

SERMON NOTES:

Scripture: Genesis 6:9-22 Pew Bible Page #8

Message: "Noah, Baptism, & God's Construction Project"

**ALLEN AVENUE
CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH**



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May 31, 2026

Worship 10:00am

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

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GATHER

Prelude
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (Zeph 3:17)

Leader: The LORD your God is with you,
People: the Mighty Warrior who saves.

Leader: He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.

People: Praise the Lord! Proclaim His salvation day after day!

PRAISE

*Opening Songs of Praise *Mighty to Save* LUYH 611
 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High LUYH 610

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

RENEWAL

Confession of Faith

Leader: By baptism God assures us that he will be with us always.

When, in the beginning, the deep dark waters churned,

People: God's Spirit hovered over them.

Leader: When, in Noah's day, the waters engulfed everything
and destroyed the world,

People: God saved his faithful people, whom he loved.

Leader: When, in Egypt, Pharaoh's army hotly pursued Israel to the sea,

People: God parted the waters and led his people through to safety.

Leader: When, in the dead of night on Galilee's raging sea

Jesus' disciples feared for their lives,

People: He called, "It is I; do not fear."

Leader: Time and again, God saved our drowning ancestors,

People: And he promises also to rescue us.

Leader: For Christ, our Savior, went down into the depths of hell
and rose up victorious from them.

**People: Therefore, we receive God's baptismal promise,
trusting that He will rescue us from the dark depths of sin and death
and bring us to safe shore and firm ground.**

Song *Nothing But the Blood*

Children's Message

Stephanie Hofman

Children's Blessing (in unison)

**As you worship the Lord, may He go with you,
may His Spirit live in you, and may His love fill you. Go in peace.**

INTERCEED

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark

LISTEN

*Song of Preparation *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* LUYH 802

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Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord." **People: "Thanks be to God."**

Message "Noah, Baptism, & God's Construction Project"

Prayer of Application

RESPOND

Offering General Fund & Muskegon Rescue Mission
*[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org
or in the baskets at each entrance]*

Song of Response *You Are Our God: We Are Your People* LUYH 35:1-3

*Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise *You Are Our God: We Are Your People* LUYH 35:4

*Postlude

We Live to B.L.E.S.S.

*Believe. Love. Evangelize.
Support Christian Instruction. Serve.*



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



5/31: Nursery: Becki Fisher & Asher Hofman
Children in Worship: Jill Schuitema & Carol Peterman
Coffee Fellowship: Sue Secord, Russ & Deb Vlasma
6/7: Nursery: Laurie DeJonge & August Hofman
Children in Worship: Kristen Vlasma & Judy Vaandering
Coffee Fellowship: Cake Reception for The Snyders
6/14: Nursery: Beth VanRees & Aethan Hofman
Children in Worship: Jill Schuitema and Sue Sytsema
Coffee Fellowship: Ro VerHeul's 100th Birthday Party!
6/21: Nursery: Kristen Vlasma & Amber Johnson
Children in Worship: Stephanie Hofman & Dale Johnson
Coffee Fellowship:

ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES



****Pray for the * Missionary this Week***

Eric & Judith Tuls – Operation Mobilization

****Rev. Jerry An – Back to God Ministries***

Pastor Jeffery Hough – Angel Community Church
Paul & Charlotte Mpindi–Mission French Africa
Charles & Hensel Oh – Japan



ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

- 1) Wilma Doctor *Please call or send a card
- 2) Ro VerHeul to Care List Member, Joel!
- 3) **Joel Stefanits** OPTALIS—1061 W. Hackley Ave.
Muskegon, MI 49441

Heavenly Father, thank you for your great care for our loved ones on the care list. Today, we come to you and ask you to shine Your light into the lives of these dear people. Reveal Yourself as their Protector, Provider, & King. You overcame sin and death on the cross, and we pray that your victory will surround our loved ones and offer them hope and peace and Your love! Amen!



