6
Scripture Reading	Proverbs 20:20–28
Sermon	Trusting the Lord
Lord's Supper	Alleluia
*Closing Song	'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
*Blessing	
*Doxology	Bless the Lord

Announcements

- November 5 is **International Day of Prayer** for the Persecuted Church. Please join us at 5 pm in the downstairs Council room to pray. Any questions? Contact Sue Vriesman or Jacque Weesies.
- Council will meet on Wednesday, November 8. Please direct any communication for the council to the clerk, Scott Meyers.
- The **Annual Congregational Meeting** has been set for November 12 at 11 am, following the worship service. Copies of the Agenda and 2024 Budget are available under the mailboxes. Absentee ballots available by request, contact Mark Weesies (231-670-7031 or mark@weesies.com). If you vote absentee, put your ballot in a sealed envelope with your name on it (one ballot per envelope), and give it to any council member or the pastor prior to Sunday, November 12. The drawing of names for incoming Elders and Deacons for 2024 will take place at the November 19 worship service.
- Jim and Ruth Prince for the entire Prince family want to express our sincerest thanks to our entire church family for the outpouring of prayers, cards, visits, flowers, and expressions of kindness received as we mourn the passing of our father into his eternal home. You have shown us once again what the hands and heart of our Savior look like. Thank you all so much.
- We are in need of more teams to prepare meals for **Manna Monday**. If you would be willing to be added to the calendar, please contact Diana Adema. We will be meeting after the morning service next week to make a schedule. Many of our current teams go south for the winter and it leaves just a few people to fill those weeks.
- 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.

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 “Trusting the Lord” from Proverbs 20:20-28.

Evening Service

This evening, we will welcome Rev. Dr. Lyle Bierma. Pastor Bierma recently retired from Calvin Seminary, where he taught theology. He will help us begin a new evening series on the Confession of Belhar, a confession writing in the 1980’s in the context of South African Apartheid. Come and learn about scripture’s call to unity, reconciliation, and justice in this contemporary testimony of faith.

Next Week

In the morning, Pastor John will preach on “Righteousness and Justice” from Proverbs 20:29-21:31. After the service, we will have our annual congregational meeting.

Offering Report – Sunday, October 29, 2023

Total Offering - \$9611

Today’s Offering – World Renew
Next Week’s Offering – Love, INC

Council Hospitality Duties

This Week

Elder in Charge – Dave Zoller
Deacon in Charge – Jeremy Meyers

Hospitality Elder – Bob Eekhoff
Hospitality Deacon – Diane Adema

Next Week

Elder in Charge – Bob Eekhoff
Deacon in Charge – Diane Adema

Hospitality Elder – Scott Meyers
Hospitality Deacon – Bob Bush

Prayer Requests

- For Pablo and Sheryl Canchè, as he recovers from surgery and has been scheduled for infusion treatments as a preventative measure. After his treatments, he and Sheryl plan to return to Mexico.

- For Gerald and Flossie Meyers, who have moved to a home in Spring Lake. Pray for continued recovery and adjustment in this new chapter. Their new address is: Gerald and Florence Meyers, 17393 Oakcrest Parkway, Unit A-2, Spring Lake, MI 49456.

- For our new sponsored church planter through Mission India. Please keep S.M. in your prayers as he completes his training and begins his ministry. More information is available at the church mailboxes.

- For the people of Israel and Palestine, especially the dozens of people who are being held hostage, the families of the over 2,000 people who have been killed, and the over 250,000 people who are now homeless.

- 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, the province of Manipur in India, 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 Canchè in Mexico City, Jeffrey & Evelyn Hough in Muskegon, Jeff & Kristi Schmidt with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Bob & Marcia Vermaire in Sierra Leone.