

Schedule of Events

Today

Nursery – Ashley Medendorp, Terri Langerak

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

Next Week

Sunday

Nursery –

Refreshments – Dexter & Amy Weesies, Wes & Jan Weesies

Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Important Dates

September 10 – Elder & Deacon Nominations Due

September 11 – Manna Monday

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

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

September 13 - Council Meeting

Offering Report - Sunday, August 27, 2023

Total Offering - \$3,081.50

Benevolence - \$15

Farmer's Market - \$290

Angel Community Church – \$568.50

Today's Offering – Love, INC

Next Week's Offering – World Renew

Contact Information

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Announcements are due by 3 PM on Thursdays to ensure they are printed in the weekly bulletin.

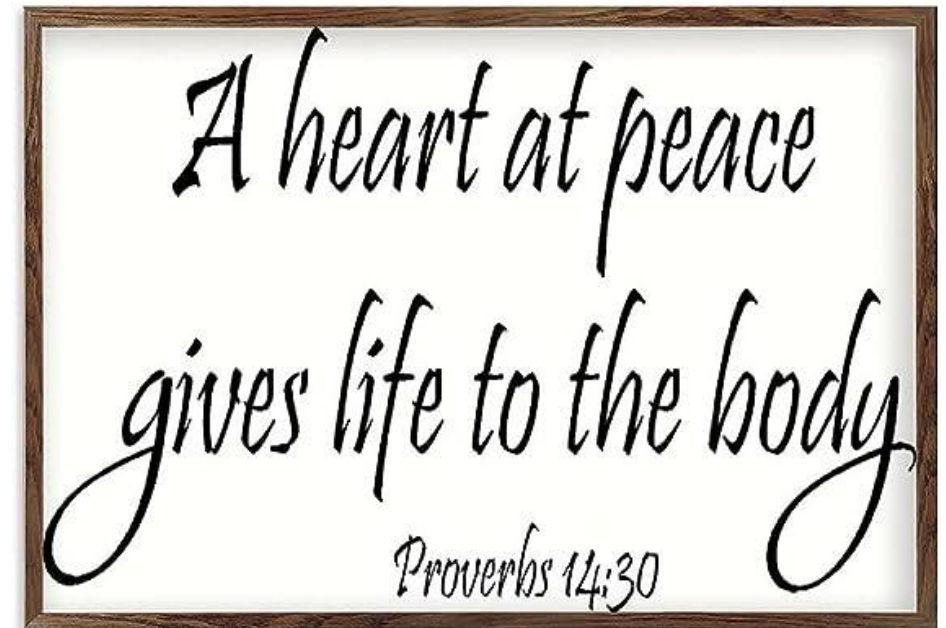
Custodian/Church Use – Contact Jacque Weesies at 517-525-4787.

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"*



Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Worship Service at 9:30 am

1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446

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Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 3, 2023

Order of Worship

Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 119:57-64
*God's Greeting	
*Songs of Praise	<i>Let All Things Now Living Praise to the Lord, the Almighty The Lord My Shepherd</i>
Confession & Assurance	From 1 Corinthians 1
Passing the Peace	<i>God is Here</i>
Children's Message	
Children's Song	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>
Church Family Time	
Offering	Love, INC
Special Music	This is my Father's World
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 14:1-32
Sermon	Deeper Than the Eyes Can Find
Lord's Supper	
*Closing Song	<i>Lift Up Your Hearts</i>
*Blessing	
*Doxology	<i>My Friends May You Grow in Grace</i>

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 whom 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.

- **NECRC Women** – Yes! It is time to bring again our Women's Fellowship! This 2023-2024 year, we will be studying the book of Daniel. The study books on Daniel have arrived and can be found in the Zoller's mailbox. We will be studying the first lesson on September 11 so please grab a book and be prepared to open God's word together. 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 love to share their thoughts and experiences. We hope to see you join us this year! – Sharon Zoller

- Ladies – It is time 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, September 12th at New Era Reformed Church. Plan to arrive between 9:30-9:45 am. 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. If you have any questions about the coming year, please contact (call or text) Sharon at 231-742-0216. Looking forward to seeing you on the 12th!!

