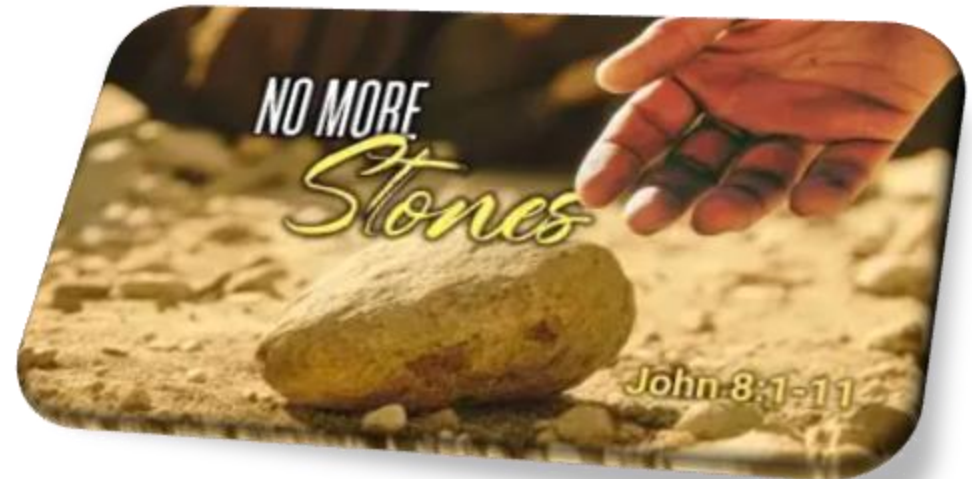


Sermon Notes

Scripture: John 7:53-8:11 Pew Bible Page #1523

Message: "Full of Grace and Truth"

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July 12, 2026

Worship 10:00AM

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

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NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



7/12: Nursery: Tayla Vlasma, Becki Fisher
Children in Worship: Laurie DeJonge & Carol Peterman
Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Laurie DeJonge
7/19: Nursery: Maelin Vlasma, Toni Schuitema
Children in Worship: Stephanie Hofman and Sue Sytsema
Coffee Fellowship: Theresa Mason, Bob & Susan Vanderlaan
7/26: Nursery: Jasmine Snyder, Serenity Alphenaar
Children in Worship: Judy Vaandering and Barb Malda
Coffee Fellowship: Devin Snyder & Annabell Ogle
8/2: Nursery: Karen Alphenaar, Addie Maat, Susan Vanderlaan
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

- 1) Wilma Doctor *Please call or send a card
- 2) Ro VerHeul to Care List Member, Joel!
- 3) **Joel Stefanits** OPTALIS—1061 W. Hackley Ave.
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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,
And Pastor Tom
& Dar Pettinga!*

We are so grateful you are here worshiping with us this morning as we celebrate the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!!! Our former Transitional Minister, Pastor Tom Pettinga, will lead us in worship while Pastor Mark is at the International Cadet Camporee. Pastor Tom will be teaching from John 7:53-8:11 – “Full of Grace and Truth.” We’ll think about the wonderful and strategic way in which Jesus communicates with the woman and her accusers. We’ll marvel at his knowledge of each of our minds and hearts. We’ll see Jesus take authority over the Law and the whole Old Testament. But we’ll focus on his way of fulfilling what John wrote twice -- Jesus is full of grace and truth, and in that order of emphasis. And we’ll ask if that is how we treat the sinner among us, and if we’ve needed his grace and his truth in our lives and our life as a church. 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

This 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.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In the Northern Hemisphere this time of year is filled with longer days and sunnier weather, allowing many of us to spend more time outdoors. In Psalm 19, David speaks of the many ways creation displays the glory of God and his creative work. Take some intentional time this week to notice something specific in God’s creation and to give God thanks for it.

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS (Continued...)

From our Synod 2026 delegates:

On behalf of Synod 2026, your Classis Muskegon delegates were absolutely overjoyed to witness—and unanimously approve—a monumental ten-year church-planting vision for our denomination. The five-year milestone alone is HUGE! 150 new church plants in five years

With roughly 50 classes across the CRC, that's **three new church plants per classis**. This is bold. This is ambitious. And this is the kind of Kingdom-sized vision that depends entirely on the Spirit's leading, the passions of local congregations and classes, and the faithful prayers of God's people.

With the New Era Latino church plant in process, that leaves us two more to consider. How might your congregation and Classis Muskegon take up this work?

More communication will be coming soon, but it is vital to share this with you now. Color versions and accessible links will be mailed out to every church. The first-stage goals are designed to move quickly—and, Lord willing, many of them will be underway or completed before our Fall 2026 Classis Muskegon meeting. God is on the move. Let's join Him with joy, prayer, and expectation!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Kids Corner Devotions: Who Taught You About Jesus? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Who Taught You About Jesus?" at www.kidscorner.net. Everyone learns about Jesus from someone special—just like Timothy, who heard amazing stories about God from his mom and grandma. Who is someone in your life you can learn from—and what awesome God story will you explore together next? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Family Practices for Family Collection.

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!**

Women and girls, come to celebrate "around the clock" at Ashly Schuitema's bridal shower luncheon at 11:30am on Saturday, August 8. When you arrive, please tag your package with the time of day your gift will be used. You're welcome to search the zola.com registry for suggestions. RSVP on the poster in the fellowship room.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to all who have offered to serve in different ways for King's Kids. We are excited about sharing the love of Jesus with our neighborhood kids and are looking forward to July 27-31. If you would like to help and haven't talked with Barb or Jill, please do that as soon as you can. They will be happy to plug you in somewhere. Please keep this ministry in your prayers as we continue to plan and organize this special week.

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. She is still dealing with pain control but starting to take short walks! She thanks us for all our thoughts and prayers.

Continue to lift up **Axel the entire Johnson family** as the Lord took Retha home to Him last Thursday. The funeral was held Wednesday, July 8. May God comfort all those who mourn.

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! 😊

Ron Vlasma will be having a procedure next week Wednesday to attempt to help with the opening of his esophagus.

Kristen Vlasma continues to make great progress after her recent surgery! We rejoice with her, and pray for complete recovery before she has to return to work on July 29.

Ro Ver Huel is currently being treated at Trinity Hospital for confusion and neuro-symptoms. The family is hopeful she may be able to return to Christian Care after a few days.

A **BIG** "shout-out" to Stan & Steve Rop (and others!) who weekly tackle and correct all technology-related issues that we constantly have at church! 😊 They are a gift & blessing to our congregation for sure!!!