

## *Schedule of Events*

### **Today**

**Nursery** – Terri Langerak, Lori Westrate

**Refreshments** – Garry & Mary Weesies, Jake & Janessa VanderVelde

**Safe Church Training** – 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

**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, Paula Meyers

**Refreshments** – Dan & Mary Mulder, Patty Buursma, Keri Hall

**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

## *Important Dates*

September 18 – Girls Gathering for Christ

September 19 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC

September 25 – Manna Monday, Cadets, GEMS, Men's & Women's Bible Study

September 26 – New Era Coffeebreak - NERC

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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"*

*Commit  
to the  
Lord whatever  
you do, and  
He will establish your plans*  
Proverbs 16:3

*Pastor John C. Medendorp*

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

**Worship Service at 9:30 am and 6:00 pm**

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*Ordinary Time*  
*Sunday, September 17, 2023*

**Order of Worship**

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Welcome                 |   |
| Call To Worship         | Psalms 119:73-80  |
| *God's Greeting         |   |
| *Songs of Praise        | <b><i>Holy Holy Holy<br/>I Am Not My Own<br/>Amazing Love</i></b> |
| Confession & Assurance  |   |
| Passing the Peace       | <b><i>Jesus Shall Reign</i></b>                                   |
| Children's Blessing     | (Children invited to Children's Church)                           |
| Children's Song         | <b><i>The King of Glory Comes</i></b>                             |
| Church Family Time      |   |
| Offering                | General Fund  |
| Congregational Prayer   |   |
| Memory Verse            | Proverbs 3:5-6  |
| Song of Preparation     | <b><i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord</i></b>                            |
| Prayer for Illumination |   |
| Scripture Reading       | Proverbs 15:30-16:15  |
| Sermon                  | The Lord and His King   |
| *Closing Song           | <b><i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i></b>                          |
| *Blessing               |   |
| *Doxology               | <b><i>My Friends May You Grow In Grace</i></b>                    |

*Announcements*

- **Thank you to all those who attended the Safe Church Training this past Monday evening.** Our final training will be taking place today after the service. If you volunteer, are an office bearer, or are involved in any ministry and were not at this past training, you **MUST** attend today's training. Please grab your coffee, mingle, and then head back into the sanctuary for the training by 11:15 at the latest. The training will be approximately 1 hour long. You must have completed training by September 30 in order to volunteer for the 2023-2024 ministry year. If you have any questions regarding the training or safe church policy for New Era CRC, please speak with either Sharon Zoller or Ashley Medendorp.

- **Girls Gathering for Christ** will meet on September 18 at 6 pm in the church narthex. We will decide when what book/topic we will study. If you have any ideas, bring them along. Finger food provided. All women of NECRC invited. Feel free to bring a friend. Any questions, contact Jacque Weesies

- **Council** met on Wednesday, September 13. A summary of council's meeting will be included in next week's bulletin.

- Join Pastor John and Ashley for another **Church Fire** for young adults and young families on Friday, September 29 at 6 pm.

- Mark your calendars for the **New Era Christian School Fall Festival** Saturday, October 14 from 4pm to 7pm. There will be carnival games, a bounce house, and activities for all ages! Dog n Suds food will be available from 5pm-7pm. All proceeds support New Era Christian School. We hope to see you there!

*Offering Report – Sunday, September 10, 2023*

Total Offering - \$

Today's Offering – General Fund

Next Week's Offering – Missions – Jeff and Kristi Schmidt

## *Worship Notes*

### **Morning Service**

This summer 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. Today, Pastor John will preach on “The Lord and His King” from Proverbs 15:30-16:15.

### **Evening Service**

In our evening services, we are exploring the life of prayer through the teachings of the Heidelberg Catechism, one of our Reformed Confessions. This week, Pastor John will teach on Lord’s Day 49: “Your Will Be Done”. Join us for a time of song, fellowship, learning, and prayer.

### **Next Week**

In the morning, Pastor John will preach on “The Worth of Wise Words” from Proverbs 16:16-30. In the evening, we will look at the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 50: “Give Us Our Daily Bread”.

## *Prayer Requests*

- For those who cannot currently worship with us in person: Gerald & Flossie Meyers, Paul Mulder, Cliff Prince, Elizabeth (Betty) 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.