- **Calling all volunteers, office bearers, and ministry leaders.** Our annual Safe Church Training will be held Monday, Sept 11 at 5:30 OR Sunday, Sept 17 following the morning service. If you volunteer, or wish to volunteer, you **MUST** attend at least one of these trainings. The training will be approximately 1 hour long. If you would like a copy of the Safe Church Policy before the training, please talk to Sharon Zoller. You must have completed a training by September 30 in order to volunteer for the 2023-24 ministry year. If you have any questions regarding the training or safe church policy for New Era CRC, please speak with either Sharon Zoller or Ashley Medendorp.

Announcements

- **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 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.
- The very last **Farmer's Market** of the 2023 season will be Tuesday, September 12. If you have not taken the opportunity to attend a market and see how our church family is serving the community outside of our congregation, you are missing out on seeing God's blessing. We want to thank all the faithful volunteers that work together to make each market happen. We have averaged 240 attendees at each of the 5 markets and that doesn't include the vendors. Total incentive programs to give away food for 5 markets have totaled \$4,192. That does not include the free entertainment, we have reimbursed 5 performances \$2,150. The amazing aspect of the markets is this is all provided by donations and grants. To God be the Glory! – Sandy Whitaker.
- **The Latino Ministry Steering Committee** met this past Tuesday to discuss opportunities, challenges, and goals. The committee will meet monthly and focus its current meeting efforts on learning from community leaders and securing financial partners. If you are interested in participating, please contact Dave Zoller at dzoller@hotmail.com.
- **Council Executive** will meet Wednesday, September 6, to set the agenda for the September 13 council meeting. Please direct any communication for council to the clerk, Scott Meyers at scott@meyerschevrolet.com.
- **Girls Gathering for Christ** will meet on September 18 at 6pm in church narthex. We will decide then what book/topic we will study. If you have any ideas, bring them along. Finger food provided. All women of NECRC invited. Feel free to bring a friend. Any questions contact Jacque Weesies.

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 “Deeper Than the Eyes Can Find” from Proverbs 14:1-32.

Evening Service

There will be no evening service this week due to the holiday weekend.

Next Week

In the morning, Pastor John will preach on “Discipline & Consequences” from Proverbs 14:33-15:29. In the evening we will welcome Phil Santellan, director of Oceana LEADS, a substance abuse prevention program serving our community.

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.
- **Thank you** to our church family here in New Era for every expression of love and kindness to us this summer, after surgery, and the loss of my sister, Carolyn. We are thankful to God for you! – Mary and Dan Mulder

Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our days. His banners are o’er us, his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

