

Schedule of Events

Today

Nursery – Dy Clark, Kate Eilers, Terri Langerak
Refreshments –
Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Next Week

Manna Monday - Meal begins at 6:00 pm
Cadets, Men's & Women's Bible Study – 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Tuesday

New Era Coffeebreak - 9:45 -11:15 am at NERC

Sunday

Nursery – Shelli Dykstra, Danielle Bush, Mary Weesies
Refreshments –
Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Contact Information

2024 Council Members of New Era CRC:

Chair of Council – Dave Zoller **Vice Chair** – Bob Bush **Clerk** – Scott Meyers **Treasurer** – Jeremy Meyers

Chairman of the Elders - Dave Zoller **Chairman of the Deacons** – Bob Bush

Growing in Relationship with God: Elder – Greg Vriesman, Deacon – Carole Giberson

Growing in Relationship with Each Other: Elder – Ron Weesies, Deacon – Chris Martin

Growing in Relationship with Community: Elder – Dan Mulder, Deacon – Diane Adema

Pastor Information – Pastor John Medendorp - Email – necc.pastor@gmail.com, Cell – 231-284-8245

Bulletin Announcements can be sent to Bekah Goodrich at necc.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.



New Era Christian Reformed Church

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

THE
Lord WILL
FIGHT FOR YOU;
YOU NEED ONLY TO
Be Still.
EXODUS 14:14

Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Worship Service at 9:30 am and 6:00 pm

1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446
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Eastertide

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude	
Welcome	
Call to Worship	John 10:7-10
Opening Song	<i>Come You Faithful Raise the Strain</i>
God's Greeting	
Songs of Praise	<i>My Hope is Built on Nothing Less</i> <i>Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer</i>
Confession & Assurance	Psalm 4
Passing the Peace	<i>Blest Be the Tie that Binds</i>
Confession of Faith	The Apostle's Creed
Children's Song	<i>My God is So Great</i>
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Church Family Time	
Offering	Young Life
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<i>As a Deer in Want of Water</i>
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Exodus 14:10-22
Sermon	Through the Waters
Closing Song	<i>By the Sea of Crystal</i>
Charge	
Refrain	<i>Halle, Halle, Halle</i>
Blessing	
Doxology	<i>My Friends May You Grow in Grace</i>

Worship Notes

Morning Service

Baptism is the sacrament of entrance into the covenant community, marking us as members of Christ and uniting us to one another. This sign and seal of God's gift of goodwill toward us has deep layers of meaning and symbolism, which Pastor John will be exploring over these next three weeks. Today, in "Through the Waters," Pastor John will take us through the story of the Red Sea from Exodus 14:10-22 and how in baptism we "pass through" Christ's blood to receive our inheritance as the people of God.

Evening Service

In the evening, we will welcome Randy Paulsen from The Gideons International. The Gideons are famous for their distribution of Bibles around the world. Join us for a time of song, learning, fellowship, and prayer!

Next Week

Next Sunday, Pastor John will continue our series on covenant baptism and our identity in Christ. He will preach on "The Blood of the Covenant" from Matthew 26:26-30. In the evening, we will continue our series on the Belgic Confession, exploring Article 8, "The Trinity".

Council Hospitality Duties

This Week

Elder in Charge – Dan Mulder	Hospitality Elder – Greg Vriesman
Deacon in Charge – Jeremy Meyers	Hospitality Deacon – Diane Adema

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Announcements

- **Council** – Council will meet on Wednesday, April 17. Please direct any communication for council to the clerk, Scott Meyers.
- **Pastor's Class** – “Membership at NECRC”, the third and final Pastor's Class for new members and profession of faith will be held this morning after the service in the church basement.
- **Games Night** – Mark your calendars! Join Pastor John and Ashley for a Games Night *next* Friday, April 26. Bring a favorite family game to teach. Pizza dinner and childcare provided!
- **Recovering Ministry** – We are exploring starting a Celebrate Recovery group here at New Era CRC. Please pray about this possibility, specifically for at least one additional male and female leader to step forward. If you or someone you know is interested in recovery ministry, please connect with Todd Jensen (tryfly@mac.com) or Keri Hall (kaejoh@gmail.com).
- We are having a **rummage sale**! It will be on April 25th- 26th from 9 am – 4 pm, and April 27th from 9 am – 12 pm, wrapping up with fill a bag for \$1. Sale will be downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Donations can be dropped off starting on April 22nd. We are in need of people to set up and/or work the sale. A volunteer sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the Pastor's office. This is a fundraiser for the Farmer's Market. If you would like to help, please contact Sandy Whitaker at 517-242-0041 or shopnqueen@hotmail.com.
- There will be a **work bee** at the church starting at 9 am on Saturday, April 27. There will be all kinds of jobs available to get the church grounds ready for summer. There will be a pizza lunch at 12:30.

Important Dates

- April 15 – Manna Monday, Cadets, Men's & Women's Bible Studies
- April 15 – NECS Registration Night
- April 16 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC
- April 22 - Girls Gathering for Christ

Prayer Requests

- Pastor John will be in Grand Rapids on Friday, April 19, to conduct interviews for prospective candidates for ministry in the Christian Reformed Church. Please pray for all those pursuing ministry in the CRC as they undergo this intimidating process.
- Please remember Kay Dyk in your prayers as she recovers from extensive back surgery.
- For those who cannot currently worship with us in person: Tom & Carol DeMeester, Gerald & Flossie Meyers, Paul Mulder, Betty (Jay) TenBrink, Agnes Wybenga, and others.
- For all who journey with cancer: Henry Hoekstra, Jim Prince, Sarah Samuelson, Erin Stevens, 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, 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 Canché in Mexico City, Jeffrey & Evelyn Hough in Muskegon, Jeff & Kristi Schmidt with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Bob & Marcia Vermaire in Sierra Leone, and church planter S.M. in Uttar Pradesh, India.

Offering Report - Sunday, April 7, 2024

Total Offering - \$12,443
Benevolence - \$978

Farmer's Market - \$150

Today's Offering – Young Life
Next Week's Offering – General Fund