

Schedule of Events

Today

Nursery – Amy Weesies, Lori Westrate

Refreshments – Henry & Margaret Bruinsma, Dennis Hughes, Hannah Stern

Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Next Week

Manna Monday - Meal begins at 6:00 pm at NECS

Pinewood Derby – Begins at 6:40 pm at NECS

Men's & Women's Bible Study – 6:30 – 8:00 pm at NECRC

Tuesday

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

Sunday

Nursery – Danielle Bush, Janet Meyers

Refreshments – Garry & Mary Weesies, Dexter & Amy Weesies

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

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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.



New Era Christian Reformed Church

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

THE
WAY OF
SUFFERING
A JOURNEY TO EASTER

Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, March 17, 2024

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

1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446

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Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 17, 2024

Order of Worship

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| Prelude | |
| Welcome | |
| Call To Worship | Psalm 51:1-12 |
| God's Greeting | |
| Opening Songs | <i>Blesses Assurance, Jesus Is Mine</i> <i>Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound</i> |
| Call to Confession | |
| Silent Prayer of Confession | |
| Song of Confession | <i>Jesus, Remember Me</i> |
| Assurance of Pardon | |
| Guide for Grateful Living | Hebrews 12:1-3 |
| Passing the Peace | <i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i> |
| Children's Blessing | (Children invited to Children's Church) |
| Church Family Time | |
| Offering | GEMS (Local) |
| Special Music | |
| Congregational Prayer | |
| Song of Preparation | <i>He Leadeth Me</i> |
| Scripture Reading | Mark 15:1-20 |
| Sermon | Suffering Worldly Powers |
| Closing Song | <i>At the Name of Jesus</i> |
| Blessing | |
| Doxology | <i>God, the Father of Your People</i> |

Worship Notes

Morning Service

Today we 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 Worldly Powers" from Mark 15:1-20.

Evening Service

This evening, we will welcome Dan Shugars and others from Celebrate Recovery, who will speak to us about addiction, bondage, and recovery, and the ministry he has been a part of at Rothbury Community Church. Join us for a time of song, learning, fellowship, and prayer.

Next Week

Next Sunday morning, Pastor John will preach on "Suffering Crucifixion" from Mark 15:21-41. In the evening, we continue our series on the Belgic Confession, exploring Article 7 on the "Sufficiency of Scripture". The offering for next week will be for the General Fund.

Council Hospitality Duties

This Week

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

Next Week

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Announcements

- **Manna Monday** on Monday, March 18 will be at NECS, with pizza served at 6:00 pm. The Pinewood Derby will begin at NECS at 6:40 pm. Men's Bible Study and Women's Fellowship will be held at the church.
- **Council** met this past Wednesday, March 13. A summary of council's work will be included in next week's bulletin.
- **Maundy Thursday Service** – We will host a community Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28, at 6 pm. Pastor John will preach on “Broken and Poured Out” from Mark 15:33-47.
- **Recovering Ministry** – We are exploring starting a Celebrate Recovery group here at New Era CRC. Please pray about this possibility, specifically for at least one additional male and female leader to step forward. If you or someone you know is interested in recovery ministry, please connect with Todd Jensen (tryfly@mac.com), and consider coming to the Sunday evening service tonight.
- **Choral Ensemble** will be rehearsing for Easter, starting today. Join us for a 45-minute practice, beginning after 15 minutes of fellowship time. Questions? Please see Amy VanGunst or Mary Mulder.
- Now that the weather is breaking, the Farmer's Market will start the **bottle and can fundraiser** for 2024. Please bring your returnable bottles and cans in or let Sandy Whitaker know, and she will arrange pick up. The bottle and can fundraiser raised \$215.50 in funding for the market last year. Let's see if we can beat that amount this year!
- Paul Mulder will be celebrating his **99th birthday** on Sunday, March 24. We all know how much Paul loves his New Era church family, greetings, and cards! Please feel free to call him at 616-820-7626 (if no answer, there is not an option to leave a message). His address is The Inn at Freedom Village, 145 Columbia Ave. Holland, MI 49423.
- **Thank you** for all the prayers as I recover from a shoulder replacement. Also, we appreciate the meals, cookies, cards, visits, and phone calls. It is reassuring to be a part of a Christian family. Thanks from the bottom of my heart. ~ Jacque Weesies

Prayer Requests

- 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.

Important Dates

- March 18 – Manna Monday and Pinewood Derby at NECS
- March 18 - Men's and Women's Bible Studies at NECRC
- March 19 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC
- March 25– Girls Gathering for Christ
- March 26 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC
- March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service