## Schedule of Events

### Today

Nursery – Margaret Bruinsma, Hannah Hughes, Ashley Medendorp Refreshments – Evening Service – 6:00 pm

### **Next Week**

Monday

GEMS, Cadets, Girls Gathering for Christ Tuesday New Era Coffeebreak - 9:45 -11:15 am at NERC Sunday Nursery – Dy Clark, Kate Eilers, Terri Langerak Refreshments –

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 – <u>necrc.pastor@gmail.com</u>, Cell – 231-284-8245
Bulletin Announcements can be sent to Bekah Goodrich at <u>necrc.secretary@gmail.com</u>, 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 <u>diane.adema@gmail.com</u>.



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



Pastor Jeffrey Hough

Sunday, April 7, 2024 Worship Service at 9:30 am and 6:00 pm

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

Eastertíde Sunday, Apríl 7, 2024 **Order of Worship** 

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship
Opening Song
God's Greeting
Songs of Praise

Confession Assurance Passing the Peace Confession of Faith

Children's Song

Offering

Children's Blessing

**Church Family Time** 

Blest Be the Tie That Binds The Apostle's Creed

I Serve a Risen Savior

I Love to Tell the Story

Amazing Grace

Jesus Loves Me (Children invited to Children's Church) Benevolence **Congregational Prayer** 

Song of Preparation Prayer for Illumination Scripture Reading Sermon

Closing Song Blessing Doxology

Ancient Words

Job 1:1-2:10 Lessons Learned from Job

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

My Friends May You Grow in Grace

**Morning Service** 

This morning we welcome Pastor Jeffrey Hough from Angel Community Church in Muskegon. Pastor Hough is one of our sponsored missionaries serving the Angel neighborhood in Muskegon, and a dear friend of our church. He will be preaching on "Lessons Learned from Job" from Job 1:1-2:10.

#### **Evening Service**

In the evening, Greg Vriesman will lead a sermon discussion and prayer service. Join us for a time of song, discussion, fellowship, and prayer.

#### Next Week

Next Sunday, Pastor John will begin a short series on covenant baptism and our identity in Christ. He will preach on "Through the Waters" from Exodus 14:10-22. In the evening, we will welcome Randy Paulsen from The Gideon's International.

### *Important Dates*

April 8 – GEMS, Cadets, Girls Gathering for Christ April 9 – New Era Coffeebreak - NERC April 15 – Manna Monday, Cadets, Men's & Women's Bible Studies April 15 – NECS Registration Night April 16 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC April 22 - Girls Gathering for Christ April 23 – New Era Coffeebreak – NERC

# Council Hospitality Duties

This Week Elder in Charge – Scott Meyers Deacon in Charge – Chris Martin

Hospitality Elder – Dan Mulder Hospitality Deacon – Jeremy Meyers

Next Week Elder in Charge – Dan Mulder Deacon in Charge – Jeremy Meyers

Hospitality Elder – Greg Vriesman Hospitality Deacon – Diane Adema

## Worship Notes

### Announcements

- **Council** – Council executives will meet on Wednesday, April 10 to set the agenda for the April 17 council meeting. Please direct any communication for council to the clerk, Scott Meyers.

- **Pastor's Class** – "Membership at NECRC", the third and final Pastor's Class for new members and profession of faith will be held next Sunday, April 14, after the morning service.

- **Nursery Volunteers** – Our church is growing, and we need more nursery volunteers! We are looking for 3-4 additional volunteers to care for infants and toddlers on a regular rotation during the Sunday morning service. If you are interested, please connect with Patti Weesies (<u>patti@weesies.com</u>).

- **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 (<u>tryfly@mac.com</u>) or Keri Hall (<u>kaejoh@gmail.com</u>).

- **Out of Office** – Pastor John is at a conference in Anaheim, California this week. He will be back on Friday, April 12.

- There have been a **number of items** left in the coatroom for some time now. Included are 2 blue jackets, 1 vest, a scarf, a flower vase, cookie sheets, and Tupperware. These items will be moved downstairs across from the elevator after another week. Please check to see if any of these items belong to you. Questions? Contact Jacque Weesies.

- The **church rummage sale** is taking place April 25<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 4 pm, and April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - noon. Donations can be dropped off starting on April  $22^{nd}$ . We are in need of people to set up and/or work the sale. This is a fundraiser for the Farmer's Market. If you would like to help, please contact Sandy Whitaker at 517-242-0041 or shoppnqueen@hotmail.com.

## **Prayer Requests**

- Praise the Lord that JJ Natte is responding well to physical therapy after his back injury. He returned to work this week and expects a full recovery without surgery!

- For Bob Reed who is experiencing a difficult recovery from extensive dental work.

- 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 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.

# Offering Report - Sunday, March 31, 2024

Total Offering - \$2,634 Benevolence - \$20

Farmer's Market - \$120

Today's Offering – Benevolence Next Week's Offering – Young Life