

## *Schedule of Events*

### **Today**

**Nursery** – Cyndi Natte, Paula Meyers

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

**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

### **Friday**

**Church Fire** – 6:00 pm

### **Sunday**

**Nursery** – Patti Weesies, Mary VanderWerp

**Refreshments** –

**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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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"*



*Pastor John C. Medendorp*

**Sunday, September 24, 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, September 24, 2023*

**Order of Worship**

Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalms 119:81-88
*Opening Song	<b><i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i></b>
*God's Greeting	
*Songs of Praise	<b><i>Let All Things Now Living In Christ Alone</i></b>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<b><i>Koinonia</i></b>
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Children's Song	<b><i>My God Is So Great</i></b>
Church Family Time	
Offering	Missions – Jeff and Kristi Schmidt
Congregational Prayer	
Memory Verse	Proverbs 3:5-6
Song of Preparation	<b><i>Ancient Words</i></b>
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Proverbs 16:16-30
Sermon	Gracious Words
*Closing Song	<b><i>Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak</i></b>
*Blessing	
*Doxology	<b><i>My Friends May You Grow In Grace</i></b>

*Announcements*

- Join Pastor John and Ashley for another **Church Fire** for young adults and young families on Friday, September 29 at 6 pm. Bring something to sit on and drinks for your family, and enjoy hot dogs, snacks, and s'mores!
- 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!
- Thank you to the many people who participated in **safe church training** last week. 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*

September 25 – Manna Monday, Cadets, GEMS, Men's & Women's Bible Study  
September 26 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC  
September 29 – Church Fire – 6:00 pm  
October 1 – Joining Sunday Service  
October 2 – Girls Gathering for Christ  
October 3 – New Era Coffeebreak - NERC

*Offering Report – Sunday, September 17, 2023*

Total Offering - \$4,944.40                      Farmer's Market - \$184.40

Today's Offering – Missions – Jeff and Kristi Schmidt  
Next Week's Offering – General Fund

## *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 “Gracious Words” from Proverbs 16:16-30.

### **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 50: “Our Daily Bread”. Join us for a time of song, fellowship, learning, and prayer.

### **Next Week**

In the morning, we will celebrate Joining Sunday as 10 people receive covenant baptism or make profession of faith. Pastor John will preach on “One of the Family” from Proverbs 16:31-17:6. In the evening, we will look at the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 51: “Forgive Us Our Debts”.

## *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.

## *Council Corner*

The Council of New Era CRC met on Wednesday, September 13. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- Scheduled a **Joining Sunday** on October 1 to welcome new members upon the completion of the pastor’s class and approval by the council. Danielle Bush, Kaydence Schultz, Karson Schultz, and Mike Schultz will be welcomed by baptism. Karmen Fox, Jonathan “JJ” Natte, and Bethany Schultz will be welcomed by adult profession of faith. Jim Bush, Steve and Cyndi Natte will celebrate their reaffirmation of faith. Praise the Lord for a growing church!
- Reviewed the congregation’s **nominations for elder and deacon** and approved a final list. Nomination letters are being sent out this week. Please pray for God’s provision of faithful leaders for this church.
- Appointed delegates for the meeting of **Classes Muskegon**, to be held September 28 in Grand Haven. Please pray for our regional body of churches as we meet together and for Pastor John, Bob Eekhoff, and Diane Adema as they attend on behalf of our church.
- Set the date for the **Annual Congregational Meeting** on November 12 following the Sunday morning worship service. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.