

**SERMON NOTES:**

**Sermon:** Kingdom Followers **Scripture:** Matthew 4 :12-25

# ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



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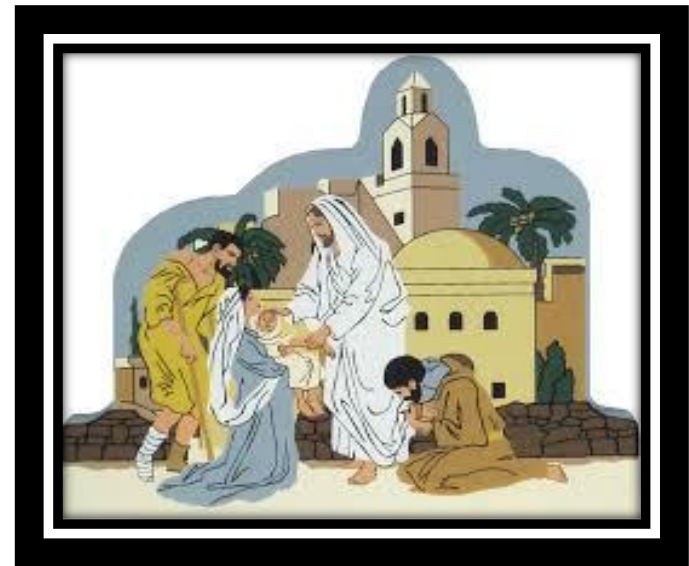
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**PASTOR MARK HOFMAN**  
**MAY 18, 2025**  
**WORSHIP 10:00AM**

Sunday, May 18, 2025  
Pastor Mark Hofman

**We Gather to Worship**

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (Psalm 103:19-24)  
Leader: The LORD has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.  
***People: Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
who obey his word.***  
Leader: Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.  
***People: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.  
Praise the LORD, my soul.***

*Hymns of Praise	<i>Rejoice, the Lord is King</i>	<i>LUYH 224</i>
	<i>Imagine</i>	<i>LUYH 72</i>
*God's Greeting		
*We Greet One Another		

Song	<i>The Miracle</i>	<i>Peg Rop &amp; Pastor Mark</i>
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\*Postlude

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

*Believe. Love. Evangelize.*

*Support Christian Instruction. Serve.*



## NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

5/18: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Becky Fisher  
Children in Worship: Jill Schuitema & Laurie DeJonge  
Coffee Fellowship: Randy & Becki Fisher  
5/25: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Tayla Vlasma  
Children in Worship: Carol Peterman & Sherrie Wolffis  
Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Susan Vanderlaan  
6/1: Nursery: Sherrie Wolffis & Asher Hofman  
Children in Worship: Stephanie Hofman & Justin Wilson  
Coffee Fellowship: ???  
6/8: Nursery: Laurie DeJonge & August Hofman  
Children in Worship:  
Coffee Fellowship: Scott & Toni Schuitema

## 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 – Japan



## ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1) Betty TenBrink | 4) Lois Grinwis        |
| 2) Joel Stefanits | 5) Ro VerHeul          |
| 3) Wilma Doctor   | 6) <b>Jim Doornbos</b> |

\*Please call or send a card to **"Care List Member," Jim!**  
1900 Surrey Place, Apt. 11, Muskegon, MI 49442

*Dear Care List Members, Every time we think of you, we say a prayer that the day will be a gentle one for you...a day that brings you plenty of comfort, reasons to smile, and lots & lots of reminders how very loved you are!*



## *A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, & Members*

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship this Sunday as we eagerly serve the King of Kings. May you be richly blessed today, and may we bring all the honor, glory, and praise to our Lord who is the only One who deserves our all! After worship, please join us in the lower level for a time of gathering and conversation as we live life together.

## **COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS**

**Our special offering this Sunday, May 18, will be for Bethany Christian Services.** Bethany Christian Services demonstrates love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting children, empowering youth, and strengthening families through quality social services.

Next Sunday, May 25, **we will honor and celebrate our graduates!** Luke Maat and Tekalegn Vlasma are graduating from Western Michigan Christian High School.

**Full Council will meet on Wednesday, May 28.** Elders and Deacons will meet separately at 6:00pm with the council meeting starting at 7:00pm.

