#### **Important Dates**

April 25 - Women's Coffeebreak - NERC

April 28 - Games Night - 6:00 pm at NECRC



# New Era Christian Reformed Church

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



Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, April 23, 2023 Worship Service at 9:30 am and 6:00 pm

1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446 (231- 861-5554) <u>www.neweracrc.org</u>

#### 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, April 16, 2023

Total Offering - \$6,419 Benevolence - \$260 Love INC - \$180 Farmer's Market - \$50

Today's Offering – KWH X-ray contributions Next Week's Offering – GEMS National

#### 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
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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.

Eastertíde
Sunday, Apríl 23, 2023
Order of Worship

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

Prayer of Confession Words of Assurance Confession of Faith \*Passing the Peace

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

\*Song of Preparation Prayer for Illumination Scripture Reading Sermon

\*Closing Song Charge Refrain \*Blessing \*Doxology Ten Thousand Reasons

In Christ Alone I Love to Tell the Story

The Apostle's Creed Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

(Children invited to Children's Church) *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* 

**KWH X-ray Contributions** 

n **Thy Word** 

Acts 2:14-41 Baptized into God's Family

Children of the Heavenly Father 1 Peter 1:17-23 Alleluia

He is Lord

Schedule of Events & Worship Notes

#### Today

Nursery – Margaret Bruinsma, Paula Meyers Refreshments – Jim & Ruth Prince, Steve & Janet Meyers Evening Service – 6:00 pm

#### **Next Week**

Tuesday New Era Coffeebreak - 9:45 -11:15 am at NERC Friday Games Night – 6:00 pm at NECRC Sunday Nursery – Patti Weesies, Ashley Medendorp Refreshments – Dave & Mary Wagner, Jim & Mary VanderWerp Evening Service – 6:00 pm

#### **Morning Service**

Christ's resurrection begins a new chapter in the story of the Creator and his world, and is marked by a new people. The markers of belonging in this new people are the symbols of baptism and the Lord's Supper, what we call the sacraments. Today, Pastor John will be preaching on our identity as children in God's family, from Peter's first sermon in Acts 2:14-41.

### **Evening Service**

This Sunday evening, we will be looking at the sixth commandment once again (do not kill), with the Heidelberg catechism as our guide. Join us for a time of song, prayer, fellowship, and discussion as we learn together to live lives of thankfulness for all God has done for us in Christ.

#### **Next Week**

On April 30, Pastor John will be preaching on the early Christian community from Acts 2:42-47, with a focus on how the Lord's Supper forms and shapes our identity as God's new, united human race.

## Prayer Requests

- For Ken Prince, son of Cliff and Ellen Prince, is currently recovering from several surgeries related to complications with his liver, heart, and pancreas. Please keep him and his wife, Jane in your prayers.

- For all who journey with cancer: Margaret Amstutz, Ellen Prince, John Davila, Henry Hoekstra, 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, Syria, Yemen, and so many other places.

## Announcements

~ Pastor John will be leading a **New Members Class** later this spring for anyone interested in joining the church, making a profession of faith, or a reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested, please let him know.

~ Mark your calendars for another **Games Night** for young adults and young families on Friday, April 28 at 6 pm. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Bring a favorite fame to share and be ready to teach how to play! Invite your friends.

~ The **Shelby High School Baccalaureate Service** will be on Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 pm in the SHS auditorium.

- The **Unity Christian Music Festival** will be held from August 9 -12 in Muskegon. Featured musical acts include Casting Crown, For King & Country, We The Kingdom, and Colton Dixon. Tickets are available at a discounted rate for church families. Ticket sales have begun. Please see Bekah Goodrich to sign up and purchase tickets. Money will be due by Sunday, May 28. Additional information is posted on the bulletin board.

- New Era Chamber of Commerce **Veteran Park bricks** are available for \$100 each. We would like to place an order in early May in order to have them placed before Memorial Day. Order forms are available at Meyers Chevrolet (see Amy) or you can find them at <u>neweramichigan.com</u> under "Our Town".