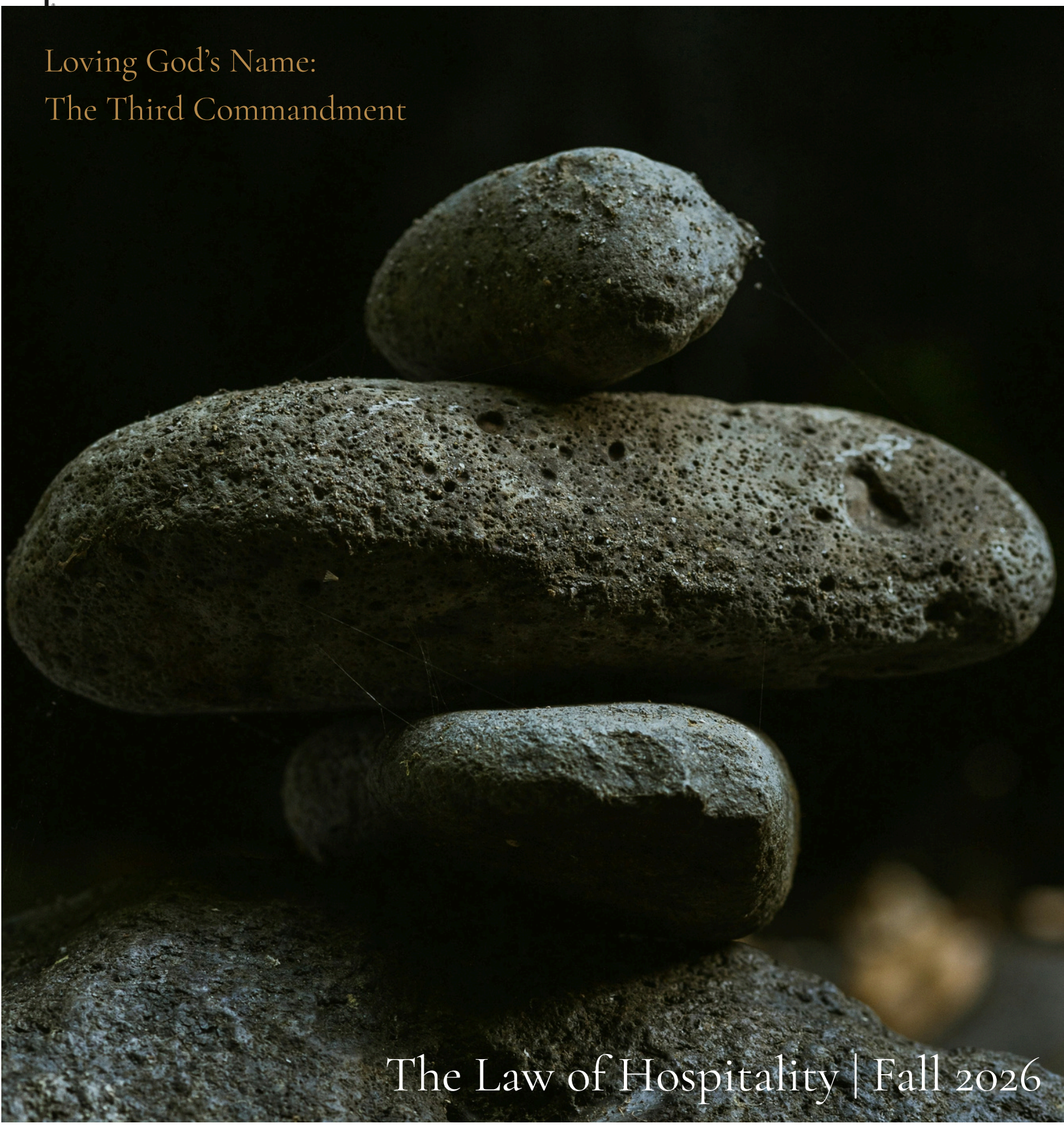
New Era Christian Reformed Church



Loving God's Name:
The Third Commandment

The Law of Hospitality | Fall 2026

Pastor John C. Medendorp

October 4, 2026

All Nations Heritage Sunday

W E L C O M E

A warm welcome to our members, visitors, and guests!

