

## *Schedule of Events*

### **Today**

**Nursery** – Kate Eilers, Mary Weesies

**Refreshments** – Larry & Joyce Weesies, Mark & Patti 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** – Karmen Fox, Ashley Medendorp

**Refreshments** – Dick & Judy Walhout, Patty Buursma, Keri Hall

**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 – [nerc.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:nerc.pastor@gmail.com), Cell – 231-284-8245

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

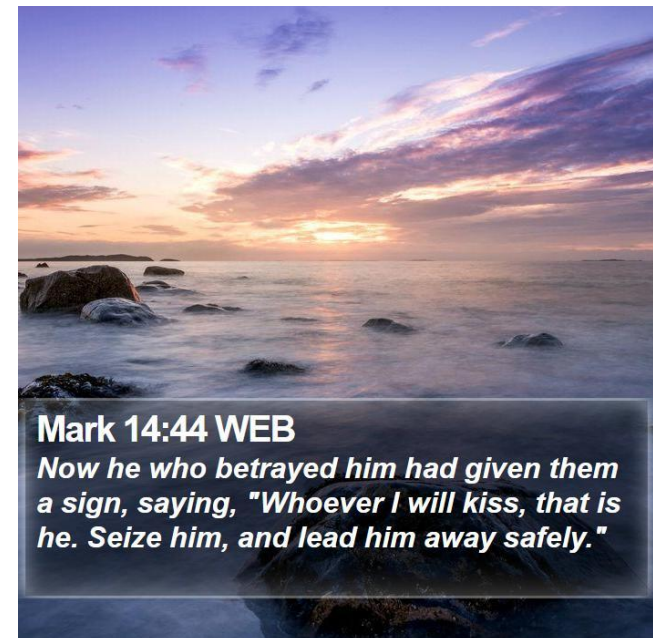
**Custodian/Church Use** – Contact Jacque Weesies at 517-525-4787.

**Prayer Requests** – Contact Diane Adema at [diane.adema@gmail.com](mailto:diane.adema@gmail.com).



## ***New Era Christian Reformed Church***

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



### **Mark 14:44 WEB**

*Now he who betrayed him had given them  
a sign, saying, "Whoever I will kiss, that is  
he. Seize him, and lead him away safely."*

*Pastor John C. Medendorp*

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**

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

**1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446**  
**(231-861-5554) [www.neweracrc.org](http://www.neweracrc.org)**

*Second Sunday of Lent*  
*Sunday, February 25, 2024*

**Order of Worship**

Prelude	
Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 22:23-31
God's Greeting	
Opening Songs	<b><i>Christ, the Life of All the Living</i></b> <b><i>Behold Our God</i></b>
Call to Confession	
Silent Prayer of Confession	
Prayer of Confession	<b><i>Jesus, Remember Me</i></b>
Assurance of Pardon	
Guide for Grateful Living	Hebrews 12:1-3
Passing the Peace	<b><i>Come All You People</i></b>
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Church Family Time	
Offering	General Fund
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<b><i>Speak, O Lord</i></b>
Scripture Reading	Mark 14:43-52
Sermon	Suffering Betrayal
Closing Song	<b><i>Ah Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended</i></b>
Blessing	
Doxology	<b><i>God, the Father of Your People</i></b>

*Worship Notes*

**Morning Service**

This morning, we will continue our Lent series, "For the Joy Set Before Him," exploring Jesus' suffering through the last chapters of the Gospel of Mark. Pastor John will preach on "Suffering Betrayal" from Mark 14:43-52.

**Evening Service**

This evening, we will welcome Dave Rakosky, director of Love, INC, who will talk to us about poverty in Oceana County and how Love, INC is partnering with churches to meet this incredible need.

**Next Week**

Next Sunday, Pastor John will preach on "Suffering Trial" from Mark 14:53-65. In the evening, we continue our series on the Belgic Confession, exploring Article 5, "The Authority of Scripture".

*Council Hospitality Duties*

**This Week**

Elder in Charge – Dave Zoller	Hospitality Elder – Scott Meyers
Deacon in Charge – Carole Giberson	Hospitality Deacon – Chris Martin

**Next Week**

Elder in Charge – Scott Meyers	Hospitality Elder – Dave Zoller
Deacon in Charge – Chris Martin	Hospitality Deacon – Jeremy Meyers

## *Announcements*

- **Games Night** on Friday, March 1 at 6 pm. Join Pastor John and Ashley for a night of table games, pizza, and free childcare! Bring a favorite game to teach. Invite your friends!
- **Food and Faith Series** – Sandy Whitaker and Pastor John will be presenting on “Food, Faith, & Community” on March 7 at 7:30 pm. Register for World Renew’s Food & Faith Webinar series at [www.worldrenew.net/events](http://www.worldrenew.net/events)
- The New Era Farmer’s Market in collaboration with MSU Extension and Love, INC will be offering a 6-week series of cooking classes called, “**Healthy Choices for Every Body**”. Classes will take place at the church from 6-8 pm on Thursdays. Dates are March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kim Warmuskerken, with Love, INC at 231-861-4880. There will be a low cost recipe, with take home bags of ingredients to prepare the featured recipes at home. Come and learn some new recipes and techniques!

## *Important Dates*

February 26 – Girls Gathering for Christ  
February 27 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC  
March 1 – Games Night  
March 4 – Manna Monday, Cadets, Gems, Men’s and Women’s Bible Studies  
March 5 – New Era Coffeebreak - NERC

## *Prayer Requests*

- Praise the Lord that Becca Hughes was able to return home from the hospital this week!
- 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.

## *Offering Report – Sunday, February 18, 2024*

Total Offering - \$2,560  
Missions - Vermaires - \$222

Benevolence - \$20

Today’s Offering – General Fund  
Next Week’s Offering – World Renew

## *Council Corner*

Council met on February 15, 2024. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- We will host a community Maundy Thursday service during Holy Week.
- We are exploring the possibility of starting a daycare in collaboration with New Era Christian School.
- The New Era Farmer's Market will expand to 8 markets this summer.
- Plans were approved to expand the parking lot and build a handrail along the sidewalk to the outdoor worship.
- Pastor John, Dave Zoller, and Carole Giberson were delegated to the February meeting of Classis Muskegon.

At a retreat on Saturday, February 17, Council approved the following goals for 2024.

1. **Strengthen our care ministries.** Council will review the role and function of church families, strengthen elder visitation and pastoral care, and grow diaconal attention to benevolence and stewarding the gifts of the congregation and the community.
2. **Improve safe church practices.** Council, through the Safe Church Team, will update the safe church policy to reflect our current ministry reality and bring us up to date with best practices and training opportunities.
3. **Continue to work toward a sustainable Latino church plant.** Council, through the Latino Outreach Steering Committee, will work with community partners, secure financial support and partner churches, and begin reaching out to potential church planters.
4. **Begin conversations about improvement to church building and grounds.**

Please keep the council in prayer as we pursue these goals together as a church this year!

