

Ephesians 5:15-6:10 Doing the will of God from the heart

Windows

Walk = live

Walk/live as \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Walk/live as \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ but be \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Be filled with the Holy Spirit... \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Be filled with the Holy Spirit... \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. Be filled with the Holy Spirit... \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4. Be filled with the Holy Spirit... \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. Wives to your own husbands
    - b. Husbands love your wife
    - c. Children obey parents
    - d. Fathers don't provoke your children
    - e. Slaves obey your earthly masters *doing the will of God from the heart*
    - f. Masters don't be harsh with your servants
- b. Be empowered \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Doing the will of God from the heart

Not out of \_\_\_\_\_  
Not out of \_\_\_\_\_  
Not out of \_\_\_\_\_  
But with \_\_\_\_\_  
But with \_\_\_\_\_  
In \_\_\_\_\_  
After \_\_\_\_\_  
Out of \_\_\_\_\_



Allen Avenue  
Christian Reformed Church  
Pastor Stan Sturing  
May 1, 2022

## We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

*Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.  
Let your glory be over all the earth.*

***People: My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my heart is steadfast.***

***I will sing and make melody.***

*Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.*

***People: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;  
your faithfulness extends to the clouds.***

\*Opening Songs of Praise

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* LUYH 521  
*Be Thou My Vision* LUYH 859

\*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

## Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Leader: Loving God,  
we confess before you and each other that our lives are not pure  
and holy apart from the cleansing we have from the work of  
Christ.*

***People: And we confess that too often Christ in us is hidden  
by our actions that wound rather than heal, that tear down  
rather than build up.***

*Leader: Open our eyes, that we may see you in the ones we say  
we love.*

***People: Open our ears, that we may be quicker to listen than  
to speak.***

*Leader: Open our mouths to speak good rather than evil of our  
neighbors.*

***People: Open our hands in generosity, that we may give to  
those in need.***

*Leader: Open our hearts to a desire to follow Jesus in full  
obedience to your will and your way.*

***People: We pray, trusting in your forgiveness and in the  
power of your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in paths of  
justice and righteousness for your name's sake. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Prayer ~ *Change My Heart, O God* Sing! A New Creation 56

Prayers of the People Sue Sytsema

## The Word

\*Song of Preparation ~ *I Give You My Heart* LUYH 340

Scripture Ephesians 5 : 15-6 :10

Message Doing the will of God from the heart

Prayer of Application

## Response

Offering General Fund

\*Song of Response ~ *Take My Life and Let it Be* LUYH 863:1-4

## Sent Out

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Parting Song ~ *Take My Life and Let it Be* LUYH 863: 5-6

\*Postlude

# Our Mission Is That With The Love Of Jesus, We Are A Caring, Learning, Praising And Serving Church

## Offering Schedule

Today: General Fund  
05/08: General Fund, Christian Care  
05/15: General Fund  
05/22: General Fund, Step Up  
05/29: General Fund

## Nursery & Coffee Fellowship

05/01: Nursery: Carol P, Tayla | Coffee Fellowship: Dean & Amber  
05/08: Nursery: Amber, Sherrie | Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Sherrie  
05/15: Nursery: Nancy, Maelin | Coffee Fellowship: Roger & Laurie  
05/22: Nursery: Renee, Taylor | Coffee Fellowship: Ron & Sandy  
05/29: Nursery: Sue S, Emily | Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Laurie

## Allen Avenue Care List

Nella B	Joann D	Wilma D	Jim D	Vicky F
Lois G	Art K	Walt K	Pearl K	Joel S
Betty T	Joyce V	Ro V	June W	Tillie W

## Allen Avenue Missionaries

Eric and Judith – Western Asia  
Stephan and Alicia – Kenya  
Rev. Jerry – Back to God Ministries  
Angel Community Church – Muskegon  
Zuni Christian School – Zuni, New Mexico  
Stan & Bessie – Philippines  
Paul & Charlotte – Mission French Africa

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# Welcome to Worship at Allen Avenue CRC We are glad you have come to join us in worship today!

