

SERMON NOTES:

Scripture: Genesis 26 :1-33 Pew Bible Page #34

Message: « Spiritual Wells »

**ALLEN AVENUE
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REFORMED CHURCH**



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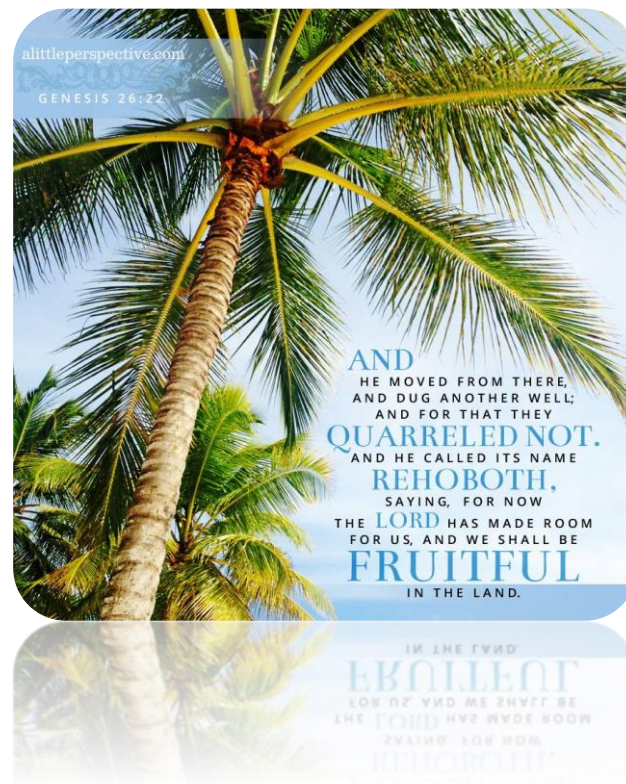


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Pastor Mark Hofman
May 17, 2026
Worship 10:00am

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

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GATHER

Prelude
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;

**People: the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.**

Leader: Your throne was established long ago;

People: you are from all eternity.

PRAISE

*Opening Song of Praise *How Great Is Our God* LUYH 574

Behold Our God

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

RENEWAL

Call to Confession Psalm 51:10-12 Pew Bible Page #813

Sung Prayer *Create in Me a New Heart* *Sing! 49*

Assurance of Pardon Luke 24:46-53 Pew Bible Page #1508

Children's Message Kelly Dauser

Children's Blessing (in unison)

**As you worship the Lord,
may he go with you, may his Spirit live in you,
and may his love fill you.
Go in peace.**

INTERCEED

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark

LISTEN

*Sung Prayer of Illumination *Ancient Words*

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

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Prayer of Application

RESPOND

Offering General Fund
*[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org
or in the baskets at each entrance]*

Song of Response *Living Waters (As the Deer)*

*Blessing

Christ has no body now on earth but yours;

no hands but yours; no feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which

the compassion of Christ

must look out on the world.

Yours are the feet with which

he is to go about doing good.

Yours are the hands with which

he is to bless his people.

—Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582

*Parting Song of Praise *There's No God as Great* LUYH 275

*Postlude

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

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



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



5/17: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Becky Schout
Children in Worship: Amber Johnson & Beth VanRees
Coffee Fellowship: Kristen Vlasma & Kelly Dauser
5/24: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Tayla Vlasma
Children in Worship: Laurie DeJonge & Deb Anderson
Coffee Fellowship: Karen Alphenaar, Sarah Kleyn, Sonia Vazquez
5/31: Nursery: Jasmine Snyder & Asher Hofman
Children in Worship: Jill Schuitema & Carol Peterman
Coffee Fellowship: Sue Secord, Russ & Deb Vlasma
6/7: Laurie DeJonge & August Hofman
Children in Worship:
Coffee Fellowship: Ro VerHeul's 100th Birthday Party!

ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES



**Pray for the * Missionary this Week*

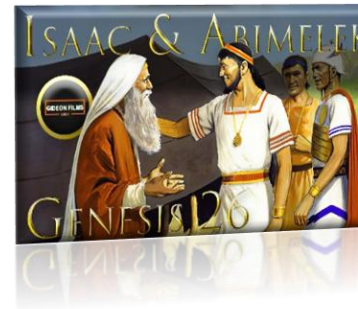
Eric & Judith Tuls – Operation Mobilization
Rev. Jerry An – Back to God Ministries
Pastor Jeffery Hough – Angel Community Church
Paul & Charlotte Mpindi–Mission French Africa
**Charles & Hensel Oh – Japan*



ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

- 1) **Wilma Doctor** *Please call or send a card
- 2) Ro VerHeul to Care List Member, Wilma!
- 3) Joel Stefanits 3637 Whispering Woods
Muskegon, MI 49444

Heavenly Father, thank you for your great care for our loved ones on the care list. Today, we come to you and ask you to shine Your light into the lives of these dear people. Reveal Yourself as their Protector, Provider, & King. You overcame sin and death on the cross, and we pray that your victory will surround our loved ones and offer them hope and peace and Your love! Amen!



A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, & Members!

