

Schedule of Events

Today

Nursery – Mary Weesies, Kate Eilers

Refreshments – Winston & Diane Adema, Dave & Sharon Zoller

Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday

Nursery – Terri Langerak, Paula Meyers

Refreshments – Dave & Mary Wagner, Jim & Mary VanderWerp

Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Important Dates

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

August 8 - Farmer's Market - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Offering Report - Sunday, July 16, 2023

Total Offering - \$5,526

The Ladder Community Center - \$282

Farmer's Market - \$20

Benevolence - \$100

Today's Offering – General Fund

Next Week's Offering – Love, INC

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 fear of the *Lord*
is the beginning
of *wisdom*.

Proverbs 9:10

Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, July 23, 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, July 23, 2023

Order of Worship

Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 119:9-16
*God's Greeting	
*Songs of Praise	<i>We Sing the Mighty Power of God All Things Bright and Beautiful How Great Thou Art</i>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<i>Miren que bueno/Oh Look and Wonder</i>
Children's Message	
Children's Song	<i>Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day</i>
Church Family	
Offering	General Fund
Congregational Prayer	
Memory Verse	Proverbs 3:5-6
"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."	
Scripture Reading	Proverbs 9
Sermon	Two Houses at the End of the Road
*Closing Song	<i>How Shall the Young Direct Their Way?</i>
*Blessing	
*Doxology	<i>My Friends May You Grow in Grace</i>

Announcements

- At the **Farmer's Market** on Tuesday, July 25, we will celebrate **Christmas in July**. Join us at 4 pm for mini Christmas tree decorating, a presentation by a Christmas tree grower, a Santa Claus look-alike contest, donations for Roy's Kids, and great food, produce, and products from our local vendors. Live entertainment by Truck Driver Bingo begins at 5 pm. Volunteer for set up, registration, or tear down at the bulletin board by the pastor's study.

- Sandy Whitaker is **looking to borrow a 4' Christmas tree** to use at the Farmer's Market on Tuesday for the giving tree for Roy's Kids. It will be returned after the Farmer's Market. Please contact Sandy Whitaker if you can help.

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

- 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.

- **NECRC Family** - According to Beacon Funeral Home, John Davila's balance for his funeral expenses is \$755. For those interested in helping out with any size gift, there is a family in our community that will match your gift up to \$378. This matching gift will last until July 31. Thank you for your consideration to this request. If you would like to donate, please designate "John Davila" on your envelope or check. Questions? Please contact Pastor John.

- **Address Update** - Cliff Prince has moved to Holland Home's Raybrook Manor off of the East Belt Line in Grand Rapids. His new address is: 2121 Raybrook St. SE, Apartment DV-234, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

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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How Shall the Young Direct Their Way

1 How shall the young direct their way? What light shall be their perfect guide? Your word, O Lord, will safely lead if in its wisdom they confide.

2 Sincerely I have sought you, Lord; O let me not from you depart; to know your will and keep from sin, your word I cherish in my heart.

3 O blessed Lord, teach me your law, your righteous judgments I declare; your testimonies make me glad, for they are wealth beyond compare.

4 Upon your precepts and your ways my heart will meditate with awe; your word shall be my chief delight, and I will not forget your law

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.

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 two paths of wisdom and folly from Proverbs 9, “Two Houses at the End of the Road”.

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 begin the “Proverbs of Solomon” with Proverbs 10:1-16 “Wealth & Words”.

Prayer Requests

- For Helen VanderMey as she heals from a sprained ankle.

- For those who cannot currently worship with us in person: 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.

We Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

2 We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes, if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

3 There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known, and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne; while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care, and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

1 Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings.

2 The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky:

3 The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.

4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Refrain All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed;

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Miren qué bueno / Oh, Look and Wonder

1 How good it is when brothers dwell in peace with one another: it is like precious oil when running fresh on Aaron's beard.

2 How good it is when sisters dwell in peace with one another: fresh like the morning dew that falls on Zion's holy hill.

3 How good it is when all earth's people dwell in peace together: there is where God will pour the blessing, life forevermore.

Spanish Refrain ¡Miren qué bueno, qué bueno es! ¡Miren qué bueno, qué bueno es!