

Schedule of Events

Today

Nursery – Margaret Bruinsma, Amy Weesies, Paula Meyers
Refreshments – Don & Donna Byker, Dick & Brenda Harper
Nelson Mandela Museum Tour – Grand Rapids Public Museum

Next Week

Tuesday

New Era Coffeebreak Potluck – 9:30 am at NERC

Sunday

Nursery – Jamie Westrate, Janet Meyers, Lori Westrate
Refreshments – Rose Brace, Mavis Lownds
Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Important Dates

May 6 – Church Choir Practice
May 7 – Final New Era Coffeebreak - NERC
May 19 – Church Potluck – Following the morning service

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 – necrc.pastor@gmail.com, Cell – 231-284-8245

Bulletin Announcements can be sent to Bekah Goodrich at necrc.secretary@gmail.com, Cell - 231-450-0410

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

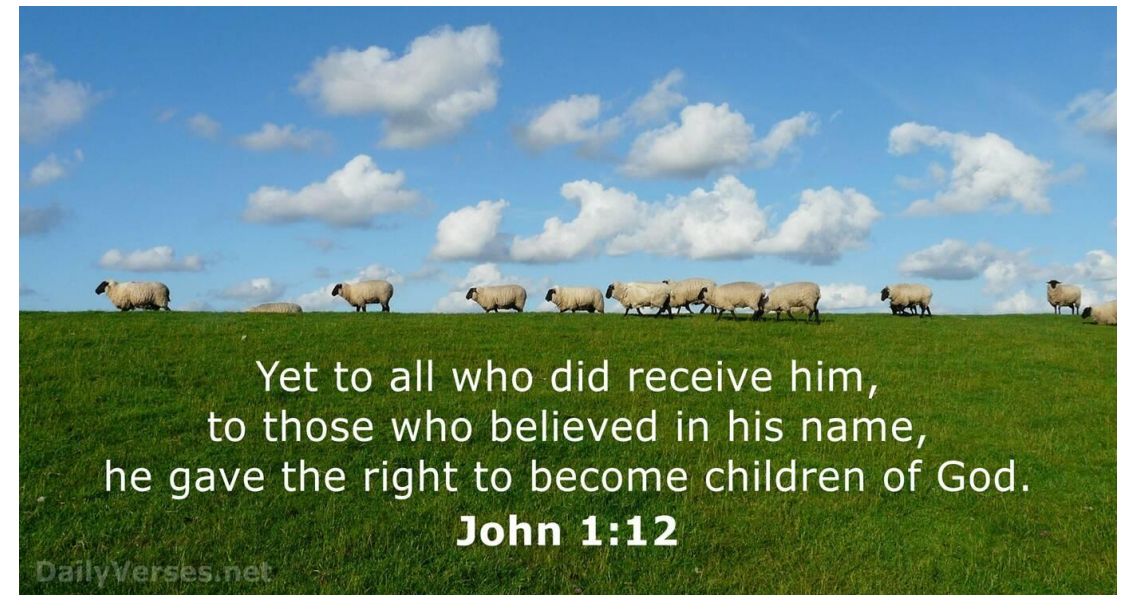
Custodian/Church Use – Contact Jacque Weesies at 517-525-4787.

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"*



Pastor Darrell Delaney

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Worship Service at 9:30 am

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

Eastertide

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude	
Welcome	
Call to Worship	
Opening Song	<i>This is the Day</i>
God's Greeting	
Songs of Praise	<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing By Faith</i>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<i>Koinonia</i>
Confession of Faith	The Apostle's Creed
Children's Song	
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Church Family Time	
Offering	Gems (National)
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<i>Thy Word</i>
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	1 John 1:1-2:2
Sermon	Christ Makes Us Children of Light
Closing Song	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>
Blessing	
Doxology	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>

Announcements

- **All Women Invited!** Our Coffee Break Bible Study Group will host a special celebration open to all Women in our community on Tuesday, May 7th, at 9:30 am at New Era Reformed Church. In addition to a delicious Potluck Brunch and fun fellowship, we will be hearing from Jean Syswerda, an editor and an associate publisher for Zondervan. She helped produce the bestselling NIV Women's Devotional Bible, was the General Editor for the Women of Faith Study Bible and A Mom's Ordinary Day Bible Study series. She is the author of My Bedtime Story Bible for children, as well as many other books and devotionals. Make plans to join us for this special event!

- **40 Days of Prayer** – Synod, the annual meeting of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, begins in 40 days. Dave Zoller will be attending as an elder delegate of Classis Muskegon. Ashley Medendorp works for the denominational office that organizes this meeting. Please keep the synod office, meetings, and delegates in your prayers over these next couple of months. If you are interested, join the 40 days of prayer email chain at www.crcna.org/synod/prayer.

