

SERMON NOTES:

Sermon: "Priscilla & Aquila vs Apollos"

Scripture: Acts 18:18-28 (Pew Bible Pg. #1581)



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ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
WORSHIP 10:00AM

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Pastor Mark Hofman

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (Psalm 66:16-20)

Leader: Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

People: I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

Leader: If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened

People: But God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.

Leader: Praise be to God!

People: Who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

*Song of Praise *I Love to Tell the Story* LUYH 262

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Renewed in Truth and Grace

Call to Confession: Deuteronomy 29:29 – 30:6

Prayer of Confession:

God of Israel and the nations, hear our prayer of sorrow for our sins. We have not loved you with our whole heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves. We break your commandments and covenant every day. Have mercy on us, and restore us by your righteous compassion. May the blood of Jesus provide cleansing confidence as we trust in your resurrection forgiveness. In the name of Christ our Savior and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 1:20-31

Song *Lord, I Need You*

Children's Message

Charry Snyder

Children's Blessing

**Jesus loves the little children of the world.
May his blessing be upon you.
May his love surround you.
May his joy fill you.
Go in Peace.**

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark Hofman

God Speaks

Song of Preparation *Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak* LUYH 754:1,3,5

Scripture Acts 18:18-28 Pew Bible Pg. #1581

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

Message "Profiles in Mission: Priscilla & Aquilla vs Apollos"

*Song *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* LUYH 521

Sent Out to Serve

Offering: General Fund

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

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Dedication *To God Be the Glory* LUYH 956

*Postlude

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

*Believe. Love. Evangelize.
Support Christian Instruction. Serve.*



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



9/21: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Tayla Vlasma
Children in Worship: Kristen Vlasma & Deb Anderson
Coffee Fellowship: Mike & Marcia Breuker, Kellie
9/28: Nursery: Karen Alphenaar & Becky Schout
Sunday School/Catechism
Coffee Fellowship: Dave & Beth VanRees
10/5: Nursery: Renee Vlasma & Beth VanRees
Children in Worship: Laurie DeJonge & Judy Vaandering
Coffee Fellowship: Nate & Becki Schout, Sue Secord
10/12: Nursery: Susan Vanderlaan & Becki Fisher
Sunday School/Catechism
Coffee Fellowship: Kristen & Ron Vlasma



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

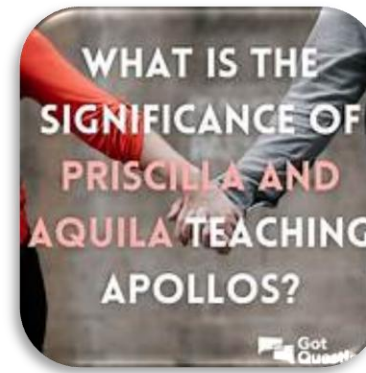


ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

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

*Please call or send a card to **"Care List Member," Ro!**
1249 Lakeshore Dr., Apt, 339, Muskegon, MI 49441

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!

"This is the day that the Lord has made...let us rejoice and be glad in it!" If you are seeking love, joy, friendship, & encouragement in your Christian walk, you have come to the right place here at Allen Avenue. This Sunday we are finish our sermon series on "Profiles in Mission" from the book of Acts.

September 21 – Acts 18:18-28 "Priscilla & Aquila vs Apollos"

Immediately after worship, please join us in the lower level as we gather for a time to meet, greet, & get re-acquainted with our brothers & sisters in Christ!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

What do 45 pkgs. of diapers (totaling 1,937 diapers), 103 packs of baby wipes, formula, teething biscuits, and socks have to do with Allen Avenue Church? This is what was donated from you the last two weeks from the Deacons' Baby Pantry Drive for Love, INC. The baby pantry was very thankful for this overwhelming donation!! Thank you for giving to the Lord & to these precious little ones.

