

Allen Avenue Christian Reformed Church

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: John 10 Pew Bible Page #1527

Message: The Good Shepherd



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Pastor Dan Walcott
September 27, 2026
Worship 10:00AM

Come Now is the Time to Worship!

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Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Bob Vanderlaan

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, bow down and worship,
People: Kneel to the Lord, our Maker.

Leader: This is our God, our shepherd,
People: We are the flock led with care.

—Psalm 95:6-7, TP

*Songs of Praise *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*LUYH 510
LUYH 330*

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Children's Message

Peg Rop

Children's Blessing

***God is good.
He never stops loving you.
He never gives up on you.
He will always be with you.
Gladly worship him today.***

Prayers of the People

Bob Vanderlaan

God Speaks, We Listen

Song of Preparation *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* *LUYH 824:1-3,6*

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

Message The Good Shepherd

Prayer of Application

We Are Sent Out to Serve

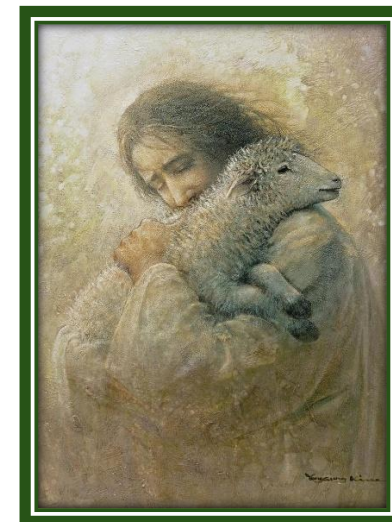
Offering General Fund
*(offerings may be given online
or placed in the baskets at each entrance)*

*Song of Response *He Knows My Name* *LUYH 339*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise *Song of Hope* *LUYH 941*

*Postlude



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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



9/27: Nursery: Carol Peterman & Tayla Vlasma

Sunday School: Kristen Vlasma & Mary Wolff

Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Laurie DeJonge

10/4: Nursery: Laurie DeJonge & Karen Alphenaar

Sunday School/Catechism: Sue Sytsema & Justin Wilson

Coffee Fellowship: Dean & Amber Johnson

10/11: Nursery: Becki Fisher & Susan Vanderlaan

Sunday School: Melisa Vlasma and Laurie DeJonge

Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Susan Vanderlaan

10/18: Nursery: Dale Johnson & Sonia Vazquez

Sunday School/Catechism: Stephanie Hofman & Dale Johnson

Coffee Fellowship: Justin & Carolyn Wilson

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) Joel Stefanits to Care List Member, **Wilma!**
3637 Whispering Woods Dr.
Muskegon, MI 49444

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,
& Pastor Dan &
Kathy Walcott!*



We are so glad you have joined us in worship today as we praise the Lord of the Harvest! We warmly welcome previous son of the church, Dan Walcott and his wife Kathy, as Dan leads us in worship while Pastor Mark is on the mission trip. Join us in the lower level after the worship service for a great time of fellowship with the family of God here at AACRC!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

AACRC Council Notes Highlights from September 23 Meeting:

- 1. Mission Trip:** Additional funding was approved for the Mission Trip taking place this week. The team from Allen Avenue and Angel Community Church will arrive in Hot Springs, NC, today (Sunday) and spend the week working on recovery from flooding caused by Hurricane Helene in 2024.
- 2. Budget:** A preliminary budget for 2027 was reviewed.
- 3. Nominations:** Nominees for next year's Council were reviewed.
- 4. Air Conditioning:** Updated costs for air conditioning the sanctuary, narthex and balcony were received for information. No action was taken at this time.
- 5. Safety Committee:** A progress report was received from the Ad Hoc Safety Committee. A motion was approved for live monitoring of our security camera feeds during worship services and other safety measures. Additional recommendations will be forthcoming.
- 6. Classis Meeting:** A meeting of Classis Muskegon was held on September 24. Pastor Mark, Jack DeJonge and Dale Johnson attended as delegates from Allen Avenue.



