

SERMON NOTES:

Scripture: Ezra 4:1-5 (pg. #671) Nehemiah 6:1-16 Pew Bible Page #689

Message: "The Enemies of Progress"

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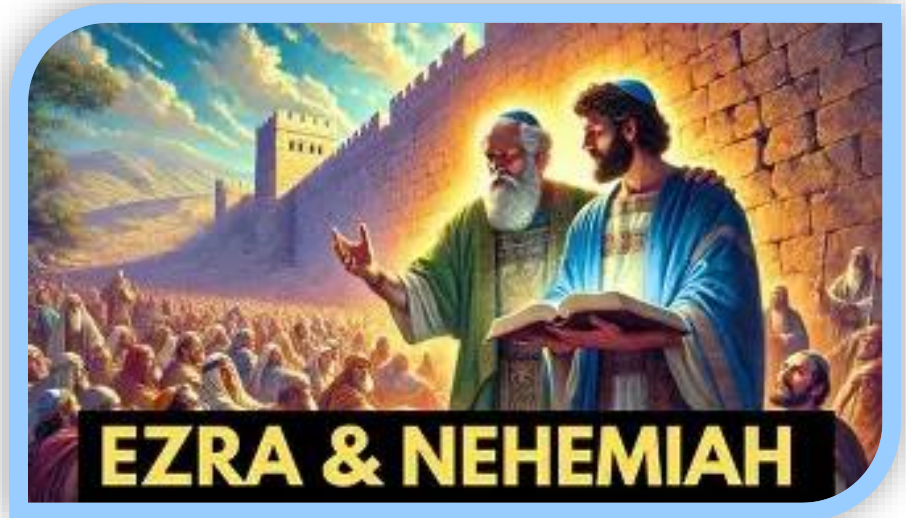


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Pastor Mark Hofman
June 14, 2026
Worship 10:00am

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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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:

6/28: Nursery: Mary Maat & Renee Vlasma

Children in Worship:

Coffee Fellowship:

7/5: Nursery: Sue Sytsema & Dale Johnson

Children in Worship:

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, Ro!
- 3) Joel Stefanits 1530 Mclaughlin Ave, Room #319
Muskegon, MI 49442

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, & Members!

We are so grateful you are here worshiping with us this morning! Pastor Mark will continue his sermon series titled "Under Construction." 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. This week we'll be looking at Zerubbabel and Nehemiah's opposition in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. 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!



This Sunday we have the **joy of celebrating Ro VerHeul's 100th birthday** with a cake reception after the morning worship service! Please join us in the lower level to congratulate and extend your warm wishes to the birthday lady!!!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

Upcoming Worship with Our Sister Churches: Reserve next **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!

Our special offering for the whole month of June is for Angel Community Church. Our sister 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

Doing More for Ministry--"I wish I could do more!" That's a common sentiment we hear from supporters of CRC Ministries who are passionate about the work of ministries like Thrive, Reframe, and Resonate. One way you can do more for ministry is naming CRCNA as a charitable beneficiary of your retirement assets or life insurance policy. Learn more at crcna.org/heritagefund or call Josh Remer, CRCNA Planned Giving Advisor, at 616-223-5885.

Kids Corner Devotions: Lydia: Hearts Wide Open - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Lydia: Hearts Wide Open" at www.kidscorner.net. Just like Lydia in Acts 16:11-15, you can discover the amazing joy of having God open your heart to understand how much Jesus loves you! Ask God to help you say "yes" to Him this week—and then share that happy news with a friend! Check out the KC Summertime Collection with lots of puzzles, games, and fun activities. Good for road trips or quiet time at home.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This week we celebrate World Refugee Day (June 20). For decades World Renew has assisted churches and individuals in welcoming refugees from around the world into their homes, churches, and communities. There are many ways to be a part of welcoming refugees. One way is to host an international potluck at your church, encouraging everyone to bring food that celebrates their diverse cultural backgrounds. For more ways you can welcome refugees, check out crcna.org/SocialJustice/refugees/world-refugee-day-toolkit.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Deadline for the Allen AveNews is Sunday, June 21. Please get your newsworthy items and articles to Sandy Volkers by then.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

*****If you have exciting news to share, have something to praise God for, or would like the congregation to be in prayer for you or your family, please contact Pastor Mark or Secretary Susan Vanderlaan, so it can be added to our weekly bulletin!**

Summer is here! Remember to pray for our administrators—Nate Schout, Chris Ruiters, & Dave Miedema--teachers, staff, & board members as they enjoy some well-deserved time off! We lift up our students, their parents, and summer caregivers that days would be full of play, creative imaginations, get-aways, vacation, day trips, safety, good food, and tons of fun memories to be made! May God fill those days with His peace, presence, and love. (Remind yourself that we are "human beings" & not "human doings," so allow times of quiet, rest, and relaxation during this time, also!!!)

Be in prayer for our city and our communities we live in...may there be no more murders in Muskegon County and God's abundant protection for our neighborhood children and our first responders.

Continue praying for our annual King's Kids Bible School to be held July 27-31. Got questions or wish to help...talk to Barb Malda!

Please keep **Kristen Vlasma** in your thoughts and prayers as she is recovering from her recent surgery on Thursday, June 11. May God bring healing and patience as He knits her back together.

Continued prayers for...

- ♥ Jim & Sue Secord
- ♥ Nancy Tjapkes
- ♥ Kelly Dauser
- ♥ Ron Vlasma
- ♥ New Grandbabies
- ♥ Aging Parents/End-of-Life/Hanging On and Letting Go
- ♥ The Flores & Jeronimo Families as They Settle in Muskegon & New Era
- ♥ All Those Who Mourn the Loss of Family Members & Friends
- ♥ Pastor Mark & Stephanie as They Minister to Us--Their Flock 😊
- ♥ AACRC Council & Our Committees & Those Who Selflessly Serve