Morning Service:

Every command God gives is an invitation before it is a boundary. Our fall series, "The Law of Hospitality," explores the Ten Commandments as God's blueprint for a life of *shalom*. Guided each week by the Heidelberg Catechism, we'll see the commandments are not walls to shut people out, but doors to open our hearts to God and our neighbor. Today, Pastor John preaches on the third commandment with a sermon on "Loving God's Name" from Colossians 3:1-17.

Evening Service:

At 6pm, we gather to explore the teachings of the Christian faith. Our current series is "Speaking of God: Learning with the Early Christians." Using the Athanasian Creed as a guide, we will explore how God is "Three-in-one" and Jesus is "Fully God, Fully Human. Tonight, Pastor John will introduce us to Augustine of Hippo, a 5th century pastor from Northern Africa, with a teaching on "The God Who Is Love: Augustine on the Mystery of the Trinity." Join us for a time of song, discussion, fellowship, and prayer.

Next week:

In the morning, Pastor John will preach on the fourth commandment, "Loving God's Shalom," from Leviticus 23:10-13. In the evening, Pastor John will teach on "The Christ We Confess: The Athanasian Creed on the Son of God"

Offering Information

Today's offering is for the World Renew.

Last Week's offering was for the General Fund.

Benevolence: $10

Farmer's Market: $21

Loose: $457

GF Envelope: $4,274

Total: $4,762

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Ordinary Time | New Era CRC | October 4, 2026

Pastor John Medendorp
Accompanist: Amy VanGunst

Order of Worship

We Come Into God's Presence

Prelude
Welcome & Call to Worship — Psalm 121
Songs of Praise — *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*
Christ You are the Fullness

We Are Reconciled

Call to Confession — Matthew 5:33-37
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 2:1-10
Guide for Grateful Living: The Ten Commandments
Passing the Peace — *Shukuru Jesu*
Children's Blessing — *(younger children are invited to children's worship)*

We Hear God's Word

Song of Preparation — *How Beautiful the Name*
Confession — Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 36-37
Scripture Reading — Colossians 3:1-17
Sermon — Loving God's Name: The Third Commandment
Song of Response — *Goodness of God*
(older children are invited to sermon discussion groups)

We Receive God's Grace

Words of Institution — I Corinthians 11:23-26
Teaching on Communion
The Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Communion
Response of Praise — *He will Hold Me Fast*

We Respond with Gratitude

Church Family Time
Offering & Special Music — World Renew
Closing Song — *Thuma Mina/Send Me Lord*
Blessing
Doxology — *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

Prayer Requests

- For Sharon Veltman's son Timothy Veltman, who has improved considerably. He has been transferred to Blodgett in Grand Rapids for continuing therapy.
- For Jim Vanderwerp as he starts radiation treatments.
- For Mary Weesies, who will have surgery tomorrow to remove a tumor in her lung.
- For those recovering from recent surgeries and illnesses.
- For those who cannot currently worship with us in person: Tom and Carol DeMeester, Flossie Meyers, Joan Wybenga, Patti Buursma, Pam Stenberg, Loie Hoekstra and others.
- For all who journey with cancer: Mary Weesies,Henry Hoekstra, Jim VanderWerp 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 Mexico, Sudan, Congo, Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Iran, and so many other places. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

For our sponsored Missionaries:
Pablo & Sheryl Canché in Mexico.
Jeffrey & Evelyn Hough in Muskegon.
Jeff & Kristi Schmidt with Wycliffe Bible Translators.
Church Planter in Himachal Pradesh, India.
For Pastor Jose and Kathy as they work to plant Iglesia Nueva Era.

