Schedule of Events

Today

Nursery – Jamie Westrate, Lori Westrate, Janet Meyers Refreshments – Rose Brace, Mavis Lownds

Next Week Sunday

Nursery – Hannah Hughes, Kate Eilers, Ashley Medendorp Church Potluck – Following the morning service Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Offering Report - Sunday, May 5, 2024

Total Offering - \$3,746 Benevolence - \$100 GEMS (National) - \$174

This Week's Offering – General Fund Next Week's Offering – World Renew

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 – necrc.pastor@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.

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New Era Christian Reformed Church

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



Pastor John C. Medendorp

Sunday, May 12, 2024 Worship Service at 9:30 am

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

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

God's Greeting

Opening Song Crown Him with Many Crowns

Psalm 93

Prayer of Adoration from Rev. 7 Scripture Reading Acts 1:1-14

Songs of Praise Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 18-19
Passing the Peace Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns!

Church Family Time

Children's Song

Children's Blessing

Offering

Congregational Prayer

Jesus Loves Me

(Children invited to Children's Church)

General Fund

Song of Preparation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Lord's Supper

Closing Song Blessing

Doxology

At the Name of Jesus

Psalm 47

The King of Kings

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Rejoice the Lord is King

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 Hosp Deacon in Charge – Chris Martin Hosp

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.