

Important Dates

April 3 – Girls Gathering for Christ

April 6 – Maundy Thursday Service – NERC

April 10 – Manna Monday, GEMS, Cadet's, Men's and Women's Bible Studies

April 11 – Women's Coffeebreak - NERC

Women's Coffeebreak – The Women's Coffeebreak will not meet on Tuesday, April 4 due to Spring Break.

Accessibility

A T-Loop hearing system is installed throughout the sanctuary. To use, switch your hearing device to the "T" position. Our service is also available online for live-stream and recording at You Tube. Search "New Era Christian Reformed Church" on You Tube to locate the service.

Offering Report – Sunday, March 26, 2023

Total Offering - \$

Today's Offering – World Renew

Next Week's Offering – General Fund

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

Bulletin Announcements can be sent to Bekah Goodrich at 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.



New Era Christian Reformed Church

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



Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, April 2, 2023

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

**1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446
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Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Order of Worship

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

Scripture Reading
*Song

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

*Song of Preparation
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading
Sermon

*Closing Song
*Blessing
*Doxology

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Lord Our Lord, Your Glorious Name

***There's No God as Great
The King of Glory Comes***

Matthew 21:1-11
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

(Children invited to Children's Church)
Soon and Very Soon

World Renew

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Matthew 26:30-56
Deserted

Man of Sorrows

Worthy is Christ

Schedule of Events & Worship Notes

Today

Nursery –
Refreshments – Bob & Sharon Bush, Henry & Terri Langerak
Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Next Week

Thursday
Maundy Thursday Service – 6:30 pm at NERC
Sunday
Nursery –
Refreshments – Noah & Shelli Dykstra, Kate & Evan Eilers

Morning Service

This morning is the sixth Sunday of Lent, traditionally called Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday. On this day we remember the triumphal entry, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to shouts of "Hosanna" and a festal parade. We also remember Jesus' great suffering, both in body and soul, as he prepared to face the cross and his death. Pastor John will be preaching on the arrest of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.

Evening Service

This evening Pastor John will lead a teaching on the sixth commandment: "Do not murder." We are called as God's people to preserve, protect, and promote flourishing life for all people. What does a life lived for flourishing life look like? Join us for song, prayer, fellowship, and discussion as we learn together to offer our lives as a thank offering to the God who calls us his own.

Maundy Thursday

On the evening of April 6, at 6:30 pm, we will gather together with the New Era Reformed Church and Trinity Lutheran for a special community service to remember the story of the Last Supper, where Jesus washed his disciples' feet and prayed for them on the night he was betrayed. The service will be held at the New Era Reformed Church and will include the celebration of Holy Communion.

Next Sunday

Next Sunday we will gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter! We encourage everyone to join us for this joyful service. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to celebrate with us! Children will remain in the main service so that we can all celebrate the resurrection message together. There will be no evening service next week.

Prayer Requests

- For the families affected by the tornadoes in Mississippi, by the fire at the detention center in Juárez, Mexico; and by the shooting at Covenant Christian School in Nashville, Tennessee. Pray for those injured, for families who have lost loved ones, for first responders, and for government and nonprofit agencies that respond to these disasters. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

- For all who live under the threat of war and violence in Ukraine, Burkina Faso, Syria, Yemen, and so many other places.

- For Pete Eilers who is currently hospitalized for an infection in his spine. He is undergoing further testing.

- All in our fellowship who are journeying with cancer and its effects: Margaret Amstutz, Ellen Prince, John Davila, Henry Hoekstra, and others.

- All who journey with mental health, depression, anxiety, and dementia.

Announcements

Personal Care Pantry – Personal Care Pantry item donations will be due Sunday, April 2. A list of items is available on the bulletin board outside of Pastor John’s office. The Personal Care Pantry is still looking for volunteers to staff the Pantry. The sign up sheet is located in front of the mailboxes.

Farmer’s Market – The Farmer’s Market is one of our outreach ministries. We will need donations to cover the entertainment at the market this summer. We are also going to try and provide meal kits to take home as part of the MSU Extension demos for adults. If you feel led to help with this ministry, please use green Special Offering envelope and write “Farmer’s Market” on the line. We are also still taking donations of returnable bottles and cans as a fundraiser. If you are interested in volunteering at a market, please contact Sandy Whitaker.

Council Meeting - The council executive team will meet Wednesday, April 5 to set the agenda for the full council meeting on April 12. Please direct any communication for council to the clerk, Scott Meyers.

New Membership Class - Pastor John will be leading a class for new members and those interested in making profession of faith or reaffirmation of faith, later this spring. If you are interested, please let him know.