**Ever Wonder About the Inner Workings of Denominational Ministries?** No, it does not take place in a secret underground bunker— but we do have a brand-new (to us) Ministry Support Center, and you're invited to see it! If you're curious about where your ministry shares dollars go or just want a chance to put faces to some of the names of people from whom you get emails, join us for the Dedication and Public Open House on Thursday, May 22, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. We'll begin with a dedication ceremony at 4:30 PM (Eastern), followed by guided tours. Can't be there in person? We've got you covered with a livestream of the ceremony. Location: 300 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, United States. No RSVP required. Free and open to the public. Look for the livestream on [www.youtube.com/crcna](http://www.youtube.com/crcna)

## **CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES**

**It's Allen Avenue's turn to assist the residents of Christian Care** with their worship and Lord's Supper on Wednesday, May 21. If you are able to serve with Pastor Mark in this meaningful way, please talk to him.

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**Advanced Notice:** Ladies Bible Study will have their final meeting of the year on Thursday, June 5. We will meet at Laurie DeJonge's home on West Lake at 11:00am to finish Lesson 9 in our Proverbs book. **Bring a sack lunch** for afterwards, so we can enjoy a picnic by the lake and one another's company! Please RSVP to Laurie if you are able to join us!

**Don't forget to sign up for the discounted tickets for the UNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL** that will be at Heritage Landing Aug. 6-9. You only have a couple of weeks left! A 1-day pass is only \$40.00 and a 3-day pass is only \$75.00!! Sign up on the sheet in the basement by the coffee window and take advantage of these special prices. Plan now to worship with Ben Fuller, Terrian, Josh Baldwin, Matthew West, Cochren & Co., Seph Schlueter, Steven Curtis Chapman, Andrew Ripp, Jonathan Traylor, Sidewalk Prophets, Crowder, and other contemporary Christian artists. If you have any questions, please see Jill Schuitema or go to [www.UnityMusicFestival.com](http://www.UnityMusicFestival.com).

**Musk-O-Tawa Cadet Council** needs your help. We are looking for a certified Lifeguard for July 10, 11, and 12th. We will be on the Muskegon River this year. So if anyone knows anyone that would be interested please contact Bryan Archer at 231-777-3504 for more information.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

**Denise Koetje**-praise my Mom was able to get a quick appointment through OAM-GR. They will evaluate her on May 21. Please continue to pray for wisdom as the bone specialist evaluates treatment for her tumor.

**Debbie Anderson**-praises that **Axel** is doing so well. **Retha** is the same and they are very grateful.

**Barb & Jim Malda**-praises that **sister Sharon** was able to go to school to volunteer and for the transportation she received from family and friends.

**Nate Schout**-Please pray for a strong last 17 days of school at MCS.

**Chris Ryder**-Please pray for the WMC seniors as they prepare to transition to their next stage. Pray for the staff and students to finish strong and to do well. We also had the parent of a student pass away this week. The **Bach family** could use prayers as they mourn the loss of their husband and dad.

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**Mary Kortman**-her mom, **Marilyn**, fell last week. Praises she has recovered and is now doing very well!

**Emma Peklar** as she continues to heal from surgery. Praises she is coming along so well and has been in church!

**Dave & Beth VanRees & family** in the loss of Dave's father, **Leon**. Please be with the family as they mourn the loss of a father, grandfather, friend, teacher, Christian man who touched so many. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 28, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Hope Reformed Church in Holland. Celebration of Life will be Thursday, May 29, at 11:00am with lunch to follow at Hope Reformed Church, 77 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Holland, MI.

**Mike Fongers**- as he continues on his health journey and a helpful treatment plan.

**Charry & Phil Snyder** and family as Charry heals from her last foot surgery. Pray for patience and pain management and everything that comes along with surgery and recovery.

**Sue & Jim Secord**-please keep them in prayers as they continue on with Jim's ongoing health concerns. Bring them your goodness, grace and mercy in the daily struggles.



**Have you noticed our new church sign on Allen Avenue?** A beautiful new sign that coordinates with our sign on Apple Avenue was erected this week. Much thanks to Laurie Slorf for using her God-given gifts to design the new sign and for Dave Bishop & Roger Slorf who put it in place!