

Schedule of Events

Today

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

Wednesday

Cliff Prince Funeral – 2:00 pm

Sunday

Nursery – Danielle Bush, Lori Westrate
Refreshments – Dan & Mary Freye, Pete & Judy Staal
Safe Church Training – Following the morning service
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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Bulletin Announcements can be sent to Bekah Goodrich at 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.



New Era Christian Reformed Church

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

*You can make many plans,
but the Lord's purpose will prevail.*

– Proverbs 19:21



Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, October 22, 2023
Worship Service at 9:30 am

1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446
(231-861-5554) www.neweracrc.org

Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 22, 2023

Order of Worship

Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 119:113-120
*Opening Song	<i>Come All Who Fear the Lord God</i>
*God's Greeting	
*Songs of Praise	<i>There's No God as Great All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>
Confession of Faith	The Apostle's Creed
Children's Song	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Church Family Time	
Offering	Missions - Pablo & Sheryl Canchè
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>
Memory Verse	Proverbs 3:5-6
Scripture Reading	Proverbs 18:22-19:22
Sermon	Public and Private Wisdom
*Closing Song	<i>What Wondrous Love</i>
*Blessing	
*Doxology	<i>My Friends May You Grow In Grace</i>

Announcements

- 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!
- Another **safe church training** will be held next Sunday, October 29 after the morning service. If you plan to volunteer in any of our church ministries, and are unable to make this date, please contact Ashley Medendorp or Sharon Zoller to make alternative arrangements. Thank you to the 49 volunteers who have already completed the training!
- **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.
- Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 12 for the **Annual Congregational Meeting**. At this meeting, we will hear reports about the vision and direction of our church, approve the budget for ministry in 2024, and approve the slate of nominees for elder and deacon.

Important Dates

October 23 - Manna Monday, GEMS, Cadets, Men's and Women's Bible Studies
October 24 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC
October 24 – Cliff Prince Visitation 5-7 pm at Harris Funeral Home
October 25 – Cliff Prince Funeral at 2:00 pm, light reception to follow
October 29 – Safe Church Training
October 30 – Girls Gathering for Christ
October 31 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC

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 “Public and Private Wisdom” from Proverbs 18:22-19:22.

Evening Service

In place of tonight’s evening service, we encourage those who are able to attend the **Young Life Oceana County dessert fundraiser** from 4-5:30 pm at The Ladder Community Center in Shelby.

Next Week

In the morning, Pastor John will preach on “Dealing with Fools” from Proverbs 19:23 – 20:19. In the evening, we will begin a new series on the Confession of Belhar, a Reformed confession that comes out of the context of South African Apartheid.

Council Hospitality Duties

This Week

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

Hospitality Elder – Mark Weesies
Hospitality Deacon – Chris Martin

Next Week

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

Hospitality Elder – Dave Zoller
Hospitality Deacon – Jeremy Meyers

Offering Report – Sunday, October 15, 2023

Total Offering -

Today’s Offering – Missions – Pablo and Sheryl Canchè
Next Week’s Offering – General Fund

Prayer Requests

- For the Prince family. Cliff Prince went to be with the Lord early Tuesday morning. Visitation is on Tuesday, October 24, 5-7 pm at Harris Funeral Home in Shelby. Funeral service will be on Wednesday, October 25 at 2:00 pm. There will be visitation prior to the funeral at 1:00 pm. A light reception will follow in the church basement. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

- For Gerald Meyers, who is in rehab in Muskegon, and Flossie Meyers, who continues to recover from her fall at home.

- 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.

Council Corner

The council of New Era CRC met on Wednesday, October 11. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- Approved the **2024 Budget** for presentation at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

This budget includes increases for Latino Ministry, the Covenant Plan, and Ministry Shares.

- Approved the slate of **nominees for elder and deacon** for presentation to the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting. Please pray for God's guidance as we select office bearers in the coming weeks.

Nominees for Elder: Henry Hoekstra, Dan Mulder, Jim Prince, Greg Vriesman, Kent Weesies, and Ron Weesies.

Nominees for Deacon: Carole Giberson, Adam Lavelly, Janet Meyers, and Patti Weesies.

- Received **regular reports** from Pastor John, Elders, Deacons, and Committees.

- Approved a recommendation from Safe Church Committee for **hall monitors**.

Elders and deacons will serve in this capacity until volunteers are recruited and trained. If you are interested in serving as a hall monitor during the morning service, please connect with Ashley Medendorp or Sharon Zoller.

- Council will be exploring **outreach through social media** in the coming months. If you are interested in contributing thoughts or talents in this area, please connect with Diane Adema or Jeremy Meyers.

Council Corner

- The following mandate was approved for the **Latino Outreach Committee**: The Latino Outreach Committee will lay the groundwork for a successful Latino church plant in our community through awareness/education, relationships, and commitment.

1. Awareness/education: The committee will seek out and take advantage of opportunities for both the committee and the congregation to grow in our understanding of the history, opportunities, and challenges facing the Latino community and Latino churches/ministries in our region.
2. Relationship: The committee will seek out opportunities to build relationships between the congregation and the Latino community in our region at individual, family, and group levels.
3. Commitment: The committee will secure ministry partners in our community, Classis, and denomination, and begin the search for a church-planting pastor.