

## Sermon Notes

**Scripture:** Psalm 127 Pew Bible Page #888

**Message:** "The Quiver of Fatherhood"

# Allen Avenue Christian Reformed Church



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**Pastor Mark Hofman**  
**Father's Day -- June 21, 2026**  
**Worship 10:00AM**

# Come Now is the Time to Worship!

June 21, 2026 -- Father's Day Sunday  
Pastor Mark Hofman

## Gathered to Worship

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (Psalm 68:4-5)

Leader: Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord.

**All: A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling**

\*Opening Song of Praise     *Faith of Our Fathers*     *Blue Psalter Hymnal 443*

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

## Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession:

**All: Humble and Loving King, you have created us and provide for our every need. And yet, we grasp for that which we don't need. We try to take what does not belong to us. We attempt to take your place on the throne. Forgive us, dear Lord, and shower your mercy on us as we seek to live as a living sacrifice. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Sung Prayer:     *Gracious Spirit Hear Our Pleading*     *LUYH 320 vs. 1, 3 & 5*

Assurance of Pardon: Nehemiah 9:5-6, 19-21     Pew Bible Page #694

Leader: Stand up and praise the Lord your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are the Lord. Because of your great compassion you did not abandon [our ancestors] in the wilderness. By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take. You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst. For forty years you sustained them in the wilderness; they lacked

nothing, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen.

Children's Message

Pastor Mark

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. Worship the Lord with praise and thanksgiving.**

Prayers of the People

Sue Sytsema

## God Speaks To Us

\*Song of Preparation

*Be Still and Know*

*LUYH 907*

Scripture Passage

Psalm 127

Pew Bible Page #888

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

Message

*The Quiver of Fatherhood*

Prayer of Application (*from LUYH 852*)

Leader: God of grace and glory, we pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit – for us, for those whom we love...for those unknown to us but known and loved by you...by your Spirit, reveal to our minds and seal upon our hearts a firm and certain knowledge of your lavish generosity toward us, founded on the truth of all your promises given and confirmed in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Truly, you are the fountain of all goodness, the giver of every good and perfect gift. Amen.**

\*Song of Response

*Faith Begins By Letting Go*

*LUYH 852 vs. 1-3*

## We Are Sent Out

Our Offerings

General Fund & Angel Community Church's Boiler Debt  
*[offerings may be given online at [allenavechurch.org](http://allenavechurch.org)  
or in the baskets at each entrance]*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Parting Song of Praise

*This is My Father's World*

*LUYH 21 vs. 1 & 3*

\*Postlude

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

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



## NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



6/21: Nursery: Kristen Vlasma & Amber Johnson  
Children in Worship: Stephanie Hofman & Dale Johnson  
Coffee Fellowship: John & Sue Sytsema  
6/28: Nursery: Mary Maat & Renee Vlasma  
Children in Worship: Amber Johnson & Beth VanRees  
Coffee Fellowship:  
7/5: Nursery: Sue Sytsema & Dale Johnson  
Children in Worship: Kelly Dauser & Laurie DeJonge  
Coffee Fellowship:  
7/12: Nursery: Carol Peterman, Tayla Vlasma, Laurie Slorf  
Children in Worship:  
Coffee Fellowship:



## ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES

*\*Pray for the \* Missionary this Week*

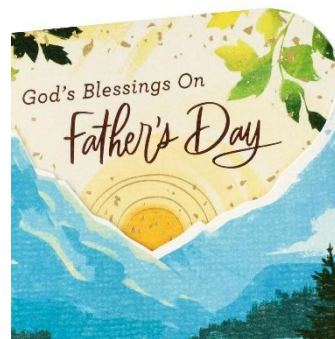
Eric & Judith Tuls – Operation Mobilization  
Rev. Jerry An – Back to God Ministries  
Pastor Jeffery Hough – Angel Community Church  
Paul & Charlotte Mpindi–Mission French Africa  
*\*Charles & Hensel Oh – Japan*



## ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

- 1) Wilma Doctor \*Please call or send a card
- 2) Ro VerHeul to Care List Member, Joel!
- 3) **Joel Stefanits** OPTALIS – 1061 W. Hackley  
Muskegon, MI 49441

*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 on  
This Father's Day Weekend!*

We are so grateful you are here worshipping with us this morning! Pastor Mark will continue his sermon series titled "Under Construction." 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. This week we'll be looking "The Quiver of Fatherhood" from Psalm 127:1-5. We are all people "under construction" and God's not done with us yet! Please join us in the lower level for refreshments after the worship service with the family of God!

## COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Today is Father's Day. Spend some time today and throughout this week reflecting on passages from Scripture that describe God as our heavenly Father. Give thanks for all the ways in which you experience God's love on a daily basis, and for earthly fathers and role models who have demonstrated God's love in your life.

**Our special offering for the whole month of June is for Angel Community Church.** Our sister church is experiencing the unexpected financial burden of \$11,000 due to a boiler failure this past winter. Our Council voted to bless them now with a gift of \$3,000 from our general fund toward this expense. We are also offering individuals from our congregation the opportunity to donate toward payment of this debt. **Special offerings will be received each Sunday throughout the month of June.** Checks can be made out to Allen Ave. CRC with Angel Church designated on the memo line. It would be an amazing blessing if our offerings could match our initial gift of \$3,000! **So far, we have collected \$615 of the \$3,000 goal.**

**Deadline for the Allen AveNews is Sunday, June 21.** Please get your newsworthy items and articles to Sandy Volkers by then.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

**Save the date for the church picnic on Sunday, August 2, at Sytsema's!**

**The Angell Neighborhood Association** is hosting their annual picnic at McCrea Park on Thursday, June 25, at 4:00pm. Members of our congregation will be there with displays to promote King's Kids, GEMS, and Cadets. All are welcome.

**All ladies and girls are invited to celebrate with Ashly Schuitema** at a bridal shower luncheon on Saturday, August 8. Mark your calendars now!

**If you ordered tickets for the Unity Christian Music Festival**, please check your texts and/or your email for something from iTICKETS. You should have received something this week. Please print off your tickets or download them to your phone's wallet now so that when August 5 comes around, you know where to find them. If you haven't received anything yet, please let Jill know as soon as possible.

**Please continue praying for our annual King's Kids Bible School to be held July 27-31.** Posters and more information will be in the church basement beginning on June 28. As always, we will need teachers, classroom helpers, praise time helpers, ice cream sundae topping providers, and sundae servers. If you think you would like to fill any of these spots, please let Jill know so she can get you plugged in. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

**Kids' Corner Devotions: Tabitha: Community Builder** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Tabitha: Community Builder" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Meet a kind helper who showed God's love by making clothes and caring for people in her neighborhood. When something amazing happened, the whole community celebrated, and many hearts were filled with joy! Discover how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference and how you can use your own gifts to help others. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like The Kids Corner Activity Book Collection.

**Wisdom in the Age of AI Conference** - How should Christians respond to Artificial Intelligence (AI) in church, education, business, healthcare, and the arts? The Wisdom in the Age of AI Conference will be held at Calvin University October 8-10 and features top keynote speakers and parallel sessions dealing with each of these topics. For more information and to register to join the conversation, visit: <https://calvin.edu/wisdomAI>

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

**\*\*\*If you have exciting news to share, have something to praise God for, or would like the congregation to be in prayer for you or your family, please contact Pastor Mark or Secretary Susan Vanderlaan, so it can be added to our weekly bulletin!**

**Summer is here!** Remember to pray for our administrators—Nate Schout, Chris Ruiter, & Dave Miedema--teachers, staff, & board members as they enjoy some well-deserved time off! We lift up our students, their parents, and summer care-givers that days would be full of play, creative imaginations, get-aways, vacation, day trips, safety, good food, and tons of fun memories to be made! May God fill those days with His peace, presence, and love. (Remind yourself that we are "human beings" & not "human doings," so allow times of quiet, rest, and relaxation during this time, also!!!)

We give thanks that **Kacey Snyder** was released from Helen DeVos Children's Hospital earlier this week after experiencing some breathing issues. **Travis and Jasmine** appreciated all our love, concern, and prayers for them at this time.

"We are asking for prayers for our niece, **Ramika Hall**, a young mother of three children, who was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer in her chest, bones, and blood." **–Sean & Betty Lyn, Zoe, Hope, & Violet**

### Continued prayers for...

- ♥ All the Fathers...May They be Godly Examples to Their Children & Lead Them to the Lord
- ♥ The Gift of Ro VerHeul and Her 100 Years of Life God Has Given Her
- ♥ Jim & Sue Secord
- ♥ Nancy Tjapkes
- ♥ Kelly Dauser
- ♥ Ron Vlasma
- ♥ Kristen Vlasma
- ♥ New Grandbabies
- ♥ Retha Johnson
- ♥ Aging Parents/End-of-Life/Hanging On and Letting Go
- ♥ The Flores & Jeronimo Families as They Settle in Muskegon & New Era
- ♥ All Those Who Mourn the Loss of Family Members & Friends
- ♥ Pastor Mark & Stephanie as They Minister to Us--Their Flock 😊
- ♥ AACRC Council & Our Committees & Those Who Selflessly Serve