

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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Education. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

8/4: Nursery: Lis Miedema & Asher Hofman
Coffee Fellowship: Congregational Life & Vlasmas
8/11: Nursery: Sherrie Wolffis & August Hofman
Coffee Fellowship: Jim & Barb Malda
8/18: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Aethan Hofman
Coffee Fellowship: Brian & Jill Schuitema
8/25: Sue Sytsema & Serenity Alphenaar
Coffee Fellowship: John & Sue Sytsema



ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES

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

***Stephan and Alicia Lutz – Kenya**

Rev. Jerry An – Back to God Ministries
Angel Community Church – Muskegon
Paul & Charlotte Mpindi – Mission French Africa
Charles & Hensel Oh – Philippines



ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

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| 1) Joann Deitz | 4) Wilma Doctor | 7) Jim Doornbos |
| 2) Vicky Fisher | 5) Lois Grinwis | 8) Joel Stefanits |
| 3) Betty TenBrink | 6) Ro VerHeul | 9) June Walcott |

*Please call or send a card to **“Care List Member” Vicky Fisher!**
83 Hubbard Woods, Muskegon, MI 49442

*We pray for you, our Care List Members,
and thank God for each one of you.*

No matter what you face,

*Jesus is present and each one of you matters
and is never forgotten. You are LOVED!*

Warmly, Your Church Family

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

The special offering for this Sunday, August 4, is for Christian Care. Christian Care strives to provide the best individualized care possible. They take great pride in providing exceptional care in a home-like setting within a Christian environment.

Pastor Paul and Charlotte Mpindi will lead us in worship on Sunday, August 11. Here is his note of thanks for all of our prayers: “Dear Prayer Warriors of AACRC, Thank you for praying for me during my three week ministry trip to Angola and Congo. I returned home safely and found Charlotte and the family well. Thank you for standing in the gap for me during my time overseas.”

On Sunday, August 18, we will be celebrating with joyous hearts **Emma Peklar’s** baptism & profession of faith, **Betty TenBrink’s** transfer of membership to us, and **Jack & Laurie DeJonge’s** 50th wedding anniversary! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

The **Ladies’ Bible Study** will begin on Thursday, **September 5**, from 1:30-2:30. There is a sign-up sheet near the coffee table; be sure to sign up promptly, so our new study books on Isaiah can be ordered. Ladies of all ages -and your friends- are warmly welcome to join us. Any questions, please talk to Marcia Breuker.

Needed: One man who is willing to facilitate a Men’s Bible Study.

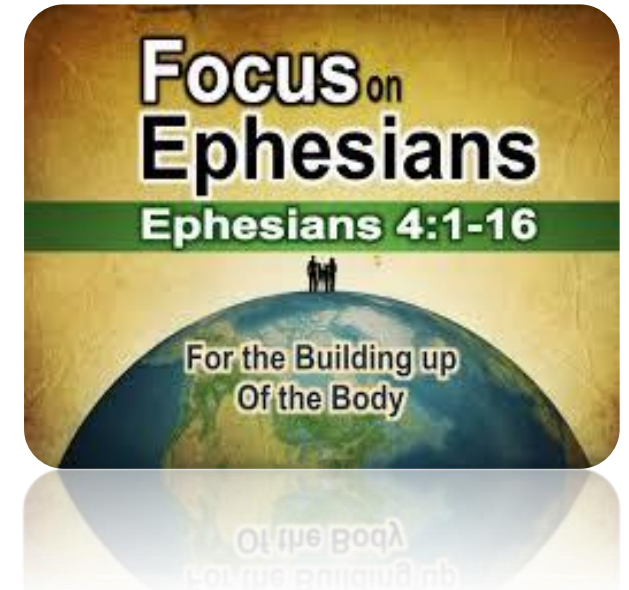
The women at Allen Avenue shouldn’t be the only ones enjoying the opportunity to dig into God’s Word! There are men here who would like that as well, but a leader is needed. If you feel you would like to help in this way, please see Jill Schuitema.

We have some boys who would really like to be in a Cadet program here at Allen Avenue.