The special offering next Sunday, October 4, is for **Western Michigan Christian**. WMC exists to educate with excellence, integrate faith with knowledge, equip students to work and serve Christ in their communities.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Small Groups are gearing up to begin soon. If you are not in a small group and would like to join one, please contact Brian Schuitema in person, by text, or call him at 231.557.0714.

Muskegon Christian School has been very blessed with members from AACRC watching staff kids during Monday staff meetings and faith integration training. We are prayerfully looking for volunteers on the following dates from 3:00-4:30. Nov. 2 & 9, Dec. 7 and 14, Jan. 4 and 11 Please reach out to Nate Schout with interest. nschout@mchristianschool.com

Another school year has begun and we have the opportunity to pray for our students, staff and principals again. BUT first, we need your help! Please find the table in the Fellowship Room where you can fill out a form for your school 'person'. We will be able to receive your new prayer person in a couple of weeks. We appreciate so much for your kindness and dedication to this ministry!

"Hearts on Fire" Women's Bible Study will meet Thursday, October 1, from 1:30-3:00pm in the library with subsequent dates on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. There is still time to sign-up! Pick up your book from Marcia Breuker and study Session 2 "Our Strength & Guide" pages 21-40.

We are looking for walkers as the CROP Walk draws near on October 4. We hope to have a good group from Allen Avenue, walking and raising money for this important cause - so much food insecurity right now! If you'd like to walk with us (and, yes, the walk is very manageable 😊), please contact Russ and Deb Vlasma. And donations may be given to Russ, Deb or Karen Alphenaar, as well. Let's end hunger one step at a time!

Save the date! All women and girls are invited to celebrate at a luncheon shower for **our new bride, Annabell Snyder, at 11:30am on Saturday, October 24.** To bless Annabell and Devin, please bring a cash gift to tuck inside the piggy bank that you will find as you enter the shower. Come to enjoy sweet fellowship and help our friends save for something special.

Something is "Brewing" for the Craft Lab for Allen Ave Church Ladies with "Autumn Vibes!" If interested at this point, then save a quart size glass jar for your craft. Save October 12 at 6:30pm...see Laurie Slorf if you need info NOW!

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

*****If you have exciting news to share, something to praise God for, or want the congregation to be in prayer for you or your family, please contact Pastor Mark or Susan Vanderlaan to include it in the bulletin!**

Please keep in your prayers **the team that is on their mission trip** through Disaster Response Services (DRS) to Madison County, NC, for the week of September 28-October 2. The team from Allen Avenue and Angel Church are: Dave Bishop, Bob Botting, Shauntina Hill, Mark Hofman, Bob & Elaine Holwerda, John Kortman, Christine Oakes, Debra Phillips, Stan Rop, Steve Rop, Dave Rop, Brian & Jill Schuitema, and Sonia Vazquez.

Betty TenBrink is rehabilitating at Harbor Terrace after her back surgery. Let's flood Betty's mailbox with cards of encouragement! Her address is: Harbor Terrace, Room #113, 100 Viridian Dr., Muskegon, MI 49440. Phone 231.900.1604.

Continued prayers for **Ron Vlasma** as he begins new chemo/ radiation. Cards, texts, or calls can be sent to: 1674 Montague Ave., Muskegon, MI 49441. Ron's cell: 231.740.8971, and email is: ron.vlasma@gmail.com

Roger Teerman had back surgery on Tuesday, September, 15...please keep Roger & Ruth in your prayers as they work through the recovery time. If you would like to send a note of encouragement, Roger's address is: 813 Washington, Muskegon, MI 49441.

Sarah Kleyn's son Dylan, a junior in HS, is recovering from mono.

"Thank you, Allen Avenue, for the prayers, cards and meals I received during my knee replacement surgery and recovery. I am so thankful to be part of such a loving family!" **-Sandy Volkers**

Warmest congrats to **Tim Shawaryn and Ashly Schuitema** who were united in marriage in South Haven on Friday, September 25! We pray that God will richly bless their union as they begin their life together as husband and wife. "May your love ever be like your wedding bands...Endless to Eternity!"