Dear Congregation,

Thank you all for your prayers, suppoort, and visits during Tim's hospital stay. We are so grateful for his recovery. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he receives therapy at Blodgett. He still has a long way to go.

Thank You

Love Sharon Veltman and Sue Civis

Weekly**Schedule**

	October 4	October 11
Elder in charge	**Kent Weesies**	Dennis Hughes
Hospitality Elder	**Dennis Hughes**	Greg Vriesman
Deacon in Charge	**Carole Giberson**	Adam Lavely
Hospitality Deacon	**JJ Natte**	Carole Giberson
Refreshments	**Pete & Shari Eilers** **Dave & Sharon Zoller**	Dlck & Judy Walhout Sarah Weesies Barb Youngs

This Week Sunday Nursery Helpers:

1. Janet M.
2. Alejandra J.

This week Children's Worship

1. Leader: Sharon Z.
2. Helper: Kathy F.
3. Helper: Mary W.

Next Week Sunday Nursery Helpers:

1. Kate E.
2. Dy C.

Next week Children's Worship

1. Leader: Terri L.
2. Helper: Alejandra J.
3. Helper:

Monday MANNA Monday
6:00 PM Downstairs

If you would like to cook,assist, or clean-up, please contact Jacque Weesies 517-525-4787.

Tuesday Coffee Break
9:30-11:15
4775 First Street

Lesson 4- Esther

contact: Sharon Zoller

- Pastor John will be in Muskegon on Tuesday to lead chapel at West Michigan Christian.
- Pastor John and Pastor Jose will be in Hart Wednesday morning for the Oceana Free Dive, a county gathering of nonprofit, public service, and community leaders.

MANNA MONDAY Child Care

The nursery will be available during Manna Monday.
To volunteer as a helper, please use the link to sign-up, or there is a sign up sheet at the mailboxes.

Any questions please contact Andrea Farver.

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45A8A629A3FECE9-65440454-necrc#/

Nursery care:

There is care for children ages 3 and under in the nursery downstairs.
Please sign your children in and out.

Children's worship:

Children will be invited to the front of the sanctuary and may follow the teacher to the children's classroom downstairs. Older children are now invited to stay for the sermon, after which they will be invited to gather downstairs (with cookies!) for a time of reflection and discussion on the sermon. Children are encouraged to use their bible study journals during the service to take notes and follow along with the sermon.

Teachers and helpers:

Children's worship sign-up sheet at the clipboard has been updated for this new season.
For nursery: use this link or contact Andrea Farver.

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45A8A629A3FECE9-65110002-necrc#/

If you are interested in volunteering in our nursery or children's worship:
Nursery: Andrea Farver 616-885-2261
Children's Worship: Sharon Zoller 231-742-0216

October Council Corner

Council is the governing body of the church, composed of the elders and deacons together with the minister.

- Council will meet on Wednesday, October 14 at 7pm. Council executive will meet this week to set the agenda for that meeting. Please send any communication or reports for council to the clerk of council, Diane Adema, for inclusion in the agenda.

- Bulletin announcements can be sent to necrc.secretary@gmail.com.
  Announcements are due by 9am on Thursdays to ensure they are printed in the bulletin.
- Prayer Requests:
  Please contact Diane Adema at diane.adema@gmail.com

