

Important Dates

May 17 – Shelby High School Baccalaureate Service – 7:00 pm

May 18 – Ascension Day Service and Picnic – 6:00 pm

May 21 – Pastor’s Class – Following Worship Service

May 21 – Blessing the Fields Service – 4:00 pm

May 26 – Western Michigan Christian Graduation Ceremony

June 1 – New Era Christian Graduation Ceremony

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, May 7, 2023

Total Offering - \$5,094.75

Benevolence - \$25

Missions - \$278.25

Farmer's Market - \$50

Next Week’s Offering – Love INC

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, May 14, 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, May 14, 2023

Order of Worship

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

Psalm 66
Come, All You People, Praise Our God

***All Things Bright and Beautiful
Come, Thou Almighty King***

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

The Apostles' Creed
We Are One in the Spirit

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

Celebrating Graduates
By Faith
Cadets (Local)
(Children invited to Children's Church)

*Song of Preparation
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading
Sermon

How Firm a Foundation
Acts 17:22-31
Life and Breath and Everything Else

*Closing Song
Charge
Refrain
*Blessing
*Doxology

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
I Peter 3:13-18a
Alleluia
My Friends May You Grow in Grace

Schedule of Events & Worship Notes

Today

Nursery – Kate Eilers, Amy Weesies
Refreshments – Tom & Betty TenBrink, Dick & Brenda Harper
Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Next Week

Thursday

Ascension Day Service and Picnic – 6:00 pm at the church campfire

Sunday

Nursery – Terri Langerak, Lori Westrate
Refreshments – Kent & Ginny Weesies, Helen VanderMey
Pastor's Class – Following the service
Blessing the Fields Service – 4:00 pm at the Community Garden

Morning Service

This Sunday, we celebrate our recent and soon-to-be graduates at all levels of education. Praise God for his faithfulness through all generations! Pastor John will be preaching on Acts 17:22-31, on Paul's defense before the Athenian court, and how Christians present themselves in the wider world.

Evening Service

Tonight at 6 pm we will explore the Ninth Commandment (Do not bear false witness). In an age of social media, partisanship, "political correctness", and "alternative truth", how do we live as a people of truth and love? Join us for a time of song, discussion, prayer, and fellowship as we learn together to live in gratitude for all God has done for us in Christ!

Next Week

We will reflect on the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after the Resurrection. Pastor John will be preaching on Ephesians 1:5-23, "The Ascended Son".

Prayer Requests

- For Ellen Prince, currently at Poppen House Hospice Care in Muskegon.
- For Mission India partners in Manipur, where conflict between tribal groups and the federal government over land rights had led to violent riots and military retaliation. At least three churches have been burned and dozens of people have been killed, with hundreds injured.
- 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, Sudan, and so many other places. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Announcements

- ~ **Celebrating Graduates!** Today we celebrate and pray for our graduates! May God bless them with knowledge, skill, virtue, and a future full of promise!
 - Kindergarten: Kaydence Schultz
 - 8th Grade: Eli Morse, Caleb Vincent
 - 12th Grade: Kayla Balder, Anna Morse
 - University: Stephanie Weesies
- ~ **Ascension Day Picnic** and campfire will be held on Thursday, May 18 at 6 pm by the church fire pit. All are welcome! Meat and drinks will be provided. Families A-M please bring a salad or side; Families N-Z please bring bread or a dessert. Bring chairs or a blanket for your family to sit on, and a kite to fly!
- ~ **Pastor's Class** for those interested in joining the church or making profession of faith will be next Sunday, May 21, with lunch after church. Please let Pastor John know if you are interested.
- ~ The **Shelby High School Baccalaureate** Service will be on Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 pm in the SHS auditorium.

Announcements

- ~ A **"Blessing the Fields" Service** will be on May 21 at 4 pm in the Community Gardens. This is a special community service to recognize the beginning of the growing season and offer prayers for our land, farmers and laborers, good weather, and a bountiful harvest. Bring you seeds, dirt, fertilizer, and garden tools!
- ~ **Love INC** is hiring a part-time Thrift Store Employee for the summer to work the sales floor, cash counter, and donation reception. For more information, including job description and application packet, send an email to info@loveincoceana.org.
- ~ Join us for the **Camp Tall Turf Open House and 5K** on Saturday, June 17 from 10 am – 4 pm at 6947 East Scout Road, Walkerville, MI 49459. All are welcome to tour the camp on Campbell Lake and learn about Camp Tall Turf's 50-year ministry of reconciliation between God, people, and creation. Facilities are available for Youth Camp, Family Camp, Retreats, Parties, Weddings, and Team Building. The 5K starts at 10 AM through the woods and lakefront. Register for the 5K at tinyurl.com/msswuuk2.
- ~ The **Covenant Plan** forms for the 2023/2024 school year have been emailed and copies are by the mailboxes. Please complete and return by June 1, 2023. There will be a box by the mailboxes labeled, "Covenant Plan". You can also give completed forms to a Deacon. Please complete in the next 2 weeks to ensure the committee can move forward with the Covenant Plan. We need to have 80% of the total cost Faith Promised by June 1st to activate the plan. All members that have children able to participate in the plan must complete the "Request to Participate" form by June 1st. Please help the committee and return the forms as soon as possible. For questions, please contact Bob Bush.
- ~ **Spanish-Language Ministry** For the past year, council has been discerning the possibility of starting a Spanish-language CRC church plant to reach out to the Hispanic community in and around New Era. We feel confident in the conversations we've had, and are at the point where we are ready to strike a steering committee to further lay the groundwork for this goal. The steering committee will explore funding possibilities, begin the search for a church planter, and communicate regularly with the council and the congregation about the process. If you are interested in being a part of the steering committee, or know someone with gifts and experience that can benefit the process, please contact Dave Zoller (dzoller@hotmail.com).