

## *Schedule of Events*

### **Today**

**Nursery** – Kate Eilers, Ashley Medendorp  
**Refreshments** – Carole Giberson, Ron & Jacque Weesies  
**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

### **Next Week**

#### **Monday**

**Girls Gathering for Christ** - 6:00 pm  
**Love, INC Dinner** – 6:00 pm

#### **Tuesday**

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

#### **Sunday**

**Nursery** – Margaret Bruinsma, Terri Langerak  
**Refreshments** – Winston & Diane Adema, Dave & Sharon Zoller  
**Young Life Fundraising Dinner** – 4:00 – 5:30 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

**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"*

*To answer before listening—  
that is folly and shame.  
Proverbs 18:13*

*Pastor John C. Medendorp*

**Sunday, October 15, 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, October 15, 2023*

**Order of Worship**

Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 119:105-112
*Opening Song	<b><i>Open the Eyes of My Heart</i></b>
*God's Greeting	
*Songs of Praise	<b><i>Come All You People With Grateful Heart</i></b>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<b><i>Oh Look and Wonder</i></b>
Confession of Faith	Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1
Children's Song	<b><i>This is the Day</i></b>
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Church Family Time	
Offering	Benevolence
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<b><i>Thy Word</i></b>
Memory Verse	Proverbs 3:5-6
Scripture Reading	Proverbs 18:1-21
Sermon	Listening and Speaking
*Closing Song	<b><i>A Mighty Fortress</i></b>
*Blessing	
*Doxology	<b><i>My Friends May You Grow In Grace</i></b>

*Announcements*

- **Love In the Name of Christ** Oceana County Fall Dinner, Monday, October 16! Please join us for our annual dinner to celebrate what God is doing in Oceana County, as we share our vision for 2024. See the colorful invitation on the bulletin board for details! Note that it will be held at New Era Reformed Church, and reserve your spot today! Questions? Call Mary Mulder, 616-414-1225.
- **Young Life Oceana County** will be hosting a fundraising dinner on October 22 from 4-5:30 pm at the Ladder Community Center in Shelby. This will take the place of our regular evening service for that Sunday. RSVP [oceanayounglife@gmail.com](mailto:oceanayounglife@gmail.com).
- **Council** met this past Wednesday, October 11. A summary of the meeting will be included in next week's bulletin.
- Join Pastor John and Ashley for a **Family Games Night** on Friday, October 27 at 6 pm in the church basement. Pizza and childcare provided (nursery care for infants, activities for children). Bring your favorite board game or card game, and be ready to teach others how to play!
- **NECS Apple Pie Day** - PACE is looking for volunteers to help make apple pies on Saturday, November 4. They will also be available for purchase. Please contact Paula Meyers at 231-742-0389 if you would like to volunteer and/or purchase apple pies.
- Thank you to the many people who participated in **safe church training**. If you plan to volunteer in any of our church ministries, and have not taken safe church training, please contact Ashley Medendorp or Sharon Zoller to make alternative arrangements.

*Important Dates*

- October 16 – Girls Gathering for Christ
- October 16 – Love INC Fall Dinner
- October 17 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC
- October 22 – Young Life Oceana County Fundraising Dinner
- October 23 - Manna Monday, GEMS, Cadets, Men's and Women's Bible Studies
- October 24 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC
- October 27 – Family Games Night

## *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 “Listening and Speaking” from Proverbs 18:1-21.

### **Evening Service**

Join us at 6 pm for our evening service. Last week we concluded our journey through the Heidelberg Catechism, one of our statements of faith. Tonight we will be reflecting on what we’ve learned and how we’ve grown over this 20-month journey. Join us for song, discussion, fellowship, and prayer.

### **Next Week**

In the morning, Pastor John will preach on “Public and Private Wisdom” from Proverbs 18:22-19:23. There will be no evening service, so that people can attend the Young Life fundraising dinner at The Ladder Community Center in Shelby.

## *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**

Elder in Charge - Scott Meyers  
Deacon in Charge - Bob Bush

Hospitality Elder - Mark Weesies  
Hospitality Deacon - Chris Martin

## *Offering Report – Sunday, October 8, 2023*

Total Offering - \$2,189  
Farmer's Market - \$21

Love, INC - \$293

Today's Offering – Benevolence  
Next Week's Offering – Missions – Pablo and Sheryl Canchè

## *Prayer Requests*

- For Flossie and Gerald Meyers, who have both been in and out of the hospital in the last couple of weeks.
- For Cliff Prince, who was in the hospital last week in Grand Rapids because of internal bleeding.
- For Merle Bosch who fell at home last week. He is currently in the ICU at Butterworth in Grand Rapids in very serious condition.
- 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, Cliff Prince, 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, and the many church planters we partner with through Mission India.