

Schedule of Events

Today

Nursery – Danielle Bush, Lori Westrate
Refreshments – Dan & Mary Freye, Pete & Judy Staal
Safe Church Training – Following the morning 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 – Cyndi Natte, Patti Weesies
Refreshments – Larry & Joyce Weesies, Mavis Lownds
Evening Service - 6:00 pm

Important Dates

October 30 – Girls Gathering for Christ
October 31 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC
November 1 – Council Executive Meeting
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

Contact Information

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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"*

The
**righteous
man**
leads a blameless life;
**blessed are
his children
after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7 (NIV)

Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, October 29, 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, October 29, 2023

Order of Worship

Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 119:121-128
*Opening Song	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>
*God's Greeting	
*Songs of Praise	<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> <i>I Am Not My Own</i>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<i>Oh Look and Wonder</i>
Guide for Grateful Living	The Ten Commandments
Children's Song	<i>Give Me Oil In My Lamp</i>
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Church Family Time	
Offering	General Fund
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<i>Ancient Words</i>
Memory Verse	Proverbs 3:5-6
Scripture Reading	Proverbs 19:23-20:19
Sermon	Dealing with Fools
*Closing Song	<i>O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise</i>
Lord's Supper Preparatory	
*Blessing	
*Doxology	<i>My Friends May You Grow In Grace</i>

Announcements

- **Safe church training will be held today 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 many volunteers who have already completed this training!

- **Council executive** will meet this Wednesday, November 1, to set the agenda for the November 8 meeting. Please direct any communication for council to the clerk, Scott Meyers.

- A **special meeting of Classis Muskegon**, our regional body of churches, will be held on Thursday, November 2, to examine Mike Gafa for ordination as a Commissioned Pastor to serve Covenant Life Church in Muskegon. Please pray for Mr. Gafa, classis leaders, and classis delegates.

- **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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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 “Dealing with Fools” from Proverbs 19:23-20:19.

Evening Service

This evening, Pastor John will begin a new series on the Confession of Belhar, a confession written 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 20:20 – 21:3. In the evening, we will welcome Rev. Dr. Lyle Bierma, a retired theology professor from Calvin Seminary, who will present on the Bible’s call for Christian unity as summarized in the Belgic Confession and share about his many years of working on behalf of the Christian Reformed Church to establish and maintain ecumenical relationships with other churches.

Council Hospitality Duties

This Week

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

Hospitality Elder – Dave Zoller
Hospitality Deacon – Jeremy Meyers

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Deacon in Charge – Jeremy Meyers

Hospitality Elder – Bob Eekhoff
Hospitality Deacon – Diane Adema

Prayer Requests

- 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.

- We are so thankful for all the love and prayers shared with our family through a very tough time. God has been so good to us and has provided for us day by day. Scott & Paula Meyers

- 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.