

Important Dates

May 26 – Western Michigan Christian Graduation Ceremony

June 1 – New Era Christian Graduation Ceremony

June 1 – NECRC Covenant Plans Due

June 6 – Covenant CRC Bike Group Dinner

June 7 – Covenant CRC Bike Group Breakfast

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 14, 2023

Total Offering - \$2,035.05

Farmer's Market - \$610.05

Cadets (Local) - \$228

Today's Offering – Love INC

Next Week's Offering – General Fund

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 21, 2023
Worship Service at 9:30 am

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

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Order of Worship

Prelude	
Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 47
*God's Greeting	
*Opening Song	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>
Prayer of Adoration	From Revelation 7
Scripture Reading	Acts 1:1-14
*Songs of Praise	<i>Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise</i>
	<i>Lord, I Lift Your Name on High</i>
Confession of Faith	The Apostles' Creed
*Passing the Peace	<i>Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns</i>
Children's Blessing	(Children invited to Children's Church)
*Song	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>
Church Family Time	
Offering	Love INC
Congregational Prayer	
*Song of Preparation	<i>Show Us Christ</i>
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 1:15-23
Sermon	The Ascended Son
*Closing Song	<i>Rejoice, the Lord is King!</i>
Charge	Philippians 2:1-11
Refrain	<i>Alleluia</i>
*Blessing	
*Doxology	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>

Schedule of Events & Worship Notes

Today

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

Next Week

Sunday

Nursery – Patti Weesies, Paula Meyers

Refreshments – Rose Brace, Henry & Loie Hoekstra

Evening Service – 6:00 pm

Morning Service

This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, 40 days after his resurrection. We confess, "He ascended into heaven, and was seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty." From his throne at God's right hand, our Lord pours out his power upon the church, his body. Today Pastor John will preach from Ephesians 1:15-23, praising God for the power that is ours in Christ Jesus, our Ascended King!

Evening Service

Join us *this afternoon at 4:00 pm* at the outdoor worship space for a special community service with the other New Era churches to bless the fields as the growing season gets underway. You are encouraged to bring your own lawn chair. Also, bring your seeds, dirt, fertilizer, and tools! We will enjoy a time of fellowship with our New Era community following the service. This will take the place of our regular evening service.

Next Week is Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the church. Pastor John will be preaching from 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 on "The Gift of the Spirit."

Prayer Requests

- ~ For Suzanne Finley, who is recovering from knee surgery.
- ~ For the family of Barb Fessenden, who passed away this week.
- For Ellen Prince, currently at Poppen House Hospice Care in Muskegon.
- 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, the province of Manipur in India, Sudan, Israel and Palestine, and so many other places. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Announcements

- ~ **Pastor's Class** for those interested in joining the church or making profession of faiths today, about 20 minutes after the service, in the church basement.
- ~ There are still three beds available at the **Community Garden**. They are prepped and ready to plant. If you would like a plot at the Community Garden, the price is \$10 for a 6x12 area. All the tools needed are in the garden shed, there is also a sprinkler system for watering. Please see Sandy Whitaker if you are interested or call her at 517-242-0041. Please join us today for the Blessing of the Fields service at 4:00 pm. All are welcome.
- ~ **NECRC Family** – Missy and I would like to express how much we appreciate this church body and the individuals that make it up. The impact you have made on the lives of all of our kids on multiple levels cannot be overstated. You have truly helped us in the raising of our wonderful kids. Thank you! Phil Morse

Announcements

- ~ **Hosting Bike Group** New Era CRC will host the youth group of Covenant CRC in Cutlerville on the first night of their annual bike tour on the evening of Tuesday, June 6. We are looking for volunteers to prepare dinner on June 6 and breakfast on June 7. If you are interested, please contact Jacque Weesies, 517-525-4787.
- ~ 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.