

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude	
Welcome	
Call to Worship	Psalm 93
God's Greeting	
Opening Song	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>
Prayer of Adoration	from Rev. 7
Scripture Reading	Acts 1:1-14
Songs of Praise	<i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!</i>
	<i>Lord I Lift Your Name on High</i>
Confession of Faith	Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 18-19
Passing the Peace	<i>Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns!</i>
Church Family Time	
Children's Song	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
Offering	General Fund
Congregational Prayer	
Song of Preparation	<i>At the Name of Jesus</i>
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 47
Sermon	The King of Kings
Lord's Supper	
Closing Song	<i>Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun</i>
Blessing	
Doxology	<i>Rejoice the Lord is King</i>

Worship Notes

Morning Service

This past Thursday was Ascension Day, when we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven, 40 days after his resurrection. This Sunday, we'll remember Jesus' ascension in song and scripture, and what it means for us today. Pastor John will be preaching on "The King of Kings" from Psalm 47.

Evening Service

There will be no evening service tonight due to Mother's Day.

Next Week

Next Sunday, we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down on the followers of Jesus. Rev. Pablo Canché, one of our sponsored missionaries with Resonate in Mexico City will be preaching. In the evening, we will continue our series on the Belgic Confession with Article 10, "The Deity of Christ".

Church Potluck

The potluck will be held 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. There will be no coffee and cookies after the service. Everyone is welcome for this time of food and fellowship!

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

Announcements

- **Contact Info** – Many have asked how they can be supporting Jami and Justin in light of Sage's death last Saturday. Their mailing address is: Jami & Justin Vandevort, PO Box 1455, Minturn, CO 81645. Please send them a note of sympathy and encouragement in this difficult time.
- **Council** – Council met on Wednesday, March 8. A summary of that meeting will be included in next week's bulletin.
- **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 **Latino/Hispanic** year round population numbers for Oceana County range from 4,204 (according to 2020 US census) to 6,000 – 8,000 according to other sources. Either set of numbers makes Oceana County's Latino population percentage the highest of any Michigan county. Approximately 35% of Shelby High School students are Latino. Approximately 2/3 of Latino's in our community have no church/religious involvement.
- **Shelby Baccalaureate** – A baccalaureate service for the graduates of Shelby High School will be held at the high school auditorium on Tuesday, May 14 at 7 pm. Please pray for graduates and their families.
- **Celebrating our Graduates** – We will be celebrating our graduates and offering prayers and gifts in the Sunday morning service on May 26. If you or someone you know is graduating this year from K, 8th, 12th, or receiving a higher degree, please let Pastor John know so we can recognize everyone in the service!
- 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!

Announcements

- Dear Church Family at New Era CRC, Greg and I want to let you know how much we have been blessed by all the prayers offered after Kay's back surgery. **Thank you** for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and texts. They were all a wonderful source of encouragement. We praise God the Great Healer for his care and provision so far, and we pray for complete healing. We love you and thank you!
Kay and Pastor Greg
- **Bells** - The children will be playing **Jesus Loves Me** on the bells this morning.

Prayer Requests

- For Jami and Justin Vandevort, and their daughter Ruth, as they grieve the death of baby Sage, who went to be with the Lord last Saturday.
- 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.