

Schedule of Events

Today

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

Next Week

Monday

Girls Gathering for Christ

Tuesday

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

Sunday

Nursery – Karmen Fox, Pattie Weesies, Adam Lavelly
Refreshments –
Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Important Dates

April 22 - Girls Gathering for Christ
April 23 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC
April 25 – 27 – Rummage Sale - The Avenue
April 26 - Games Night - NECRC
April 27 – Work Bee - NECRC

Contact Information

2024 Council Members of New Era CRC:

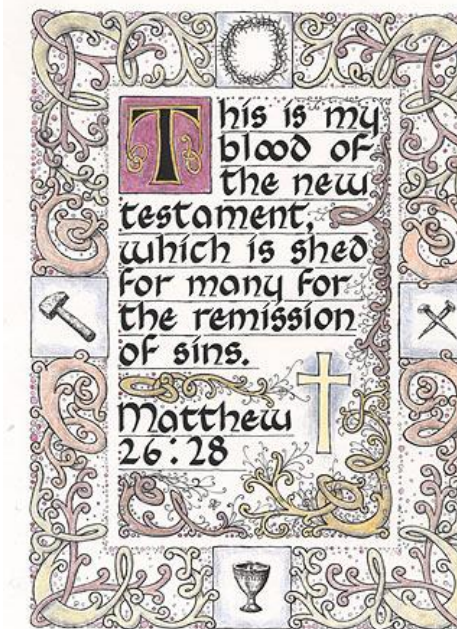
Chair of Council – Dave Zoller Vice Chair – Bob Bush Clerk – Scott Meyers Treasurer – Jeremy Meyers
Chairman of the Elders - Dave Zoller Chairman of the Deacons – Bob Bush
Growing in Relationship with God: Elder – Greg Vriesman, Deacon – Carole Giberson
Growing in Relationship with Each Other: Elder – 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"*



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Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, April 21, 2024

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

**1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446
(231-861-5554) www.neweracrc.org**

Eastertide

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude	
Welcome	
Call to Worship	John 10:11-17
Opening Song	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives!</i>
God's Greeting	
Songs of Praise	<i>Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine</i>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<i>Oh Look and Wonder/Miren que bueno</i>
Confession of Faith	The Apostle's Creed
Children's Song	<i>Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!</i>
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Church Family Time	
Offering	General Fund
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<i>Break Now the Bread of Life</i>
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 26:26-30
Sermon	The Blood of the Covenant
Closing Song	<i>Nothing but the Blood</i>
Charge	Colossians 3:1-4
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. Today, in "The Blood of the Covenant" Pastor John will take us through the story of the of the Last Supper from Matthew 26:26-30 and how in baptism we enter into a new covenant in Christ's blood.

Evening Service

In the evening, we will continue our series on the Belgic Confession, one of our statements of faith in the Reformed tradition. Tonight we will be exploring Article 8, which covers the fundamental Christian doctrine of the Trinity. Join us for a time of song, discussion, fellowship, and prayer as we learn together the doctrines of our faith.

Next Week

Next Sunday, Pastor John will conclude our series on covenant baptism and our identity in Christ. He will preach on "Buried and Raised Up" from Romans 6:1-14. In the evening, we will continue our series on the Belgic Confession, exploring Article 9, "The Scriptural Witness to the Trinity".

Council Hospitality Duties

This Week

Elder in Charge – Greg Vriesman	Hospitality Elder – Ron Weesies
Deacon in Charge – Diane Adema	Hospitality Deacon – Bob Bush

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Announcements

- **Council** – Council will meet on Wednesday, April 17. A summary of the meeting will be included in next week's bulletin.
- **Choir** – The Worship Committee is looking to start having regular choir practice and more regular choir participation in worship services. We will begin weekly choir practices on Monday, May 6 at 7 pm. Please contact Amy Van Gunst (amy@countrydairy.com) if you are interested or for more information. No experience needed, just a voice willing to make a joyful noise to the Lord!
- **Games Night** – Join Pastor John and Ashley for a games night Friday, April 26 at 6:00 pm. Bring a favorite game to teach. Pizza dinner and childcare provided!
- **Museum Tour** – On Sunday, May 5, we will be taking a group of folks from New Era CRC, Angel Community Church, and Allen Ave CRC (sister churches in Muskegon), to visit the Nelson Mandela exhibit at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Tickets are available at a group rate of \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors *until April 28*. Afterwards, people may buy individual tickets at regular admission price. Dinner at Sundance Grill will be provided by a grant from Classis Muskegon. Contact Pastor John if you are interested.
- **Unity Festival Tickets** – Tickets are available for a discounted rate to Unity Music Festival, August 7-10. Featured Christian artists this year are Matt Maher, Matthew West, Zach Williams, and We Are Messengers. Please see the bulletin board for more information. If interested, please contact Bekah Goodrich, necrc.secretary@gmail.com.
- **Church rummage sale** - The sale will now be held at The Avenue Event Center (downtown New Era). 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. Donations can be dropped off at The Avenue, starting on April 22nd, please contact Sandy (517-242-0041 or shopnqueen@hotmail.com) to help you unload. 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.
- 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. Coffee and donuts, as well as pizza for lunch will be provided.

Prayer Requests

- Classis Muskegon, our regional body of Christian Reformed Churches, will meet on April 25 in Grand Haven at 7 pm to approve the closure of Trinity CRC in Fremont and other business. Please pray for the Spirit's wisdom and discernment for all the delegates and classis leasers, and for the members of Trinity CRC as they end their time as a congregation.
- for baby Sage, the granddaughter of Dick and Brenda Harper, who is receiving testing and treatment for cancer in Colorado.
- for the family of David Gillespie, the brother of Carl Gillespie, who died unexpectedly on Tuesday.
- 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 14, 2024

Total Offering - \$3,922
Angel Community Church - \$200

Young Life - \$169
Farmer's Market - \$628

Next Week's Offering – Grand Valley Campus Ministry