

Important Dates

May 4 is National Day of Prayer. You are invited to a prayer meeting on Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00 pm at the church.

The Shelby High School Baccalaureate Service will be on Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 pm in the SHS auditorium.

On Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 pm, we will have a special outdoor service, church picnic, and campfire to celebrate Ascension Day. Look for more details as the date draws near!

Accessibility

A T-Loop hearing system is installed throughout the sanctuary. To use, switch your hearing device to the "T" position. Our service is also available online for live-stream and recording at You Tube. Search "New Era Christian Reformed Church" on You Tube to locate the service.

Offering Report – Sunday, April 16, 2023

Total Offering - \$5,961

KWH Fund - \$3,926

Farmer's Market - \$102

Coffeebreak - \$100

Today's Offering – GEMS National

Next Week's Offering – Missions

2023 Council Members of New Era CRC:

President - Mark Weesies **Vice President** – Dave Zoller **Clerk** – Scott Meyers **Treasurer** – Jeremy Meyers

Chairman of the Deacons – Bob Bush

Growing in Relationship with God: Elder – Dave Zoller, Deacon – Bob Bush

Growing in Relationship with Each Other: Elder – Bob Eekhoff, Deacon – Chris Martin

Growing in Relationship with Community: Elder – Mark Weesies, Deacon – Diane Adema

Pastor Information – Pastor John Medendorp - Email – pastor.necrc@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, April 30, 2023

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 30, 2023

Order of Worship

Welcome
Call To Worship
*Opening Song
*God's Greeting
*Songs of Praise

Prayer of Confession
Words of Assurance
Confession of Faith
*Passing the Peace

Children's Blessing
Children's Song
Church Family Time
Offering
Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading
Sermon

*Closing Song
Charge
Refrain
*Blessing
*Doxology

Psalm 116

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Blessed Be Your Name

There's No God as Great

The Apostle's Creed

We Are One in Christ Jesus

(Children invited to Children's Church)

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

Mission India – Jim & Mary VanderWerp

GEMS (National)

Break Now the Bread of Life

Acts 2:42-47

All Together

Koinonia

Alleluia

He is Lord

Schedule of Events & Worship Notes

Today

Nursery – Patti Weesies, Ashley Medendorp

Refreshments – Dave & Mary Wagner, Jim & Mary VanderWerp

Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday

Nursery –

Refreshments – Larry & Joyce Weesies, Mavis Lownds

Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Morning Service

Christ's resurrection begins a new chapter in the story of the Creator and his world, marked by a renewed people of God. The markers of belonging in this new people are the symbols of baptism and the Lord's Supper, what we call the sacraments. Today, Pastor John will be preaching on our unity in Christ as one body, gathered around one table, from Acts 2:42-47.

Evening Service

This Sunday evening, we will be looking at the seventh commandment, *do not commit adultery*, with the Heidelberg Catechism as our guide. What does a "decent and chaste" life look like in our culture? Join us for a time of song, prayer, fellowship, and discussion as we learn together to walk in gratitude for all God has done for us in Christ.

Next Week

On May 7, we will welcome Pastor Jeffrey Hough to our pulpit. Pastor Jeffery is one of our sponsored missionaries through Resonate Global Mission, the mission agency of the Christian Reformed Church. He serves as the pastor of Angel Community Church in Muskegon.

Prayer Requests

- Praise God that Ken Prince, son of Cliff and Ellen Prince, has been sent home from the hospital after several surgeries. Please keep him and his wife, Jane, in your prayers as he continues to recover.
- Margaret Byl Amstutz, a regular vendor at our summer farmer's market and friend of the church, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 23, ending her battle with cancer. A funeral service was held at Ferry Memorial Reformed Church on Saturday. Keep the Amstutz and Byl families in your prayers. May God comfort all who mourn.
- For all who journey with cancer: Ellen Prince, John Davila, Henry Hoekstra, 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, Syria, Yemen, and so many other places. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Announcements

- ~ New Era Chamber of Commerce **Veteran Park bricks** are available for \$100 each. We would like to place an order in early May in order to have them placed before Memorial Day. Order forms are available at Meyers Chevrolet (see Amy) or you can find them at neweramichigan.com under "Our Town".
- ~ Thank you NECRC! With your donation to the **KWH X-ray fund**, that puts us just over our goal and we can order the machine within a week or two! Thanks be to God!
— Bob & Marcia Vermaire
- ~ Pastor John will be leading a **New Members Class** in May for anyone interested in joining the church, making a profession of faith, or a reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested, please let him know.
- ~ The Unity Christian Music Festival will be held from August 9 -12 in Muskegon. Featured musical acts include Casting Crown, For King & Country, We The Kingdom, and Colton Dixon. Tickets are available at a discounted rate for church families. Ticket sales have begun. Please see Bekah Goodrich to sign up and purchase tickets. Money will be due by Sunday, May 28. Additional information is posted on the bulletin board.