## Announcements

Live streaming of our worship service is slated to begin at 9:55am on Sunday morning. The live stream will be located under the videos section of the YouTube page. The worship videos will continue to be available as a recording if you are unable to watch the service live.

**Allen Avenue Prayer Ministry** Prayer Time will be Tuesday's from 7-8PM.

Updates: Join us by selecting this link:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81035650227?pwd=cUhpVTdzTVlUbEMyVGs3UTBLWE5pQT09> Meeting ID: 810 3565 0227 Passcode: 573272

**Ladies Bible Study Spring Luncheon** - Thursday May 5th @ 11:30am. We will be meeting at The Brunch House. Call Marcia Breuker to RSVP 231-740-3458

This Sunday, May 1, is our church's opportunity to especially **pray** for the city of Muskegon, our first responders, Tim and DJ, the commissioners, other leaders and the people of Muskegon-young and old! Please pray for the good of Muskegon in everyday life. Thank you!

The **Search Team will meet TODAY**, May 1 after the morning service.

Rev James Molenbeek (former pastor of East Muskegon CRC) passed away on April 20th after a yearlong battle with cancer. His service was held April 26, 2022 in Grand Rapids.

**Muskegon Christian School** is now scheduling tours and enrolling for the academic year 2022-2023! Our signature programs including Spanish immersion, outdoor education, and our Teaching for Transformation framework help enrich the students' walk with God as well as the impact they have within their community. We offer classes from preschool for 3-year-olds through 6th grade, have educational and social-emotional support services available, and offer income-based tuition. Please visit [www.mchristianschool.com](http://www.mchristianschool.com) or call 231-773-3221 to schedule a tour or to get more information. Thank you and God Bless!

Calvin CRC has a **golf league** on Thursday nights at Hickory Knoll. They need at least one team of 2 golfers and more are welcome. Contact Randy Fisher if you are interested.

There will be a **bake sale** following our church service this Sunday May 1 supporting Everyone Woman's Place. WMC students Taylor Johnson & Anna Kronendyk are raising funds as part of their senior service project to purchase items needed for this organization. Every Woman's Place strengthens families in Muskegon County and provides services for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and sex trafficking. Any cash donation for this effort is greatly appreciated!

Allen Avenue is joining with the CRC in North America for **40 days of prayer** starting Sunday, May 1. It is so exciting for us to embark on this prayer journey together with other North American CRC churches! The 40 days leads us up to our denominations annual Synod meeting. Synod is so important to our denomination as that is where God brings our pastors and denomination's leaders together to make many important and Spirit-led decisions for the CRC. Those who receive the emails I send out of the YouTube service each Sunday will automatically get the daily prayer and devotion from the CRC each day until Synod meets on June 9. You have the option to: Read, pray & allow God to use you in a way that will impact not only the CRC but the world! My goal is to forward the emails I receive on to you so there is no need for you to have to sign up for them- hopefully giving you more time with God. At this writing I do not know the time I will get the emails, but I will send them as soon as I am able. Blessings in Christ- Peg.

- Reports were received for information. Finances are in good shape.
2. Communion is scheduled for May 15 and will be served similar to Maundy Thursday with a few modifications.
  3. The offerings will continue to be collected at the doors.
  4. The council discussed ways to better communicate between the council and the elder/deacon districts.
  5. The Search Team was given permission to revise our vision and mission statements and to integrate if possible, our current goals. These changes will need to be approved by council.
  6. The council was given a letter from Central Dispatch about all the false alarms recently at church. The council is aware that there were some system issues which have been corrected. They would like to remind members to be careful with the alarm system and exit doors. The church is fined if there are too many false alarms.
  7. Next council meeting on May 25.

**Paul's Missionary Journeys** in Greece (Oct 6-18, 2022): Travel to biblical sites connected with Paul's missionary journeys in Greece: Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth as well as Meteora and Delphi. Included is a fabulous 3-day cruise to Mykenos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete and Santorini. Contact Dr. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar at [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu) or 616-328-3110.

### **Prayer Requests**

Pray for **Nella Boeve** – Our Care List Member of the week

Allen Avenue Missionary of the week – **Zuni Christian School**