

Schedule of Events

Today

Nursery – Karmen Fox, Patti Weesies, Adam Lavelly
Refreshments –
Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Next Week

Tuesday

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

Sunday

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

Important Dates

April 30 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC

May 5 – Museum Tour – Grand Rapids Public Museum

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

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

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

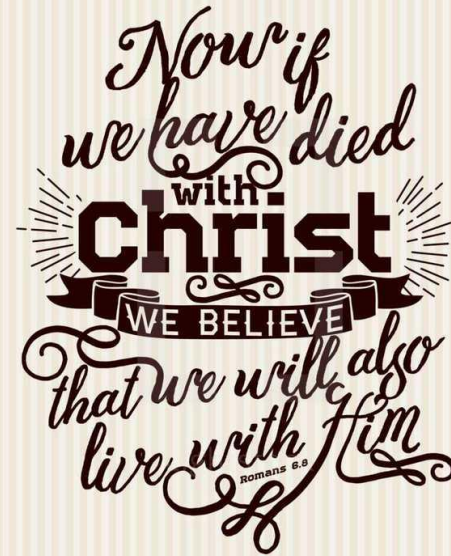
Custodian/Church Use – Contact Jacque Weesies at 517-525-4787.

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, April 28, 2024

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

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

Eastertide

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude	
Welcome	
Call to Worship	John 15:1-8
Opening Song	<i>Come People of the Risen King</i>
God's Greeting	
Songs of Praise	<i>In Christ Alone</i> <i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>
Confession & Assurance	
Passing the Peace	<i>We Are One in the Spirit</i>
Confession of Faith	The Apostle's Creed
Church Family Time	
Offering	Grand Valley Campus Ministry
Special Music	<i>Our God</i> – sung by Amy, Ali, & Kya Weesies
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Romans 6:1-14
Sermon	Buried and Raised Up!
Closing Song	<i>I Am Not My Own</i>
Charge	Colossians 3:1-4
Refrain	<i>Halle, Halle, Halle</i>
Blessing	
Doxology	<i>My Friends May You Grow in Grace</i>

Worship Notes

Morning Service

Baptism is the sacrament of entrance into the covenant community, marking us as members of Christ and uniting us to one another. This sign and seal of God's gift of goodwill toward us has deep layers of meaning and symbolism. Today, in "Buried and Raised Up" Pastor John will take us through the Apostle Paul's teaching on baptism and rebirth in Romans 6:1-14 and how in baptism, we die and are reborn in Christ.

Evening Service

In the evening, we will continue our series on the Belgic Confession, one of our statements of faith in the Reformed tradition. Tonight we will be exploring Article 9, which explores the scriptural foundations for the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. Join us for a time of song, discussion, fellowship, and prayer as we learn together the doctrines of our faith.

Next Week

Next Sunday, we will welcome Rev. Darrell Delaney. Pastor Delaney is a CRC minister currently serving as Associate Regional Director for Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministries. He will be preaching on "Christ Makes Us Children of Light" from 1 John 1:1-2:2. Due to the museum trip to Grand Rapids, we will not have an evening service.

Council Hospitality Duties

This Week

Elder in Charge – Ron Weesies
Deacon in Charge – Bob Bush

Hospitality Elder – Dave Zoller
Hospitality Deacon – Carole Giberson

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Announcements

- **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 on Monday, May 6 at 7 pm. Please contact Amy VanGunst (avangunst@fountainhillcenter.com) if you are interested.
- **Museum Tour** – On Sunday, May 5, we will be taking a group of folks from New Era CRC, Angel Community Church, and Allen Ave CRC (sister churches in Muskegon), to visit the Nelson Mandela exhibit at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Tickets are available at a group rate of \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors *until April 28*. Afterwards, people may buy individual tickets at regular admission price. Dinner at Sundance Grill will be provided by a grant from Classis Muskegon. Contact Pastor John 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. Everyone is welcome for this time of food and fellowship!

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!

Prayer Requests

- Baby Sage, the granddaughter of Dick and Brenda Harper, came home from Denver Children's Hospital this week. She will receive 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.

Council Corner

The council is the combined body of all office bearers, including elders, deacons, and ministers of New Era CRC. Together, the council oversees the general administration of the church. Council met on Wednesday, April 17. Here is a summary of that meeting.

- Received reports from the treasurer, elders, deacons, and pastor regarding their work.
- The Latino Outreach Committee reported that they are moving forward with their goals for congregational education, community outreach, and fundraising with area churches.
- Reviewed a list of repairs/improvements to building and grounds to be addressed throughout the year through Work Bees and other work projects.
- Relocated Rummage Sale to The Avenue and committed additional funds to the Farmer's Market.
- Approved a laptop for use by the church secretary.
- Approved a communication to Classis Muskegon raising concerns about the last Classis meeting.
- Appointed Scott Meyers, Jeremy Meyers, and John Medendorp as delegates to the April 27 meeting of Classis Muskegon.
- Council held mutual censure, a time for sharing, encouragement, accountability, and prayer.

Offering Report - Sunday, April 21, 2024

Total Offering - \$8,710
Benevolence - \$20

Farmer's Market - \$70

This Week's Offering – Grand Valley Campus Ministry
Next Week's Offering – GEMS (National)

Spring Flowers Word Search



Find the hidden words within the puzzle.

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daisy	lily	poppy	sunflower	violet