

## *Schedule of Events*

### **Today**

**Nursery** – Amy Weesies, Mary VanderWerp  
**Refreshments** – Carole Giberson, Henry & Terri Langerak  
**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

### **Next Week**

#### **Wednesday**

**Personal Care Pantry** – Karmen Fox, Betty TenBrink

#### **Sunday**

**Nursery** – Mary Weesies, Kate Eilers  
**Refreshments** – Winston & Diane Adema, Dave & Sharon Zoller  
**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

## *Important Dates*

July 19 – Personal Care Pantry – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

July 21 – Family Fire Night – 6:00 pm

July 22 – Mavis Lownds' Birthday Party – 2:00 – 4:00 pm

July 25 – Farmer's Market – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

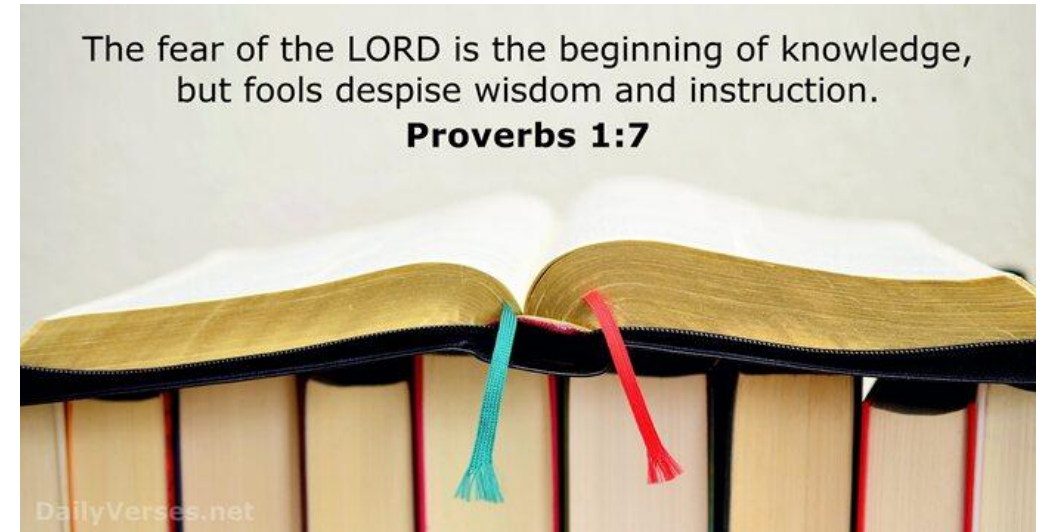
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## ***New Era Christian Reformed Church***

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



*Pastor John C. Medendorp*

**Sunday, July 16, 2023**  
**Worship Service at 9:30 am and 6:00 pm**

**1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446**  
**(231- 861-5554) [www.neweracrc.org](http://www.neweracrc.org)**

## *Ordinary Time*

*Sunday, July 16, 2023*

### **Order of Worship**

Prelude	
Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 119:1-8
*God's Greeting	
*Songs of Praise	<b><i>Come All You People All Creatures of Our God and King How Deep the Father's Love for Us</i></b>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<b><i>We Are One in Christ</i></b>
Children's Message	
Children's Song	<b><i>Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia!</i></b>
Church Family	
Offering	The Ladder Community Center
Congregational Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Proverbs 1:1-7
Sermon	The Beginning of Wisdom
*Closing Song	<b><i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i></b>
*Blessing	
*Doxology	<b><i>My Friends, May You Grow in Grace</i></b>

## *Announcements*

- **Mavis Lownds** is turning 90 on Saturday, July 22! Everyone is invited to come and celebrate with Mavis and her family on Saturday, July 22 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at New Era Christian Reformed Church. Happy 90th Birthday Mavis!

- **Family Fire Night** – Young adults and families are invited to join Pastor John and Ashley for a campfire/hot dog roast on Friday, July 21, at 6 pm. Bring something to sit on, and drinks for your family. Dinner and s'mores provided.

- Families are encouraged to take advantage of various **Vacation Bible School** opportunities in our community.

- New Era Bible Church – July 16 - 20

- Trinity Lutheran Church – July 30 – August 3

- **Register for Camp** – Families with children ages 8-13 are encouraged to register for Camp Tall Turf, "equipping youth and families for lives of reconciliation in God's world". Youth and Family camp options available on the beautiful property at Lake Campbell near Hesperia. For information and to register visit [www.tallturf.org](http://www.tallturf.org).

### *Offering Report – Sunday, July 9, 2023*

Total Offering - \$2,517.25

Mission India - \$363.25

Farmer's Market - \$100

Today's Offering – The Ladder Community Center

Next Week's Offering – General Fund

## *Worship Notes*

### **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above, thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

### **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.

### **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 begin our summer season. He will preach on Proverbs 1:1-7, “The Beginning of Wisdom.”

### **Evening Service**

In the evening we are exploring prayer, using the Heidelberg Catechism as our guide. Tonight, we will reflect on Lord’s Day 45: “Why do Christians need to pray?” Join us for a time of song, discussion, fellowship, and prayer as we learn to live out “the thankfulness God requires of us.”

### **Next Week**

Pastor John will continue our summer series on Proverbs with Proverbs 9: “Two Feasts at the End of the Road”.

## *Prayer Requests*

- 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.

## **All Creatures of Our God and King**

1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing: alleluia, alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam, and shining moon with silver gleam, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 O rushing wind so wild and strong, white clouds that sail in heaven along, alleluia, alleluia! New rising dawn in praise rejoice; you lights of evening find a voice: O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 All you who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part; alleluia, alleluia! All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care: O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

1 How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure—that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many more to glory.

2 Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders. Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

3 I will not boast in anything—no gifts no pow'r no wisdom—but I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

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

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 (2 times)

## **Hallelu**

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! (x2)  
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! (x3)  
Praise ye the Lord!