

Schedule of Events

Today

Nursery – Paula Meyers, Karmen Fox

Refreshments – Bob & Sharon Bush, Dave & Sharon Zoller

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

Sunday

Nursery – Amy Weesies, Adam Lavelly

Refreshments – Dan & Mary Freye, Pete & Judy Staal

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 – 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 Jeffrey Hough

Sunday, January 21, 2024
Worship Service at 9:30 am and 6:00 pm

1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446
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Third Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude	
Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 97:9-12
Opening Song	<i>This is the Day</i>
God’s Greeting	
Song of Praise	<i>Come Thou Fount</i> <i>All People That on Earth Do Dwell</i>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>
Confession of Faith	Our World Belongs to God 1-2
Children’s Song	<i>The Joy of the Lord is My Strength</i>
Children’s Blessing	(Children invited to Children’s Church)
Church Family Time	
Offering	Cadets (National)
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>
Scripture Reading	Mark 3:31-35
Sermon	The Other Brothers 2024
Closing Song	<i>Koinonia</i>
Blessing	
Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>

Worship Notes

Morning Service

This morning, we welcome Pastor Jeffrey Hough to our pulpit. Pastor Hough is a community chaplain in Muskegon and Lead Pastor of Angel Community Church. He will preach on “The Other Brothers 2024” from Mark 3:31-35.

Evening Service

This evening, we will welcome chaplain Bill Ryder from Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministries. Pastor Ryder serves as jail chaplain in Hart. He will help us understand the challenges of crime, incarceration, and recidivism in Oceana County, the work RtF is doing, and how churches and individuals can help.

Next Week

Next Sunday morning, Pastor John will preach on “The Joy of Christ” from Hebrews 12:1-3. In the evening we will continue our series on the Belgic Confession, a confession of faith in the Reformed tradition.

Important Dates

- January 22 – Manna Monday, Cadets, Gems, Men’s and Women’s Bible Studies
- January 23 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC
- January 26 – Games Night at 6:00 pm
- January 28 – Pastor’s Class (following the morning service)

Council Hospitality Duties

This Week

Elder in Charge – Ron Weesies	Hospitality Elder – Dave Zoller
Deacon in Charge – Carole Giberson	Hospitality Deacon – Chris Martin

Next Week

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

Announcements

- **Games Night:** Join Pastor John and Ashley for table games in the church basement on Friday, January 26 at 6:00 pm. Bring a favorite board game or card game. Pizza dinner and childcare are provided.

- **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, following the morning service. Lunch and childcare will be provided. If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor John know.

- **Council Corner:**
Council met on Wednesday, January 10. Here are the highlights from that meeting:
 - ~ Approved office bearer assignments for 2024, including Executive Team and “Growing With” Leaders. These were reported in last week’s bulletin.
 - ~ Approved the formation of an exploratory committee to explore the possibility of a Christian daycare in collaboration with New Era Christian School.
 - ~ Approved a full-council retreat for February 17 for training, prayer, and goal setting.
 - ~ Elders and Deacons met separately to discuss specific matters and spend time in prayer for one another.

Offering Report – Sunday, January 14, 2024

Total Offering - \$2,613
Love, INC - \$238

Farmer’s Market - \$70

Today’s Offering – Cadets (National)
Next Week’s Offering –

Prayer Requests

- For Todd and Bekah Goodrich as they grieve the death of Todd’s father, Jack Goodrich. A private ceremony for the family will be held at Fort Custer in Battle Creek. A celebration service will be held at a later date.

- 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.