A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests and Members

This past week, construction continued on Apple Avenue to the south of Allen Avenue CRC's parking lot. This project will require some new driving habits

and adjustments for all of us (i.e. turning on Allen Ave to get to church). In light of this challenge and opportunity, **Pastor Mark will begin preaching a series titled "Under Construction"** starting on May 31. In this series, we will be focusing on stories and sayings in scripture where God invites us to His work - *His* Spiritual work of building the body of Christ and sanctifying people who follow Jesus. Stories like Noah's ark, Solomon's temple dedication, Zerubbabel and Nehemiah's opposition, and the song of Psalm 127. New Testament passages will include Jesus' teaching about the temple, Peter and Paul's letters as well as the images of Hebrews 3. We are all people "under construction" and God's not done with us yet! Please join us in the lower level for refreshments after the worship service with the family of God at Allen Avenue!

The special offering this Sunday is for Muskegon Rescue Mission. Muskegon Rescue Mission provides Christ-centered programs and services for the homeless and those in need. Our services take a holistic approach to our local homelessness community by providing physical, mental, emotional and spiritual help.

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

During worship, next Sunday June 7, **Jasmine Snyder** will be making profession of her faith and joining Allen Avenue as a member. **Travis and Jasmine** have also presented their daughter **Kacey** to receive the sacrament of Baptism. Join us to welcome and celebrate with Jasmine & Travis, Kacey and family!

Angel Community Church is experiencing the unexpected financial burden of \$11,000 due to a boiler failure this past winter. Our Council voted to bless them now with a gift of \$3,000 from our general fund toward this expense. We are also offering individuals from our congregation the opportunity to donate toward payment of this debt. **Special offerings will be received each Sunday throughout the month of June.** Checks can be made out to Allen Ave. CRC with Angel Church designated on the memo line. It would be an amazing blessing if our offerings could match our initial gift of \$3,000!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

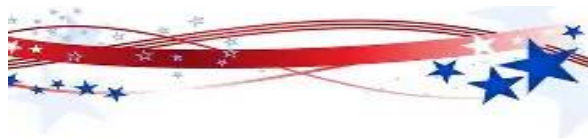
From AACRC Council: Back in March, Pastor Mark was asked about a temporary housing need. Alé and Cesar Jeronimo are sister and brother-in-law of the new church planter moving to New Era CRC (José and Kathy Lopez). The Jeronimos are moving to Muskegon and were intimidated about buying a home from across the country. José, who is a colleague of Pastor Mark from CA in the Oakland area, requested the possible use of the parsonage for his relatives while they prepare to purchase a home in Muskegon. Council has agreed to this request and finalized the details of the facilities use (for up to two months) at our meeting this past Wednesday.

May 27 Council Meeting notes:

1. A summary of the May 5 Classis Muskegon meeting was presented. Pastor Mark is now serving as chair of the Classis Ministries Leadership Team.
2. The Building Committee reported that the storm sewer between our lot and the city hookup has been cleaned.
3. The Congregational Life Committee reported on the August 2 church picnic.
4. The Council is planning to schedule a security walk-through of our facility with a representative from the police department.
5. The Council voted to assist Angel Church with a financial gift toward a boiler repair debt.
6. A letter was presented from New Era CRC introducing Jose and Kathy Flores and family. Jose is moving from California to serve as their new Latino Church Planter.
7. The Council finalized the facilities use agreement for two month's lodging in our parsonage that will be offered to Jose Flores' sister and brother-in-law, Ale and Cesar Jeronimo, who are also relocating from California.
8. Time was spent in prayer for the Lord's guidance toward the future use of our parsonage.
9. Council will meet again on June 24.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Mark Your Calendars: The AACRC Church Picnic is being planned for Sunday, August 2, at Sytsema's on Mona Lake! More details to follow...BUT it DOES involve all of you wearing **RED-WHITE-BLUE!!!**



CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Worship with Our Sister Churches: Reserve **Saturday, June 20, at 10:30am** for "Whosoever Service" at Angel Community Church with New Era CRC! We will also have regular **Sunday worship at AACRC at 10:00am**. Join us for both services!

Ron Bol has a new phone number! Please add this new number to your new church directories: **231.666.4119**.

