

SERMON NOTES:

Sermon: Sustaining Faith: "Live Your Lives in Him"

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-7 (Pew Bible Page #1677)



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ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
WORSHIP 10:00AM

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Pastor Mark Hofman

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (From the *Te Deum* & Psalm 146:1-2, 10)

Leader: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord. To you all angels and heavenly powers cry aloud

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.

People: I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Leader: The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

People: Praise the Lord!

*Songs of Praise *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* LUYH 540 vs. 1-2
 We Will Extol You, God and King LUYH 562 vs. 1 & 4

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

To Prepare for the Feast

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Song *Sing to the King* LUYH 474

Dismissal for Sunday School & 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

Steve Rop

God Speaks

Song of Preparation *Beautiful Savior* LUYH 17 vs. 1 & 4

Scripture Colossians 2:6-7 Pew Bible Page #1677
Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord." **People: "Thanks be to God."**

Message Sustaining Faith: "Live Your Lives in Him"

*Song *Lead Me, Guide Me* LUYH 329

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 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* LUYH 540 vs. 4

*Postlude

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

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



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



9/28: Nursery: Karen Alphenaar & Becky Schout
Sunday School/Catechism

Coffee Fellowship: Ron & Kristen Vlasma

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: Dave & Beth VanRees

10/19: Nursery: Dale Johnson & Serenity Alphenaar

Children in Worship:

Coffee Fellowship: Randy & Becki Fisher

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—70th Birthday on 9/30!!! 😊 |

😊 *Please call or send a card to **the Birthday Guy Jim!** 😊

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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. 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

Today is the last day to turn in the nomination forms for the upcoming Elder & Deacon election. The forms 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.

The special offering for next Sunday, October 5, is for Western Michigan Christian MS/HS. WMC exists to educate with excellence, integrate faith with knowledge, equip students to work and serve Christ in their communities.

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

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.

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We have the first step completed for our Prayer Partner Mission! We have 31 students or educators who need prayers throughout this coming school year from YOU!! Please come to the table in the Fellowship Room to get your heavenly match! Can't wait to see who God has in store for you to pray for this year!

Muskegon Christian School has been very blessed with members from AACRC watching staff kids in the past during Monday staff meetings and faith integration training. We are prayerfully looking for volunteers on the following dates from 2:50-4:30pm: October 6 & 13, November 3 & 10, December 1 & 8.

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.**

On Wednesday, October 1, from 6:15-8:00pm, GEMS will meet in the basement. Please remember to bring your Bible with you. See you Wednesday!!

On Wednesday, October 1, Cadets will meet in the basement at 6:15pm.

Ladies Bible Study will kick-off on **Thursday, October 2, at 1:30pm** with an intro video highlighting our study "When You Pray," (So there is no lesson to complete for this first gathering.) 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.

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/protectyoungeyes/1750404>
Contact: muskegonsafechurch@gmail.com or Sherrie Wolffis with questions.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

We have an update on **Ron Vlasma's** throat scope **from daughter Kristen:** *"Ron has a diagnosis of cancer and had a feeding tube put in. His first oncology appointment was Wednesday. Can we please pray for the doctors that will be guiding us and strength for dad and our family to get through this journey."*

Laurie Slorf- Jeff (brother-in-law) for continued healing post-surgery and gratitude for cancer-free status.

Sandy Volkers- Joshua, has been having thyroid cancer treatments and is now cancer free! For **Ron** in recovery from his pace maker.

Mike Fongers- Paul's Place (Carol) pray that God will bring men who will fit well with our family. There is such a NEED in Muskegon County.

Sherrie Wolffis- Baby Grace expectation is that she will be at DeVos until her due date of 11/8. Prayers answered!

Charry Snyder- for her mom, who had surgery for shoulder/arm break this week.

Karen Alphenaar- for sister **Kathy** who was recently hit by a vehicle. For healing and safety in travel to AZ.

Kelly Dauser- for comfort for family after the passing of brother-in-law **JW**.

Continuing Prayers for those who fight the fight needed for God to be seen in this world. For the battle is the Lord's and we are His people, those who see and help, hold hands and wipe the tears from: The lost, lonely, forgotten, those who mourn, those who suffer, are abused or misunderstood. Those in prison. Those who minister to them and the lost. For our Justice system, DJ and Tim. Our neighborhood patrols and police.

Praises and thanks for the new school year. Prayers for the mental health of our children. For godly counselors, teachers, and staff to help them with their struggles in the school environment.

Nate Schout-MCS- gratefulness for the amazing staff at MCS that share the common mission. Prayers over continued progress on the capital campaign.

Chris Ruiter-WMC – in the process of hiring for a Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Pray for good candidates.