- **Farmer's Market** - The 1st church Rummage Sale to benefit the Farmers Market Entertainment was a huge success! Thank you to Scott Meyers for providing the Avenue Event Center for 6 days (it took that long to set up) Donations started on Monday the 22nd. A total of 24 families donated to the sale. Volunteers worked tirelessly throughout the week. Thank you to Rose Brace, Margaret Bruinsma, Don and Donna Byker, Debra Gaitan, Angie and Ira Hite, and Judy Staal. A deposit was made of \$1,331.80. Love, INC brought the truck and picked everything left up on Saturday at 12:30. Praise be to God we will have enough funding to hire 8 bands this summer. Sandy Whitaker

- **Community Garden** - Thanks to the grounds cleanup crew the Community Garden was rototilled, and the water is on. If you are interested in joining the Community Garden this year, please contact Sandy Whitaker. Applications are in the Community Garden seed donation box across from the mailboxes.

Announcements

- **Council** – Council will meet on Wednesday, March 8. Please direct any correspondence for council to the clerk, Scott Meyers.

- **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 **tomorrow**, Monday, May 6 at 7 pm. Please contact Amy VanGunst (avangunst@fountainhillcenter.com) 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.

- **Latino Church Plant** – The Latino Outreach Steering Committee is beginning the process of searching for a church planter to spearhead our Latino church plant. If you have any recommendations for church planters, please send their name and contact information to Dave Zoller (dzoller@hotmail.com).

- The New Era Christian School Board is looking for volunteers for **board positions** starting in September 2024. Board positions are a 3-year term and will be voted on at the June Society Meeting. If interested, please submit your name, your affiliation with the school, your church, and why you would like to serve to office@newerachristian.org. All applications must be submitted prior to May 20th so that they can be shared at the May meeting. Thank you for your consideration!

- We will be having our first **Potluck** for the summer on Sunday, May 19, in the church basement after the morning service. Anyone willing and able to bring a side dish to pass, please do so as they will be needed and greatly appreciated. The church will be providing Sloppy Joes, coffee, water, and tableware. There will be no coffee and cookies on May 19. Everyone is welcome for this time of food and fellowship!

- A **memorial service** for Jack Goodrich, father of Todd Goodrich, will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 18th at Texas Corners Bible Church, 7780 South 8th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

Worship Notes

Morning Service

This morning, we welcome Rev. Darrell Delaney to our pulpit. Pastor Delaney is a CRC minister currently serving as Associate Regional Director for Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministries (formerly Forgotten Man ministries). He has previously pastored churches and campus ministries in West Michigan. He also co hosts the Groundwork podcast for ReFrame ministries (formerly Back to God), and regularly writes for *The Banner* and the *Today* devotional. Pastor Delaney will be preaching on “Christ Makes Us Children of Light” from 1 John 1:1-2:2.

Evening Service

Those who want to carpool to the Museum tour are encouraged to meet in the church parking lot at 11:45 am. We will meet with members of Allen Ave CRC and Angel Community at the Grand Rapids Public Museum at 1 pm. There will be no evening service tonight.

Next Week

Next Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, 40 days after his resurrection. Pastor John will be preaching on “The King of Kings” from Psalm 47. We will not have an evening service due to Mother’s Day.

Offering Report - Sunday, April 28, 2024

Total Offering - \$12,677.80

Farmer's Market - \$1431.80

Grand Valley Campus Ministry - \$761

This Week’s Offering – GEMS (National)

Next Week’s Offering – General Fund

Council Hospitality Duties

This Week

Elder in Charge – Dave Zoller

Hospitality Elder – Scott Meyers

Deacon in Charge – Carole Giberson

Hospitality Deacon – Chris Martin

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Hospitality Elder – Dan Mulder

Deacon in Charge – Chris Martin

Hospitality Deacon – Jeremy Meyers

Prayer Requests

- For Sutter Selig, a preschooler at NECS, and his parents Todd and Tonya Selig. Sutter is having eye surgery this Wednesday.
- For the family of Scott DeVries, who went to be with the Lord last Sunday. Scott Devries was the Director of Synodical Services for the Christian Reformed Church in North America. Please pray for the Synodical Services Office staff, including Ashley Medendorp, who will be carrying on the work of synod while grieving the death of their director.
- For the family of Troy Moran, Hart High School principal, who passed away unexpectedly last week. Please pray for the students and staff of Hart Public Schools as they grieve the loss of their beloved principal.
- Baby Sage, the granddaughter of Dick and Brenda Harper, who has cancer. She is receiving palliative care at home.
- For Kay Dyk, as she continues to recover from major 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 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.