This is the FINAL DAY to order your reduced-price tickets for the UNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL. The sign-up sheet is in the basement and will be there until the end of the fellowship time after church today. If you have any questions about the festival, please see Jill this morning. The \$50.00 one day tickets and the \$80.00 3-day passes will not be available after today so get signed up. You won't want to miss Tenth Avenue North, for KING & COUNTRY, Cochren & Co., Crowder, We Are Messengers, and other Christian artists coming to Heritage Landing Aug. 5-8! Again, sign up today if you haven't already! If you still owe for your tickets, please settle up with Jill as soon as possible.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Break Away this Summer at Maranatha! Ladies, reserve your place



now for Maranatha's summer session for women only on Thursday, July 16, from 9:30am-3:30pm. Join key note speakers Melissa Kruger and Lindsey Gray for an unforgettable day. \$50 includes the entire day of praise, worship, and speakers along with a Chik-fil-A lunch. Post card with more information is located by the coffee window in the lower level. Call or book

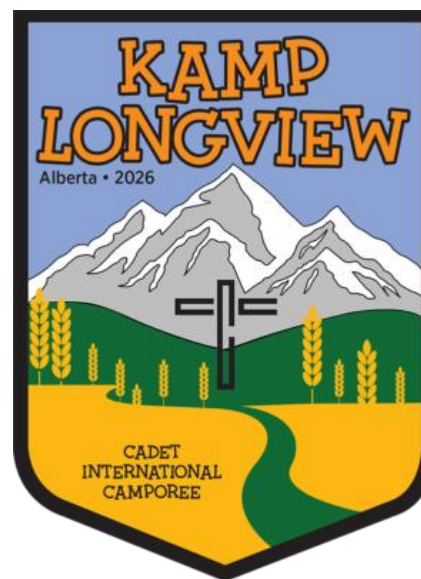
online today at 231.798.2161 or MaranathaMichigan.org

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

- ♥ **Randy & Becki Fisher's mom, Nancy Tjapkes**, fell and broke her hip on May 20. She had surgery and was released from the hospital to go to rehab at Christian Care on May 28. She is unable to move without pain and the family covets prayers for her and for them during this difficult, uncertain time.
- ♥ **Jim Secord** had a CT scan last Thursday to check out some changes. They ruled out blood clots and will see his pulmonologist next Thursday to discuss the path forward. Please continue to lift the family up and especially for Sue as she so lovingly cares for Jim.
- ♥ **Kelly Dauser** had an appendectomy and exploratory surgery on May 22. She would like to thank her faithful Allen Avenue family who prayed for her regarding her surgery and recovery!
- ♥ A member of our congregation has donated a **blood pressure monitor** that is no longer needed. If this would be helpful to you in your home, please contact Barb Malda at 231.557.0778.
- ♥ We congratulate **new grandma Jennifer Darling**, as she welcomes grandson Asiyah Joel Darling (7 lbs. 15 oz, 21 in) into Moise and Mia's family on 5/22. Baby Asiyah had a few complications after his birth but is doing better and home with his family once again.

♥ PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

- ♥ We express our heartfelt Christian sympathy to **Keith and Sandy Rop**. **Sandy's sister Sherry** passed away Monday afternoon at the hospital. There will be no services but please hold them up in prayer as they mourn. If you would like to send them a card, here is their address: **838 Bear Lake Rd., N. Muskegon, MI 49445**.
- ♥ **Begin praying now for our annual King's Kids Bible School to be held July 27-31**. Got questions or wish to help...talk to Barb Malda!



- ♥ **Plans for the July Cadet International Camporee** are underway. August and Aethan Hofman are attending as Cadets and Pastor Mark will go as a Counselor. They leave July 10 and return July 24. Pray for them along with the hundreds of Cadets and Counselors who will be camping in Alberta, Canada, working together to develop and strengthen outdoor skills, witnessing the awesome wonder of God's creation, and living for Jesus. 😊
- ♥ **Help Communities Affected by the Ebola Outbreak** - An Ebola outbreak is creating urgent health risks in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and neighboring countries. In Uganda, World Renew is preparing a response with local partners to share prevention messaging, provide handwashing stations, and equip local volunteers to help stop transmission. Join us in praying for healing and a swift end to the outbreak, and please give to support community health efforts at worldrenew.net/ebola-crisis, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "Ebola Outbreak 2026" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI, 49315.