2 His law he enforces; the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near, join me in glad adoration!

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

Summer Activities Word Search

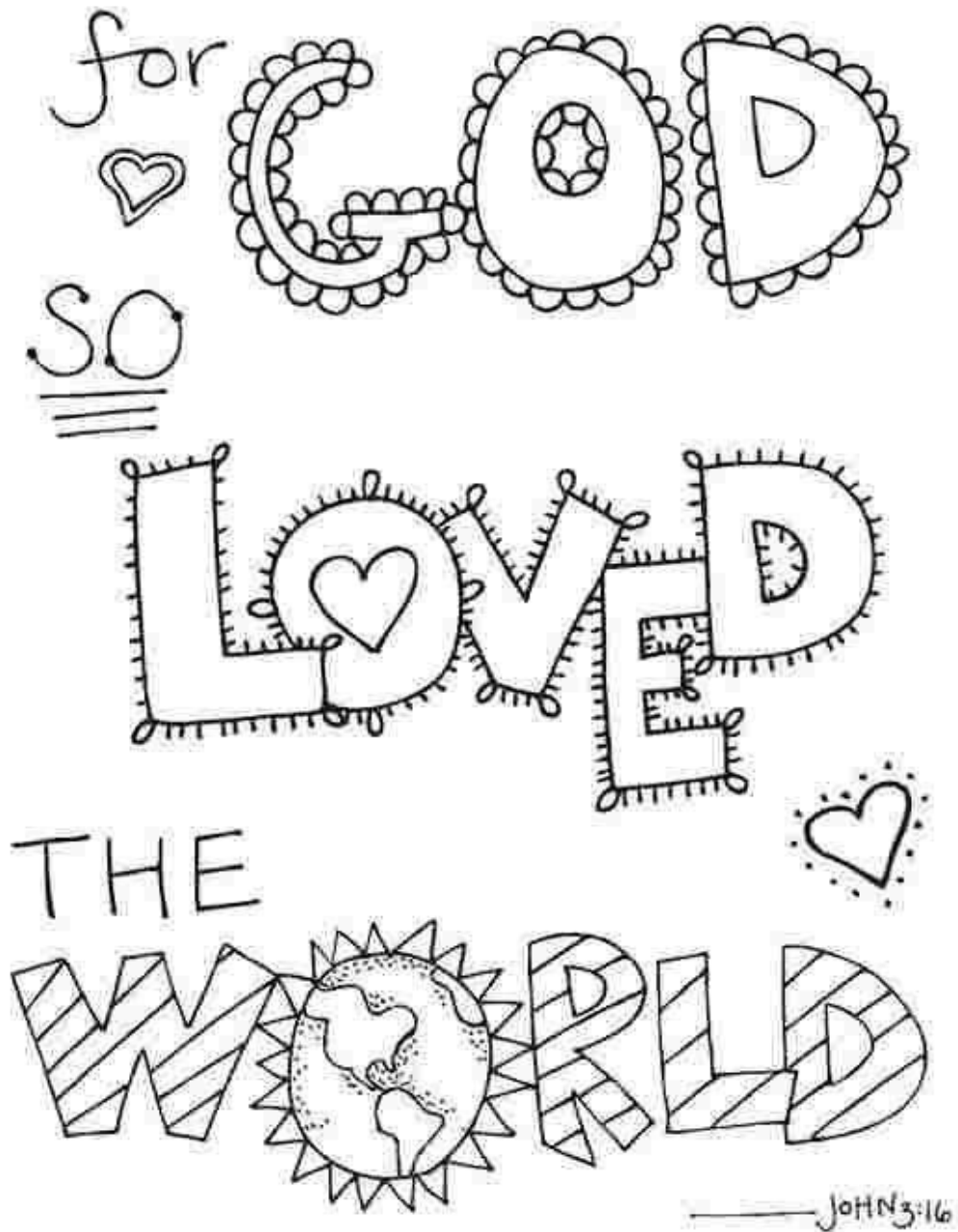


Find the hidden words within the puzzle.

WSS1-4

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The Lord My Shepherd

1 The LORD, my shepherd, rules my life and gives me all I need; he leads me by refreshing streams; in pastures green I feed.

2 The LORD revives my failing strength, he makes my joy complete; and in right paths, for his name's sake, he guides my faltering feet.

3 Though in a valley dark as death, no evil makes me fear; your shepherd's staff protects my way, for you are with me there.

4 While all my enemies look on, you spread a royal feast; you fill my cup, anoint my head, and treat me as your guest.

5 Your goodness and your gracious love pursue me all my days; your house, O LORD, shall be my home— your name, my endless praise.

God is Here

1 God is here! As we, your people, meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of your Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the Word has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech, here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Jesus Loves Me

1 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

2 Jesus loves me—he who died heaven’s gate to open wide. He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

3 Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.”

Refrain - Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

This is my Father’s World

1 This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father’s world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise. This is my Father’s world; he shines in all that’s fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father’s world; oh, let me not forget that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father’s world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King, let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.

Lift Up Your Hearts

1 Lift up your hearts unto the Lord, lift up your hearts unto the Lord. Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

2 In Christ the world has been redeemed, in Christ the world has been redeemed. Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; in Christ the world has been redeemed.

3 His resurrection sets us free, his resurrection sets us free. Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; his resurrection sets us free.

4 Therefore we celebrate the feast, therefore we celebrate the feast. Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

5 Sing alleluia to the Lord, sing alleluia to the Lord. Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

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.