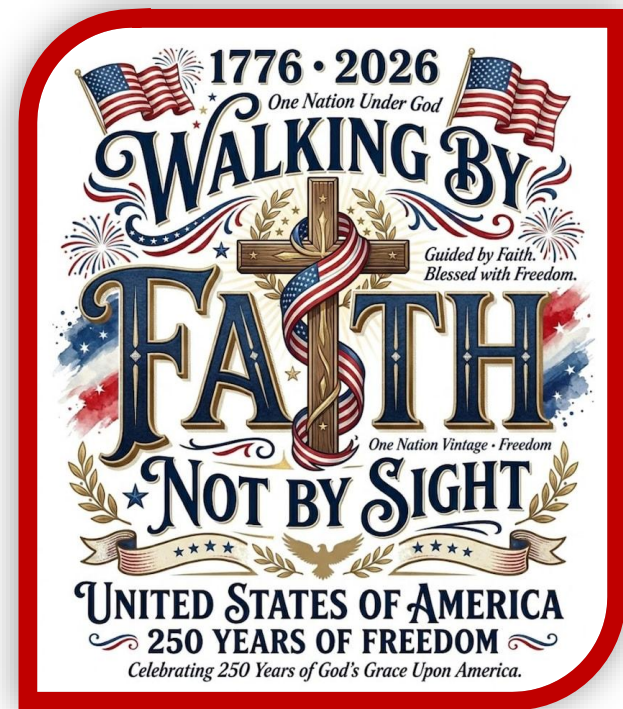


Sermon Notes

Scripture: I Corinthians 3 Pew Bible Page #1625

Message: "The Quality of Our Work."

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July 5, 2026

Worship 10:00AM

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NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



7/5: Nursery: Sue Sytsema & Dale Johnson
Children in Worship: Kelly Dauser & Laurie DeJonge
Coffee Fellowship: Ron Friday & Sandy Volkers
7/12: Nursery: Tayla Vlasma, Becki Fisher, Laurie DeJonge
Children in Worship: Laurie DeJonge & Carol Peterman
Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Laurie DeJonge
7/19: Nursery: Deb Anderson, Maelin Vlasma, Toni Schuitema
Children in Worship:
Coffee Fellowship: Theresa Mason, Bob & Susan Vanderlaan
7/26: Nursery: Jasmine Snyder, Deb Anderson, Serenity Alphenaar
Children in Worship:
Coffee Fellowship: Devin Snyder & Annabell Ogle

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, Ro!
- 3) Joel Stefanits Christian Care Room #319, 1530 McLaughlin
Muskegon, MI 49442

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 Fourth of July
Weekend!*

We are so grateful you are here worshipping with us this morning as we celebrate the 250th birthday of the USA and that none of us melted during the extreme heat this past week!!! Pastor Mark will continue his sermon series titled "Under Construction." This week we'll be looking at I Corinthians 3:1-23 – "The Quality of Our Work." 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 and check out the King's Kids display and the church picnic sign-up sheets!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

Next Sunday, July 12, **our former Transitional Minister, Pastor Tom Pettinga**, will lead us in worship while Pastor Mark is at the International Cadet Camporee. We look forward to reconnecting with him and Dar!

Today, Connect Group will meet after fellowship from 11:30-12:30. This is a pilot program open for everyone who would like to discuss today's sermon more in-depth. If you have questions for our future gatherings, contact Charry Snyder (231-728-5170), Denise Koetje (231-375-9417), or Pastor Mark. Our regular Connect Group will start in the fall on Sunday afternoons from 4-6pm.

It is with grateful hearts the deacons report that between the \$3000 gift from council and the \$4237 generously given by the congregation, we were able to send our sister church, Angel Community, \$7237 to go towards their \$11,000 boiler debt!!! May God have been honored and glorified and pleased with the amazing outcome. Pastor Jeffery & Angel Community are eternally grateful!

Next week's special offering on Sunday, July 12 will be for Love INC - Client Services Fund. Recently Love INC learned that a grant they have received for years has been discontinued, creating a \$12,000 annual gap. These funds help with urgent needs like rental assistance, utility bills, critical home repairs, work boots, and non-slip shoes. Thankfully, one of their donors has offered to match every gift toward this need, dollar for dollar, up to \$6,000. Prayerfully consider a special gift toward this matching opportunity.

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

June Council Meeting notes:

1. The 2026 committee goals were distributed for review at this mid-point in the year.
2. Guest Pastors Tom Pettinga and Carl Bergman will lead us in worship in July while Pastor Mark attends the Cadet International Camporee.
3. The Council discussed a summary of security emergency suggestions from the recent walk-through with members of our congregation and a community police officer. The Building, Emergency Response, and Technology Committees will be consulted on these issues.
4. The Council spent time in prayer for the Lord's guidance on the future use of our parsonage.
5. The elder/deacon teams met together for district updates.
6. The Council meets again on August 26, at 6:00pm.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

The church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 2, 12:30pm at Sytsema's!

The committee will provide the main dish, lemonade & water, and table service. Sign-up sheets are located around church for you to RSVP and include what side dish you will bring to share. Join the fun & remember to wear **red-white-blue!**

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

King's Kids is coming up fast!! Teachers, helpers, and sundae servers are still needed. If you think you'd like to get in on the fun, please see Jill. She will plug you in somewhere. Thank you to those who have already signed up to help. King's Kids will be held at our church July 27-31 from 6:00 - 7:30 each night. Please continue to pray for God's work to be done at VBS this year. Thanks.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Is it hot outside today? Here in the Northern Hemisphere it is summer, and the temperatures have climbed. Do you like that? Or would you rather it be cooler? Sadly, you can't order your favorite temperature today! Just as in many other parts of life, the temperature outside is not yours to control. Remembering that is helpful for recognizing that you are small and that God (who can control the temperature) is big. Are there other things in your life that you can't change? Name one of those things each day this week, and praise God for his big-ness.

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!**

Joanne Bishop's back surgery on June 24 went well. Pray for therapy, rest, and the path of recovery. Dave and Joanne send their thanks to the Allen Avenue prayer warriors!

We express our heartfelt sympathy to **Bill, Sally Mokma's husband**, with the death of his mom on Father's Day in Joliet, IL. May God hold them close in the days ahead.

Continue to lift up **Axel and Rhetha and the entire Johnson family** with peace as they wait on the Lord to take Rhetha home to Him.

We give thanks that **Sherrie & Jack Wolffis'** great nephew 3-year-old **Harrison** had a successful tonsillectomy and is recovering well! Also, **Sherrie's sister Nancy** has found out that her cancer has metastasized into her pelvis. She is presently finishing radiation and beginning chemo treatments. Prayers for healing and managed side effects would be greatly appreciated.

Pray for Pastor Mark, August, & Aethan as they attend the Cadet International Camporee at Kamp Longview in Alberta, Canada and will be gone from July 10-24. Pray, also, for **Stephanie and Asher** as they "hold down the fort" at home! 😊

We give thanks for **Jim & Barb Malda's brother Bob** who continues to make great health strides in regards to his back and implant adjustments on his brain.

It is with happy hearts that Jim & Sue Secord announce, "We have our great grandson!!! Henry was born at 6:37pm Wednesday. A whopper--9lbs 9oz 22"!!!" Dad, Mom, and Baby Henry are doing well and the whole family is rejoicing in this latest gift from God.