We also have some men interested in being counselors for this group. All we need now is a man who is willing to be the coordinator for this group. Men, please prayerfully consider this. It’s a wonderful opportunity to pour into the lives of boys and help raise up young men fully committed to following Jesus. Please see Jill Schuitema or Pastor Mark if you feel this bulletin announcement is speaking to you.

The Education Committee is looking to start a couple more **small groups** this fall. Watch for sign-up sheets by the coffee tables in the next weeks. Each small group needs a facilitator who schedules meetings and communicates information to the group among other things. If you feel this is something you could do, please see Steve Rop or Jill Schuitema.

ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



**“ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST” CELEBRATION WEEKEND
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM
August 4, 2024**

A Warm Summer Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, & Members from Second Reformed Church of Grand Haven, Angel Community Church, New Era CRC, and Allen Avenue CRC on this “One Family in Christ” Celebration Weekend!

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship this Sunday as we celebrate and serve our Savior. Please join us downstairs after the morning service to enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments together as we “live this life worthy of the calling we have received...keeping the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” serving our great God. A little glimpse of heaven on earth!

“Come...Now is the Time to Worship”

Pastor John Medendorp (Preaching)
Sunday, August 4, 2024

We Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship
Leader: The God of creation makes us one in body!
People: Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!
Leader: The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!
People: Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!

*Opening Songs of Praise *In Christ Alone* LUYH 770

*God's Greeting
*We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession 1 John 1:5-7

Prayer of Confession for Christian Unity
(from the Liturgy of the French Reformed Church
based on John 17 and Ephesians 4)
Leader: O God, whose will it is that all your children should be one
in Christ; we pray for the unity of your Church.
**People: Pardon all our pride and our self-centered thoughts
and actions which are the causes of our divisions.**
Leader: Deliver us from narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness,
from our prejudices.
**People: Save us from considering as normal
that which is a scandal to the world
and an offense to your love.**
**All: Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace
among all those who call upon you
and confess the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Assurance of Pardon Psalm 68:18-20

*Song of Thanksgiving *Across the Lands* LUYH 775

Children's Blessing
**May the Lord be with you. May his light shine on you.
May his love surround you. May his joy fill you.
May his blessing be on you as you worship him.**

Prayers of the People Judy Vaandering

We Listen to God Speak

*Song of Preparation *Ancient Words* LUYH 762

Scripture Passage Ephesians 4:1-16 Reader's Choir
(Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord."
People: Thanks be to God.)

Message: *The Bond of Peace: Seven Strands That Connect Us*

Prayer of Application

We Are Nourished At God's Table

God's Invitation and Promises

The Thanksgiving
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

*Song of Praise *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LUYH 830

Our Acclamation (in unison)
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Communion
Distribution of the bread Distribution of the cup

Song *Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)* LUYH 840

We Go Out in Unity

Our Offerings: General Fund & Christian Care
*[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org
or in the baskets at each entrance]*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* LUYH 965

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Please be in prayer this week for the **Unity Christian Music Festival** being held Aug. 7-10. May this time of praise and worship bring people into the presence of our God and may His Kingdom grow as a result.

Prayers for no murders in Muskegon, for DJ Hilson, our own Tim Maat, and the Muskegon justice system. When the weather is hot, those without the convenience of home air conditioners, fans, homes, food, work, and have mental and/or physical stresses are more likely to lose control. Ask that God may provide places of refuge, calmness, and hope through the many agencies and churches.

Praises and thanks for a wonderful and safe mission trip for our Calvin Young People last week to Cuba. We pray that God will continue to shine His light through the relationships made, the work that was accomplished, the impact this week made on all who served and were served. Welcome back, Danny & Luke Maat!

Jack & Sherrie Wolffis ask for prayers for their granddaughter Faith who had successful surgery on Monday to implant sensors in her brain. Now, patience as they wait for three seizures to occur, for evaluation, and protection for Faith as the seizures happen.

Pray for Our Council. Pray for vision, wisdom, leadership, steadfastness, and unity...for Brian Schuitema Sherrie Wolffis, Gabe Vlasma, Jean Botting, Pastor Mark, Judy Vaandering, Dave Miedema, Scott Schuitema, Charry Snyder, Barb Malda, Mary Kortman, Amber Johnson, & Nate Schout. Also, for the **PVC Team**--Pastor Mark, Jean Botting, Steve Rop, and Stan Rop.