

Schedule of Events

Today

Nursery – Amy Weesies, Adam Lavelly

Refreshments – Dan & Mary Freye, Pete & Judy Staal

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 – Patti Weesies, Lori Westrate

Refreshments – Kent & Ginny Weesies, Tom & Betty TenBrink

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

Chairmain 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 John C. Medendorp

Sunday, January 28, 2024

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

1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude	
Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 4
Opening Song	<i>The Joy of the Lord is My Strength</i>
God’s Greeting	
Song of Praise	<i>There’s No God as Great Ten Thousand Reasons</i>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>
Confession of Faith	Apostles’ Creed
Children’s Song	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>
Children’s Blessing	(Children invited to Children’s Church)
Church Family Time	
Offering	General Fund
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<i>Ancient Words</i>
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 12:1-3
Sermon	The Joy of Christ
Closing Song	<i>O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts</i>
Blessing	
Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>

Worship Notes

Morning Service

This morning, Pastor John will preach on “The Joy of Christ” from Hebrews 12:1-3.

Evening Service

This evening, we will continue our series on the Belgic Confession, a confession of faith in the Reformed tradition. We will look at Article 2, exploring the various ways that the Creator reveals himself through his creation and his Word. Join us for a time of song, discussion, fellowship, and prayer as we explore the doctrines of our faith.

Next Week

Next Sunday morning, we will celebrate our GEMS and Cadets clubs. Pastor John will preach on Ephesians 3:14-21, “Rooted in Love.” In the evening, we will continue our exploration of the Belgic Confession, looking at Article 3, “The Written Word.”

Council Hospitality Duties

This Week

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

Next Week

Elder in Charge – Scott Meyers	Hospitality Elder – Greg Vriesman
Deacon in Charge – Jeremy Meyers	Hospitality Deacon – Diane Adema

Announcements

- **Pastor’s Class:** The Pastor’s Class for new members and those interested in making profession of faith begins today. We will meet after the morning service in the church basement. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

- **Postcards for inmates:** Pastor Bill Ryder left postcards for people to fill out for inmates in Oceana County Jail. They are in the lobby across from the mailboxes. Please take a moment to write an encouraging note to an inmate and share the love of Jesus. Completed cards can be placed in the drop box or in Pastor John’s mailbox.

- From the **Deacons:** In our 2024 budget, we approved some increases in some of the current missions and committed to a new mission in the Latino church plant. As we plan our giving for the year, please keep the extra commitments in mind so we can meet our budget. Thank you.

- **Thank You:** Thank you for all of the prayers and cards of sympathy during the passing of Todd’s father, Jack Goodrich. We are comforted in knowing Jack’s love of Christ and that he is in his heavenly home. – Todd & Bekah Goodrich

Offering Report – Sunday, January 21, 2024

Total Offering - \$3,734	
Cadets (National) - \$205	Farmer's Market - \$690
Today’s Offering – General Fund	
Next Week’s Offering –	

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

February 5 – Manna Monday, Cadets, Gems, Men’s and Women’s Bible Studies
February 6 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC
February 12 – Girls Gathering for Christ
February 13 – New Era Coffeebreak - NERC