

## *Schedule of Events*

### Today

**Nursery** – Patti Weesies, Mary VanderWerp  
**Refreshments** – Dave & Mary Wagner, Henry & Terri Langerak  
**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  
**Farmer's Market Appreciation Dinner** – 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday

**Council Executive Team Meeting**

#### Sunday

**Nursery** – Mary Weesies, Amy Weesies  
**Refreshments** – Jim & Ruth Prince, Jim & Mary VanderWerp  
**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

**Pastor Information** – Pastor John Medendorp - Email – [necrc.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:necrc.pastor@gmail.com), Cell – 231-284-8245

**Bulletin Announcements** can be sent to Bekah Goodrich at [necrc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:necrc.secretary@gmail.com), Cell - 231-450-0410

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"*

**TRUST  
IN THE  
LORD  
WITH ALL  
YOUR ♥**  
*{proverbs 3:5}*

*Pastor John C. Medendorp*

**Sunday, October 1, 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)**

## *Joining Sunday*

*Sunday, October 1, 2023*

### **Order of Worship**

Welcome  
Call To Worship  
\*Opening Song  
\*God's Greeting  
\*Songs of Praise

Psalm 119:89-96  
***We Will Extol You***

***How Great Is Our God  
Baptized in Water***

Covenant Baptism  
Profession of Faith  
Passing the Peace

***We Are One In Christ Jesus***

Children's Blessing  
Children's Song  
Church Family Time  
Offering  
Congregational Prayer

(Children invited to Children's Church)  
***Jesus Loves Me***

General Fund

Song of Preparation  
Memory Verse  
Scripture Reading  
Sermon

***Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God***  
Proverbs 3:5-6  
Proverbs 16:31-17:6  
One of the Family

\*Closing Song  
\*Blessing  
\*Doxology

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

***My Friends May You Grow In Grace***

## *Announcements*

- The church will be hosting a **Farmer's Market Appreciation Dinner** for vendors, volunteers, and sponsors of the New Era Farmer's Market. If you helped out with the Farmer's Market this year, whether through volunteering, giving, or running a booth, please join us in the church basement this Tuesday, October 3, at 6:00 pm for burgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share.
- The **Council Executive Team** will meet this Wednesday, October 4, to set the agenda for the October 11 meeting of council. Please direct any communication for council to the clerk, Scott Meyers.
- 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.
- **Love In the Name of Christ** Oceana County Fall Dinner, Monday, October 16! Please join us for our annual dinner to celebrate what God is doing in Oceana County, as we share our vision for 2024. See the colorful invitation on the bulletin board for details! Note that it will be held at New Era Reformed Church, and reserve your spot today! Questions? Call Mary Mulder, 616-414-1225.

## *Important Dates*

October 2 – Girls Gathering for Christ  
October 3 – Farmer's Market Appreciation Dinner  
October 3 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC  
October 4 – Council Executive Team Meeting  
October 9 – Manna Monday, GEMS, Cadets, Men's and Women's Bible Studies  
October 10 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC  
October 11 – Council Meeting

## *Worship Notes*

### **Morning Service**

Happy Joining Sunday! This morning we welcome families and individuals into a new chapter of their faith journey together with the people of God, either through sacrament of baptism or through profession or reaffirmation of faith. Today we celebrate the baptism of Danielle Bush, Kaydence Schultz, Karson Schultz, and Mike Schultz, the profession of faith of Karmen Fox, Jonathan “JJ” Natte, and Beth Schultz, and the reaffirmation of faith of Jim Bush, Cyndi Natte, and Steve Natte. We praise the Lord for each of them, and for their commitment to Christ and his church! Pastor John will preach on “One of the Family” from Proverbs 16:31-17:6.

### **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 51: “Forgive Us Our Debts”. Join us for a time of song, fellowship, learning, and prayer.

### **Next Week**

In the morning, Pastor John will preach on “The Folly of Fools” from Proverbs 17:7-28. In the evening, we will look at the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 52: “The End of Prayer”.

## *Offering Report – Sunday, September 24, 2023*

Total Offering - \$4,969

Benevolence - \$100

Missions – Jeff and Kristi Schmidt - \$224

Today’s Offering – General Fund

Next Week’s Offering – Love, INC

## *Prayer Requests*

- For the many people in our community fighting fall viruses, including COVID and flu, and especially for those who are particularly vulnerable to complications from these diseases.

- For Pablo Canchè, one of our sponsored missionaries, who had surgery this past Friday to remove one of his parathyroid glands. Praise the Lord that the biopsy results from his thyroid came back negative! Pablo and Sheryl plan to return to Mexico in November.

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