

Schedule of Events

Today

Nursery – Danielle Bush, Terri Langerak

Refreshments – Jim & Ruth Prince, Steve & Cyndi Natte

Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Next Week

Manna Monday - Meal begins at 6:00 pm

Cadets, GEMS, Men's & Women's Bible Study – 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Council Meeting

Sunday

Nursery –

Refreshments – Winston & Diane Adema, Carole Giberson

Evening Service – 6:00 pm



New Era Christian Reformed Church

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



Contact Information

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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.

Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, January 7, 2024

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

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Epiphany

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Order of Worship

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| Prelude | |
| Welcome | |
| Call To Worship | Psalm 100 |
| Opening Song | <i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i> |
| God's Greeting | |
| Song of Praise | <i>The Joy of the Lord is My Strength I Am Not My Own</i> |
| Confession & Assurance | |
| Passing the Peace | <i>Oh Look and Wonder/Miren que bueno</i> |
| Confession of Faith | Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 1 |
| Children's Song | <i>I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy</i> |
| Children's Blessing | (Children invited to Children's Church) |
| Church Family Time | |
| Offering | Love, INC |
| Congregational Prayer | |
| Song of Preparation | <i>How Firm a Foundation</i> |
| Scripture Reading | Nehemiah 8:1-12 |
| Sermon | The Joy of the Lord |
| Closing Song | <i>Now with Joyful Exultation</i> |
| Blessing | |
| Doxology | <i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i> |

Worship Notes

Morning Service

This morning, Pastor John will introduce our new theme for 2024: Joy. He will preach on "The Joy of the Lord" from Nehemiah 8:1-12.

Evening Service

This evening, we will begin a new series on the Belgic Confession, a confession of faith in the Reformed tradition written in response to the Inquisition in northern Europe in the 16th century. Join us for a time of song, learning, fellowship, and prayer as we explore the doctrines of our faith.

Next Week

Next Sunday morning, Pastor John will preach on "The Joy of Christ" from Hebrews 12:1-3. In the evening, we will begin a new series on the Belgic Confession, one of the Confessions of Faith in the Reformed tradition.

Important Dates

January 10 – Council Meeting
January 15 – Girls Gathering for Christ
January 16 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC
January 22 – Manna Monday, Cadets, Gems, Men's and Women's Bible Studies
January 23 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC

Council Hospitality Duties

This Week

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| Elder in Charge – Scott Meyers | Hospitality Elder – Greg Vriesman |
| Deacon in Charge – Diane Adema | Hospitality Deacon – Bob Bush |

Next Week

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| Elder in Charge – Greg Vriesman | Hospitality Elder – Ron Weesies |
| Deacon in Charge – Bob Bush | Hospitality Deacon – Carole Giberson |

Announcements

- **Council:** Council will meet this Wednesday, January 10. Please direct any communication for council to the clerk, Scott Meyers.
- **Directory Update:** Gerald and Flossie Meyers have moved to White Lake Assisted Living. Their new address is: 6827 Whitehall Rd., Whitehall, MI 49461.
- **Pastor's Class:** Pastor John will be leading a new cohort of the Pastor's Class for new members and those interested in making profession of faith. The first session will meet on January 28, after the morning service. Lunch and childcare are provided. If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor John know.
- Paul Mulder says **Thank You** for the cards, letters, and phone calls. He appreciates the connection to his church family through the on line services. He is doing okay, and continues to work on mobility. He welcomes any visitors that would like to stop by.
- I would like to **thank** everyone for the cards and prayers sent my way during my back surgery and recovery. They were greatly appreciated. - Dave Zoller
- To my **beloved church family** at New Era CRC: I am deeply grateful to you and to God for all of the help I received since my hip replacement surgery in November; prayers, cards, calls, visits, transportation, meals, gifts, and so much more. Thank you! I could not have gotten through this without all of you. "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift". – Barb Youngs
- Stephanie Weesies' new **address** is:
6 Penny Lane, Apt 6B
Hancock, ME 04640
She could really use your encouragement and prayers.

Prayer Requests

- For Gerald Meyers, who fell and broke his ribs. He is recovering in his new home.
- For the Wiersma and Meyers families, who are grieving the sudden death of Jayden Wiersma from Fremont. His funeral was Saturday. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.
- For those who cannot currently worship with us in person: 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, December 31, 2023

Total Offering - \$6,526.25

Farmer's Market - \$50

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