

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude	
Opening Sentences	Isaiah 25:6-9
Opening Song	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>
Call to Worship	Psalms 118:14-24
Song of Praise	<i>Oh, How Good/O que bueno</i>
God's Greeting	
Song of Praise	<i>The Strife is O'er the Battle Done</i>
Prayer of Adoration	
Confession of Faith	The Apostle's Creed
Passing the Peace	<i>Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns</i>
Children's Blessing	
Children's Song	<i>Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!</i>
Church Family Time	
Offering	Love, INC
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<i>Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven</i>
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	John 20:1-18
Sermon	The First Day
Song of Response	<i>Low in the Grave He Lay</i>
Charge	
Closing Song	<i>Halle Halle Halle</i>
Blessing	
Doxology	<i>He is Lord</i>

Worship Notes

Morning Service

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Welcome to our worship service this morning as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and his victory over sin and death! Today, Pastor John will be preaching on the resurrection story from the Gospel of John 20:1-18.

Evening Service

There is no evening service tonight.

Next Week

Next Sunday, we will welcome Pastor Jeffery 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. In the evening, Greg Vriesman will lead a sermon discussion and prayer service.

Easter Blessings

Sisters and brothers in Christ, may God bless you with grace and peace this Easter Sunday and throughout the year as we rejoice together in the victory secured for us by our Lord in his resurrection from the dead! May Jesus Christ himself fill you with his Holy Spirit, so you may overflow with his love, find rest in his peace, and find joy in the sure and certain hope of his coming again.

- Love, Pastor John and Ashley Medendorp

Council Hospitality Duties

This Week

Elder in Charge – Dave Zoller

Hospitality Elder – Scott Meyers

Deacon in Charge – Carole Giberson

Hospitality Deacon – Chris Martin

Next Week

Elder in Charge – Scott Meyers

Hospitality Elder – Dan Mulder

Deacon in Charge – Chris Martin

Hospitality Deacon – Jeremy Meyers

Announcements

- **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 (patti@weesies.com).
- **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 (tryfly@mac.com) or Keri Hall (kaejoh@gmail.com).
- **GEMS and Cadets** will meet on April 8th, but there will be no meal. This will be the final meeting for GEMS. The final Manna Monday will be Monday, April 15, with Men's and Women's Bible Studies and Cadets meeting.
- **Girls Gathering for Christ** will meet on April 8 and April 22 at 6:00 pm.
- **Out of Office** – Pastor John will be out of the office next week at a conference in Anaheim, California.
- **NECS Registration Night** – NECS is having a preschool – 8th grade registration night on April 15 from 6-8 pm for interested families who would like to learn more about our school. Our desire is to provide a Christ-centered education option to more families in the area. Please see the flyers on the bulletin board for registration night and general school information.
- Out of concern for those with **allergies**, there will be no Easter lilies or hyacinths in church for Easter Sunday.
- 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.

Announcements

- We are trying to form a committee to hold a **church rummage sale** as a fundraiser for the Farmer's Market. We have added 2 more markets this year and will need to have 2 additional bands that could potentially add another \$2,000 to our budget this year. We have selected the dates of April 25-April 27 for the sale. We will hold the sale only until noon on the 27th. If you would like to help, please contact Sandy Whitaker at 517-242-0041 or shopnqueen@hotmail.com.

Prayer Requests

- For Jim Prince, who was recently diagnosed with cancer and is awaiting an appointment with his oncologist on April 2.
- 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.

Schedule of Events



Easter Word Search

Find the hidden words within the puzzle.

WSH1-2

J	E	L	L	Y	B	E	A	N	S
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Y	R	N	G	N	M	K	S	I	A
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Q	P	E	G	V	O	Z	E	K	G
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**basket
bonnet
bunny**

**chicks
dogwood
eggs**

**grass
jelly beans
parade**

spring

Today

Nursery – Mary Weesies, Jamie Westrate

Refreshments – Adam & Emily Lavelly, Pam Stenberg, Barb Youngs

Next Week

Monday

GEMS, Cadets, Girls Gathering for Christ

Tuesday

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

Sunday

Nursery – Margaret Bruinsma, Hannah Hughes, Ashley Medendorp

Refreshments –

Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Offering Report - Sunday, March 24, 2024

Total Offering - \$2,960

Farmer's Market - \$150

Today's Offering – Love, INC

Next Week's Offering – Benevolence

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