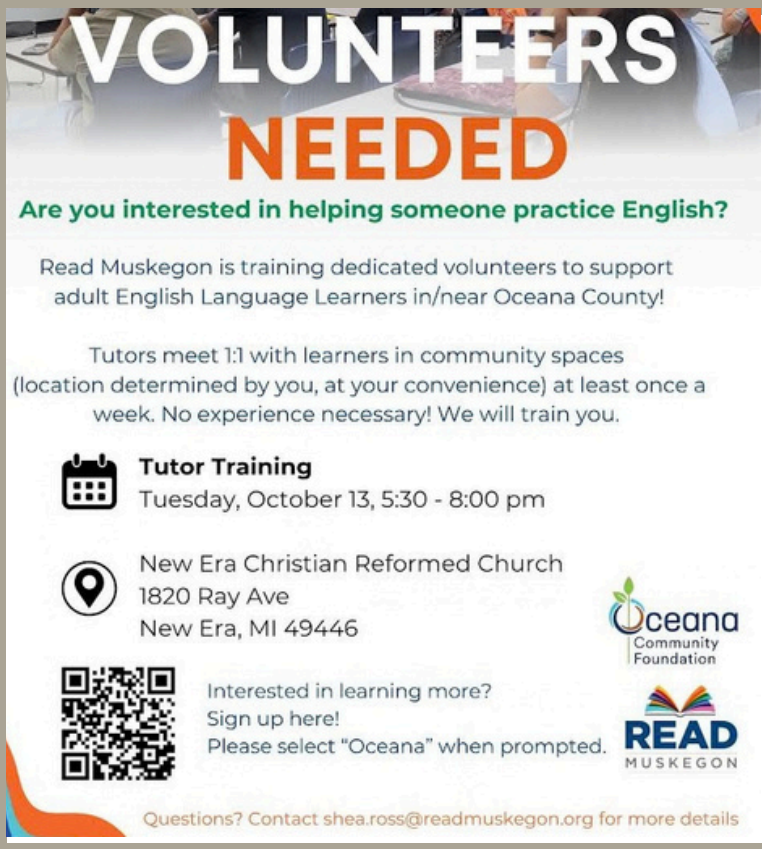
Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: Loving God's Name: The Third Commandment

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17

Announcements & Activities

Volunteers are needed each Friday 9am-12pm, for projects at the new Christian school.
Each Friday we meet at 8:30a at 2752 Hillcrest Dr., New Era, for coffee and donuts, then from 9-12 we start working.
If you would like to help, show up on Friday, or contact Scott Meyers.



CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Calvin Orchestra and Grand Rapids Christian High School Concert - The Calvin University Orchestra is performing a side-by-side concert with the Grand Rapids Christian High School Orchestra at the Calvin Fine Arts Center Auditorium on Tuesday October 6 at 7:00pm, featuring Mozart's dramatic Symphony 25 in G minor, Elgar's emotional Nimrod from the Enigma Variations, and Marquez's joyous Danzon 2. Learn more: https://calvin.edu/events/calvin-orchestra-and-grand-rapids-christian-high-school-concert-1791327600

Directory pages:
There is a new updated directory page for John & Susan Medendorp in your mailbox. If you picked yours up last week, please discard that page. This new page has updated phone numbers. Thank you.
If you would like to update your family page in the church directory, please send any changes and photos to NECRC.secretary@gmail.com

Nametags- If you requested a new nametag, please check the clipboard for your new nametag.

3:45 - 5:00 p.m.

THE LADDER COMMUNITY CENTER
67 N State Street • Shelby, MI 49455

DETAILS
Program Starts at 4:00 p.m.
Desserts • Ministry Update • Student Stories

RSVP to Table Host by September 30
Tax deductible contributions can be sent to Oceana Young Life at 5321 W Fish Road • Shelby, MI 49455

MANNA Monday

Manna Monday is tomorrow October 5th

Dinner starts at 6PM. After dinner head over to join one of the fellowship groups.

Men's Bible Study- The men's group will continue studying the story of Samson. They will be using chapter 7 of the study guide on the book of Judges.

Women's Fellowship- We will be starting a new season with the Life Guide study titled, Christian Character. We will be looking at twelve lessons designed to help us grow in Godly character, to awaken us to the character of a true disciple, and to move us to hunger and thirst after righteousness. After dinner, 6:45- 8:00

Spanish Bible Study-Do you speak Spanish, or know someone who does? You're welcome to join Pastor Jose at our Spanish group on Manna Mondays! We're studying Genesis together.

GEMS/Cadets- Will meet in desingated areas after dinner.

Nursery Care- Please sign your child in and out.