

New Era CRC ~ Sunday ~ March 7, 2021

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today!

As we gather together in response to our Lord's call to worship, may we hear His Word with gladness, respond with hearts of love and gratitude, and go forth from this place with renewed commitment to serve Him every day.

SCHEDULE

9:30AM - MORNING WORSHIP - "7Q's," we continue to reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross by looking at questions. Children ask lots of questions because it helps them to learn and understand. Questions also help us learn and grow spiritually. Today Jesus asks us, "Are you asleep?" Spiritual sleep leads to death. Are we dying in our sleep? With this question Jesus calls us to remain alert.

The cross in front of church is a Lenten Cross. Six candles will represent the six Sundays of Lent. Five purple candles will be lit at the beginning of Lent. The purple candles are the liturgical color for Lent season. Purple represents penance and preparation. The preparation follows practice during Lent and the sacrifice of Christ. One candle will be extinguished each week leading up to Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday there will be a red candle as we near Good Friday and it represents the blood of Christ. On Easter a white candle will be lit to represent Christ's resurrection from the dead.

If you are at home and would like to join us in worship via live stream click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJnz17vpo5Hr9u3dxOULcA> after 9:20AM and you should be able to watch the service live. You should also be able to watch the service at a later time by clicking on the same link.

6:00PM - EVENING WORSHIP GATHERING

TEXT: Revelation 16

Join us in a time of Prayer, Praise and Listening to God's Word.

Reminder: The Evening Worship Gathering is held in the sanctuary in order to follow safe social distancing.

TUESDAY: 10.00AM - Coffeebreak at NERC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Greg and Kay will be gone Monday, March 8 - Monday, March 15. Pastor Jake Weeda will be leading worship next Sunday. If you have any needs please contact your elder.

New 2021 Church Family Lists are available in your mailboxes today.

A March/April 2021 TODAY Devotional is available on the table in the Narthex.

Please join us virtually, Saturday, March 13, from 6-8pm for The Fountain Hill Center's annual fundraiser, Laughing Matters. Purchase tickets for this event at: <https://fountainhillcenter.org/laughing-matters/>. A link to join the event will be included in an event box to be distributed the week of the event. Learn more about The Fountain Hill Center and participate in trivia questions sure to make you laugh. Prizes will be awarded to students who did artwork, a short story, or a video about "Why Laughing Matters." All money raised for the event goes toward providing low cost or free counseling services at The Fountain Hill Center's Lakeshore Counseling Office in Oceana County.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Diane Adema fell and broke her wrist on Thursday. She had surgery Friday morning.

Deacon Report 2-28-21

Total offering - **\$6,742.00**

General Fund - \$6,435 Love INC - \$207.00

Shirley Van Drie Memorial - \$100.00

Offering Schedule for March 2021

Today - March 7 - General Fund

March 14 - Love INC

March 21 - World Renew

March 28 - General Fund

Order of Worship ~ Pastor Greg Dyk

Prelude

God Calls Us Into Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Opening Song: PsH#246:1, 2, 3, 4 ***"Come, Thou Almighty King"***

*God Greet Us

*Songs of Praise: LUYH#516 ***"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"***
PsH#504:1, 2, 3 ***"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"***

God's Will for Our Life

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To Give Thanks

Congregational Prayer

Song: ***"Open Our Eyes, Lord"***
Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord; and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus.

To Listen to His Word

Lenten Series: "7 Q's"

Scripture - Mark 14:32-42

Message: "Are you Asleep?"

Prayer

*Song: PsH#381:1, 2, 3, ***"Go to Dark Gethsemane"***

To Go out and Serve

*God's Blessing

*Sending Song: ***"We Receive Your Blessing"***

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