During Eastertide at Allen Avenue, we have been studying appearances (theophanies) of God in Genesis. This week Pastor Mark takes us to the region of Gerar where we will follow Issac and Rebekah from well-to-well until they reach Rehoboth where they had room to flourish as found in Genesis 26. Stick around after the service to gather and fellowship with one another, get caught up on one another's week, and share where you have seen God allowing you to flourish by those spiritual wells!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

This past week, construction began on Apple Avenue to the south of Allen Avenue CRC's parking lot. This project will require some new driving habits and adjustments for all of us (i.e. turning on Allen Ave to get to church) In light of this challenge and opportunity, **Pastor Mark will begin preaching a series titled "Under Construction"** starting on May 31. In this series, we will be focusing on stories and sayings in scripture where God invites us to His work - *His* Spiritual work of building the body of Christ and sanctifying people who follow Jesus. Stories like Noah's ark, Solomon's temple dedication, Zerubbabel and Nehemiah's opposition, and the song of Psalm 127. New Testament passages will include Jesus' teaching about the temple, Peter and Paul's letters as well as the images of Hebrews 3. We are all people "under construction" and God's not done with us yet!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

It is AACRC's turn to assist at the **Christian Care Communion service on Wednesday, May 20, at 1pm.** If you are available, please talk to Pastor Mark!

CONNECT Group will meet today 5/17 at 11:30am today after worship.

Men's Bible Study will meet on Monday, May 18 at 6:15. We will be enjoying a meal together along with studying Chapter 20. Hope to see you all there!

Mark Your Calendars: The AACRC Church Picnic is being planned for Sunday, August 2! More details to follow...it involves you wearing **RED-WHITE-BLUE!!!**

Michigan's Premier Christian Event is coming up! The Unity Christian Music Festival will be held again at Heritage Landing. The dates are August 5-8. The discounted tickets are on sale NOW! You'll find the sign-up sheet on a clipboard propped up on a bulletin board in the basement of church. A 1-day ticket is \$50.00, and a 3-day pass is only \$80.00! Come join in the praise and worship led by Christian artists. So, get signed up and get your money to Jill by the end of May (which is also the deadline for signing up). In addition, don't forget that Wednesday, Aug. 5 is a totally FREE show with Tenth Avenue North headlining that night. See Jill Schuitema if you have any questions.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

- **Ro VerHeul** has a new address! Make sure you add this to your new church directory, so you can mail the almost 100-year-old a birthday card!!! C/O Christian Care Assisted Living, Room #319, 1530 Mc Laughlin, Muskegon, MI 49442.
- **Ron Vlasma** – Praises for the wonderful news that his chemo is working...continued prayers for his journey and for his family.
- **Sue Secord** -- Please pray for Jim as he is having a CT scan next week to check out some changes. Also, prayers of thanks for each day and for the cards and prayers.
- **Judy Vaandering's sister Annette** – Praises she is doing well!
- **WMC-Chris Ruiter:** We have a little more than three weeks left and a lot of details that need to come together for the year. Pray for our graduation ceremony, our students with upcoming exams, and the incoming students that are currently in the enrollment process. Western Michigan Christian is excited to announce that Mr. David Miedema has been selected as our next Principal beginning with the 2026-27 school year! Over the coming summer, WMC will also be transitioning parts of our administrative structure as we continue to strengthen leadership across our school community. Mr. Chris Ruiter will move into the role of Head of School for WMC, while Mr. Miedema will serve as Principal. Together, they will continue to lead and support the mission and vision of Western Michigan Christian as we pursue Christ-centered educational excellence.

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- **MCS-Nate Schout:** staff, students, parents and school board. Prayers for a successful home stretch of the school year! Thanks for your prayers and for the evening of praise at the Spring Concert on 5/12.
- **Prayers for children in Sunday School & Catechism.** We pray for our SS teachers-Dale Johnson & Stephanie Hofman, Justin Wilson & Sue Sytsema, for Barb Malda with her Children in Worship materials, Charry Snyder & Brian Schuitema and those who help with Catechism, and for all those who help fill the Sundays with love.
- **Update from Stephanie Hofman**-Prayers for all of our kids to finish the school year strong-for all of them to see our love for them. For those who are moving. May they like their new homes and schools-Vernon and James as they have been going to Detroit on the weekends to spend time with their step-dad. They'll move after the school year ends.
- **Prayers for all of our college kids & graduates:** Graduate Yeabsira Vlasma – Grand Valley State University, Emily Snyder - Grace Christian University, Graduate Emma Pekar --Michigan State University, Dan Maat - Cornerstone University, Luke Maat - Calvin University (Congratulations on his upcoming wedding for next summer!)
- **Cadets: Update from Dave VanRees:** As the Cadets' season has ended, we can praise God for a wonderful year filled with fantastic experiences. Please also pray for three cadets and one counselor who will be going on the international camporee in Canada this summer.
- **GEMS:** Thanks for your support and a wonderful season with the girls.
- **King's Kids**-Prayers and Praises that the date, time, plans and the preparations are all in motion! Pray that God will bring families, volunteers and kids!!!
- **Prayers for Tim Maat & DJ Hilson** and all those effected by the current violence in Muskegon County and the surrounding counties. Pray for wisdom, peace, strength, and courage for all first responders, too.
- **Please pray for Kelly Dauser** as she anticipates an appendectomy and exploratory surgery on May 22. May God provide her comfort, peace, and hold her close as she waits.