

## *Schedule of Events*

### **Today**

**Nursery** – Amy Weesies, Kate Eilers

**Refreshments** – Rose Brace, Bob & Barb Reed

**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

### **Next Week**

#### **Sunday**

**Nursery** – Ashley Medendorp, Terri Langerak

**Refreshments** – Dick & Judy Walhout, Doug, Lori, & Bonnie Westrate

**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

## *Important Dates*

September 10 – Elder & Deacon Nominations Due

September 11 – Manna Monday

September 12 – Women's Coffeebreak at NERC – 9:30 – 11:15 am

September 12 - Farmer's Market - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

## *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](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, August 27, 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, August 27, 2023*

**Order of Worship**

Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 119:49-56
*God's Greeting	
*Songs of Praise	<b><i>Come All You People</i></b> <b><i>Come Thou Fount</i></b> <b><i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i></b>
Confession & Assurance	From Romans 14:7-12, 15:1-7
Passing the Peace	<b><i>We Are One in Christ Jesus</i></b>
Children's Message	
Children's Song	<b><i>Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day</i></b>
Church Family Time	
Offering	Missions – Angel Community Church
Congregational Prayer	
Memory Verse	Proverbs 3:5-6
<b>“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”</b>	
Scripture Reading	Proverbs 13
Sermon	Instruction and Discipline
*Closing Song	<b><i>I Am Not My Own</i></b>
*Blessing	
*Doxology	<b><i>My Friends May You Grow in Grace</i></b>

*Announcements*

- **Nominations for Council** – Nomination ballots for the office of Elder and Deacon are available under the mailboxes. The council asks that each member take one home and prayerfully consider who to nominate for these positions in our church. The ballots should be filled out and put in a signed envelope in the box under the mailboxes by Sunday, September 10.
- **Pastor's Class** – The Summer Pastor's Class for those who desire to join the church or make profession of faith has wrapped up. In this class, we explore the basics of the Christian faith, the Reformed Tradition, and the privileges and responsibilities of membership in the church. If you are interested in joining a Pastor's Class cohort for the fall season, please let Pastor John know.
- **The Hispanic Ministry Steering Committee** will meet at the church on Tuesday, August 29, at 3:30 pm. If you are interested in helping out with this ministry, please know you are welcome to attend. Let Dave Zoller [dzoller@hotmail.com](mailto:dzoller@hotmail.com) know you are interested.
- NECRC Women- Yes! It is time to begin again our **Women's Fellowship!** This 2023-2024 year, we will be studying the book of Daniel. We will be meeting at 6:45- 8:00 on the same evenings that Manna Monday will meet, beginning September 11. Please prayerfully consider joining us this year as we open the Word of God and enjoy the fellowship of other God-seeking ladies who would love to share their thoughts and experiences. We hope to see you join us this year! Sharon Zoller
- Calling all people who work with children, elderly, and vulnerable adults in our NECRC community. We are planning a **safe-church training session** to help you understand and become more aware of concerns about abuse in church programs throughout this country. We are tasked to educate and provide resources for the prevention and awareness of power and abuse. We are offering two sessions this year to help you be the best advocate that you can be for our NECRC loved ones. Even if you have taken similar trainings before, we ask that you attend one of the following sessions: **Monday, Sept. 11 5:30-6:30** or **Sunday, Sept. 17 11:00-12:00**. If you work with or hope to work in the future with nursery, children's worship, or are bible study leaders or council members, please select one of the times when you can join the church's safe church team to ensure its implementation and keep current with our policy. Sharon Zoller and Ashley Medendorp
- **Ladies** -It is time to make plans to gather on Tuesday mornings to open our Bibles and our hearts to see what God has for us to discover this year! **New Era Coffeebreak's first gathering is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 12th at New Era Reformed Church. Plan to arrive between 9:30-9:45 a.m.** This year we will be going through the book of John using the Discover Your Bible series. You will receive your books on the 12th and we will be doing the first session the following week. Looking forward to seeing you on the 12th!!  
If you have any **questions** about the coming year, please contact (call or text) Sharon at 231-742-0216.

## **I Am Not My Own**

1 This my only comfort in my life and in my death:  
You have fully paid for all my sins and all my debts.  
Even when I struggle to believe, with your precious blood you set me free.

**Chorus:** I am not my own, but belong—body and soul—  
in my life and in death, to you Lord, Christ my Lord.

2 You preserve my life in such a way that without you  
Not a hair can fall from me unless you will it to.  
Even when I'm lost in desperation, all things work together for my salvation!

3 Always by your Holy Spirit you assure me  
Of eternal life and make me willing and ready—  
Even when I can't see my way through— From now on to always live for you!

## **My Friends May You Grow in Grace**

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior. My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen. To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

## ***Offering Report - Sunday, August 20, 2023***

Total Offering - \$1,920

Benevolence - \$284

Farmer's Market - \$10

Today's Offering – Missions – Angel Community Church

Next Week's Offering – Love, INC

- The Deacons will be working on the **budget** for next year over the next few weeks and we appreciate input from the congregation. If you are part of a committee or group that has a need or suggestion about the 2024 church budget, please contact a Deacon.

## ***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 “Instruction and Discipline” from Proverbs 13.

### **Evening Service**

In the evening service we are exploring the life of prayer through the Lord's Prayer. Tonight we will be looking at the second request, “Your Kingdom come.” What is the Kingdom of God? And how do we pray for its coming? Join us for a time of song, discussion, fellowship, and prayer.

### **Next Week**

In the morning, Pastor John will preach on “Living in Wisdom” from Proverbs 14:1-32. In the evening we will explore Lord's Day 49 of the Heidelberg Catechism, “Your Will be Done”.

## ***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.

### **Come All You People**

1 Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker; come, all you people, come and praise your Maker; come, all you people, come and praise your Maker; come now and worship the Lord.

2 Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior; come, all you people, come and praise the Savior; come, all you people, come and praise the Savior; come now and worship the Lord.

3 Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit; come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit; come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit; come now and worship the Lord.

### **Come Thou Fount**

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount— I'm fixed upon it— mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

4 Oh that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face  
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Bring Thy promises to pass  
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me, Till I'm home with Thee at last

### **Children of the Heavenly Father**

1 Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own shall tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil powers he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; for to them his grace revealing, he turns sorrow into healing.

4 God has given, he has taken, but his children ne'er forsaken; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

### **We Are One in Christ Jesus**

**English** We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together. We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together. We share one God, one mighty Lord, one abiding faith, one binding love, one single baptism, one Holy Comforter, the Holy Spirit, uniting all.

**Spanish** Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno sólo. Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno sólo. Un solo Dios, un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo\_amor, un solo bautismo, un solo\_Espíritu y ése es el Consolador.

### **Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day**

Read your Bible, pray every day  
Pray every day, pray every day;  
Read your Bible, pray every day.  
And you'll grow, grow, grow.  
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