The nomination forms for the upcoming Elder & Deacon election are located by each exit. Please complete form, place in a sealed envelope with your signature on the outside, and return it to the labeled baskets near the sanctuary doors by **Sunday, September 28.**

During the last Council meeting, we began a discussion on potentially pursuing air conditioning for our sanctuary. We are asking for your input regarding the possibility of this major expense. The cost would be around \$85,000. We would likely secure significant pledges from the congregation before beginning a project like this. We are asking you to share your opinion with us. Please speak with Jack DeJonge (dejonge.jack@gmail.com) or any other council member. If we receive significant input in favor of pursuing AC, we will continue with our work on this. Then, after careful investigation, the Council would vote on whether to approve the project. If approved, a proposal would go before the congregation for the final approval vote.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

“You are doing more than you know, Allen Avenue CRC! Thank you! The agencies and institutions of the Christian Reformed Church in North America are so grateful for your gifts to the ministry shares program and that you increased your donation by 1% for 2026. Together, we are doing what God called us to do - proclaim the gospel and disciple new believers in Christ here at home and around the world. Learn more at crcna.org/ministryshares.

CONNECT group will meet this Sunday at 4:00pm...**all are welcome!**

Notice new time: Tuesday 1 pm – 2pm Google Meet Prayer Time. Please talk to Stan or Peg Rop if you have questions.

Advanced Notice: The deadline for the fall edition of **The Allen AveNews** is **TODAY, September 21**. Get your newsworthy items to Sandy Volkers by then!

We have several walkers committed to the CROP Walk on October 5. We hope to collect plenty of donations for this important cause - so many people currently struggling with food insecurity! **Contact Russ and Deb Vlasma if you would like to donate.**

Thank you to everyone who has partnered in prayer for our students, teachers, and principals this past year! Such an amazing ministry that you are all excellent at! We have the opportunity to begin again as our students start a new school year. If you have a student, you will find a table in the Fellowship Room that has a short form that we would appreciate you filling out. Then in a few weeks for will set up our 2025-2026 Prayer Partners.

Classis Muskegon is pleased to announce the upcoming presentation from Protect Young Eyes scheduled for October 14, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Allen Avenue CRC, 695 Allen Avenue, Muskegon 49442. “Mental Health & Tech: Understanding Fabulous and Fragile Brains with Protect Young Eyes” should prove to be very informative, insightful and inspiring for everyone connected to kids. Youth and children’s ministry leaders, parents, grandparents, caregivers, and teachers will benefit from this presentation. Of course the real beneficiaries are the kids that we care so much about. Child care is available for kids from babies to age 11 years old. Note that reservations are required through the following link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/protectyouneyes/1750404> Contact: muskegonsafechurch@gmail.com or Sherrie Wolffis with questions.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Ladies Bible Study will kick-off on **Thursday, October 2, at 1:30pm**. We will be studying “When You Pray” this year...we look forward to growing in the Word together! Ladies of all ages are warmly invited...bring a friend! See Susan Vanderlaan for more info. Contact Marcia Breuker if you still need a book 😊

Men’s Bible Study will resume meeting on Monday, October 13 at 6:30pm here at church. We will continue our study, “God, I Need Some Answers.” If you would like more details talk to Brian Schuitema or call him at 231.557.0714.

A while back the Mission Committee encouraged our congregation to contact our missionaries by writing letters, sending cards, or sending emails of encouragement and praying for them for those months. We are going to repeat that for this September/October. Please check the bulletin board for your district.

District 1: Eric and Judith Tuls 817 Central Ave Spring Lake, MI 49456 (Operation Mobilization) Eric 1-616-251-8780 , eric.tuls@om.org Judith 1-616-251-9003 judith.tuls@om.org

District 2: Charles and Hensel Oh (Resonate Global Mission) Best to use email because they are moving to Japan in July after 11 years in the Philippines - coh@crcna.org

District 3: Paul and Charlotte Mpindi (Mission French Africa) - 2221 Ridgewood Ave S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49546 contact@missionfrenchafrica.org P.O.Box 120191 Grand Rapids, MI 49528-0104

District 4: Jeffery Hough 1064 Wood St., Muskegon, MI 49442 (Angel Community Church) 1-231-215-3510 pastorjah@angelcc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

“Dear Allen Family, this past week marked 15 years since Naomi was in the PICU in Ann Arbor. You rallied in prayer and supported us in so many other ways. When Dan told her she might not make it, she looked at him and with childlike faith said, “It’s ok dad, I’ll see you in heaven.” We are grateful for you, for the role you played in helping instill this faith foundation and give God the glory for sparing her life.”
- **Dan, Carmen and Naomi Huttenga (former members)**

There were so many amazing answers to our prayers...please check your email inbox for the miraculous healings, awesome prognoses, and blessings abounding!