

Schedule of Events

Today

Nursery – Danielle Bush, Janet Meyers

Refreshments – Garry & Mary Weesies, Dexter & Amy Weesies

Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Next Week

Monday

Girls Gathering for Christ – 6:30 pm

Tuesday

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

Sunday

Nursery – Mary Weesies, Jamie Westrate

Refreshments – Adam & Emily Lavelly, Pam Stenberg, Barb Youngs

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 – nerc.pastor@gmail.com, Cell – 231-284-8245

Bulletin Announcements can be sent to Bekah Goodrich at nerc.secretary@gmail.com, Cell - 231-450-0410

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

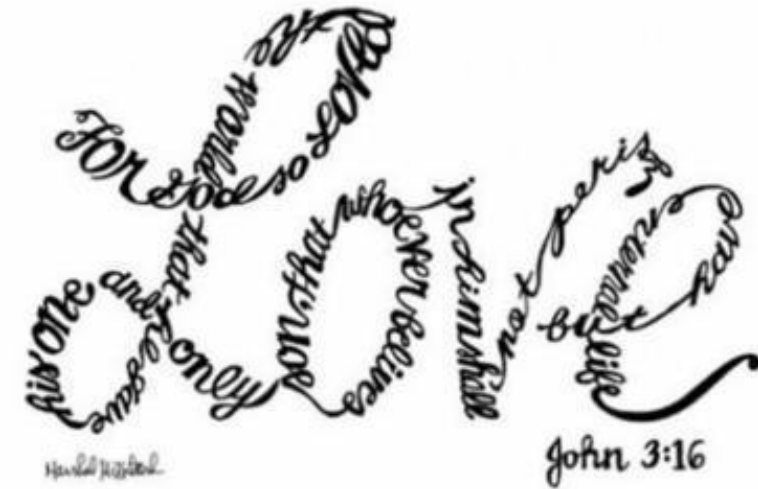
Custodian/Church Use – Contact Jacque Weesies at 517-525-4787.

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"*



Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, March 24, 2024

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

1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446

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Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 24, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude	
Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
God's Greeting	
Opening Songs	<i>The King of Glory Comes</i> <i>King of Kings</i>
Scripture Reading	Mark 11:1-10
Song	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>
Liturgy of the Palms	
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Passing the Peace	<i>Oh Look and Wonder/Miren que bueno</i>
Church Family Time	
Offering	General Fund
Special Music	
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<i>Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?</i>
Scripture Reading	Mark 15:21-32
Sermon	Suffering Crucifixion
Song of Response	<i>Oh, to See the Dawn</i>
Lord's Supper	
Closing Song	<i>In Christ Alone</i>
Blessing	
Doxology	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>

Worship Notes

Morning Service

On this Palm Sunday, the children will help us remember the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem one week before his crucifixion. Pastor John will also conclude our Lent series, "For the Joy Set Before Him," exploring Jesus' suffering through the last chapters of the Gospel of Mark. He will preach on "Suffering Crucifixion" from Mark 15:21-41. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the end of the service. All baptized believers are welcome to the table.

Evening Service

This evening, we will continue our series on the Belgic Confession with Article 7, "Sufficiency of Scripture". Join us for a time of song, discussion, fellowship, and prayer as we explore the doctrines of our faith.

Maundy Thursday Service – We will host a community Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28, at 6 pm. Pastor John will preach on "Broken and Poured Out" from Mark 15:33-47. We will also celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Next Week

On Easter Sunday, Pastor John will preach on "The First Day" from John 20: 1-18. There will be no evening service.

Council Hospitality Duties

This Week

Elder in Charge – Ron Weesies	Hospitality Elder – Dan Mulder
Deacon in Charge – Bob Bush	Hospitality Deacon – Carole Giberson

Next Week

Elder in Charge – Dave Zoller	Hospitality Elder – Scott Meyers
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Announcements

- **Choral Ensemble** will be rehearsing for Easter. Join us for a 45-minute practice, beginning after 15 minutes of fellowship time. Questions? Please see Amy VanGunst or Mary Mulder.
- **Nursery Volunteers** – Our church is growing, and we need more nursery volunteers! We are looking for 3-4 additional volunteers to care for infants and toddlers on a regular rotation during the Sunday morning service. If you are interested, please connect with Patti Weesies (patti@weesies.com).
- **GEMS and Cadets** will meet on April 8th, but there will be no meal. This will be the final meeting for GEMS. The final Manna Monday will be Monday, April 15, with Men's, Women's Bible Studies and Cadets meeting.
- To all of our New Era CRC family, thank you so much **for your support** of our local GEMS club. We have had a great year and have been blessed with lots of new girls attending regularly. We greatly appreciate all of your contributions, your time, and your prayers. Thank you!!! ~ Anna Feyer, Carli Sciba, Amy Weesies, and Hannah Hughes

Council Corner

The council of NECRC met on Wednesday, March 13. Here is a summary of that meeting:

- Final Manna Monday rescheduled for April 15.
- A 50-gallon hot water will be ordered to replace the current aging one. This will bring us up to standard requirements for a commercial kitchen.
- A number of trees have been removed in connection with the parking lot expansion project.
- A small team has been formed to plan church picnics and potlucks for the year, as well as the 140th anniversary celebration later this year.

Prayer Requests

- 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, 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.

Important Dates

March 25 – Girls Gathering for Christ
March 26 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC
March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service
April 8 - GEMS, Cadets, Girls Gathering for Christ

Offering Report – Sunday, March 17, 2024

Total Offering - \$1,924 GEMS - \$344 Farmer's Market - \$100

Today's Offering – General Fund Next Week's Offering – Love INC