

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:1-5 Pew Bible Page #1647

Message: «Fashioned for Eternity»

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Pastor Mark Hofman
August 30, 2026
Worship 10:00AM

Come Now is the Time to Worship!

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Gathered for Worship

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship
Leader: Hallelujah!
People: Praise! Praise God in the temple, in the highest heavens!
Leader: Praise! Praise God's mighty deeds and noble majesty.
People: All that is alive, praise!
Leader: Praise the Lord.
All: Hallelujah!
—Psalm 150:1-2, 6, TP

*Opening Songs of Praise *Living Hope*
 See, What a Morning LUYH 181

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession ~ Psalm 32:1-6a

Sung Prayer of Confession *Lord, I Need You*

Assurance of Pardon ~ Colossians 3:1-4

Response (from Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 56)
Q. What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?
A. I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature, which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment

Children's Message

Charry Snyder

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

Pastor Mark

God Speaks To Us

*Song of Preparation *Be Still for the Presence* LUYH 532

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

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Prayer of Application

*Song of Response *He Will Hold Me Fast*

We Are Sent Out

Our Offerings

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

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise *Soon and Very Soon* LUYH 482

*Postlude

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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



8/30: Nursery: Barb Malda & Mel Vlasma
Children in Worship: Stephanie Hofman & Dale Johnson
Coffee Fellowship: Scott & Toni Schuitema
9/6: Nursery: Deb Anderson & Aida Fisher
Children in Worship:
Coffee Fellowship: Sue Secord +
9/13: Nursery: Laurie DeJonge & Dale Johnson
Children in Worship:
Coffee Fellowship: Karen & Serenity, Sarah, Emma, Sonia
9/20: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Renee Vlasma
Children in Worship:
Coffee Fellowship: Education Committee

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) Joel Stefanits to Care List Member, **Wilma!**
3637 Whispering Woods Dr.
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,
& New Members, Justin
& Carolyn Wilson!*

Today Pastor Mark will conclude our summer sermon series titled "Under Construction." This week we'll be looking at 2 Corinthians 5:1-5—

"Fashioned for Eternity." Join us in the lower level after the worship service for a time of fellowship with the family of God here at Allen Avenue! ☺

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

The special offering on Sunday, 9/6, is for ReFrame (formerly Back to God). ReFrame creates contextual media resources that proclaim the gospel, disciple believers, & strengthen the church throughout the world in ten languages!

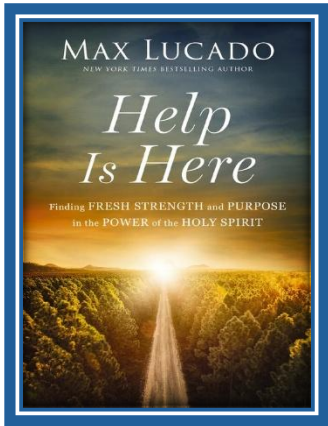
Council notes from August 26—Next meeting September 23:

1. **Parsonage:** The Jeronimo Family is grateful for the use of our parsonage as temporary housing this summer. They have now moved out. The cadets will use the building for their meetings while it is available. The Council spent time in prayer for God's guidance regarding the future use of this asset.
2. **Enhanced Security:** The Council passed two motions as follow-up from the recent security review with a representative from the Muskegon Police Department. **a.** Outline RUN, HIDE, FIGHT emergency procedures for Council members and review these procedures annually. **b.** Form a temporary committee to assist the Council by reviewing, recommending, and implementing the suggestions for potential facility security upgrades.
3. **Classis Muskegon:** Pastor Mark, Jack DeJonge, and Dale Johnson will serve as delegates to the meeting on September 24 at New Era CRC.
4. **New Members:** A transfer of the membership of Justin and Carolyn Wilson was accepted from Christ Presbyterian Church of Edina, Minnesota. Welcome!
5. **Nominee forms** for next year's council are in the bulletin so please fill out.

The deacons are sponsoring a Baby Pantry Drive on Sunday, September 13, and Sunday, September 20. The supplies received at church will be brought to Love INC for the need in our community. The following has been suggested by Love INC: **Diapers (especially sizes 4, 5 and 6) baby wipes.** Let's find all the deals and fill the front of the church with supplies for our neighbors in need.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

ADVANCE NOTICE: Put this on your calendars!! The Education Committee is planning our annual Cookout/Potluck for Sunday, September 20. Please plan on joining us for a meal and a celebration of kicking off our Fall education programs again. More information and sign-up sheets will be coming!



“Hearts of Fire” Women’s Bible Study is resuming on Thursday, September 17. When we ended last spring, we decided that we would all like to learn more about the Holy Spirit and exactly who and what He does for us as He indwells us bringing fresh strength and purpose in His power. So, this fall we will be learning and growing with a study by well-known author Max Lucado entitled *“Help is Here.”* Interested? If so, join Max Lucado & us in this five-session study complete with a video series and study book to learn more about this “helper” whom we know

as the Holy Spirit. You will receive the tools and encouragement you need to become joyful, enthusiastic, and empowered as you draw closer to God; learn who the Spirit is and how He can help you; find true rest and peace as you let Him carry your burdens; and discover your unique gifts to further God’s Kingdom. **Kick-off date is Thursday, September 17, from 1:30-3:00pm** in the library with subsequent dates on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. There is a sign-up sheet by the coffee window to let us know you will be joining us and to order you a book! Please invite family & friends to join us this FALL! Questions...talk to Marcia Breuker or Susan Vanderlaan.

Angel Community Church is sponsoring a “Back-to-School Prayer Bash” on Saturday, September 12, from 1-5pm at Angel Church. This community event is for students enrolled in school to receive essential items (personal care items, socks & underwear, resources & support) and PRAYER!!! Please join us!

Kids Corner Devotions: Get Into the Habit - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Get Into the Habit” at www.kidscorner.net. What are your spiritual daily habits that help grow closer to God? They’re things like prayer, Bible reading, and worship. They’re habits we do because we love God and have his spirit in our hearts. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

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!**

After watching the suffering and struggle, Jesus said, “Jim, my son, it’s time to come home!” **Jim Secord** took Jesus’ hand Wednesday morning after a hard and courageous battle with Sue faithfully by his side to the very end. To Sue and Mike and your whole family, we ache with you and our hearts go out to the Lord together with you. Please pray for the whole family as they process and gather together to grieve, honor and celebrate a life well-lived. Visitation will be 6-8pm at the Lee Chapel on Monday, August 31, with the funeral Tuesday, September 1, at 11:00am at our church followed by a luncheon. May they feel God’s tender embrace and care in the days and months ahead.

Betty TenBrink fell at the Village on Monday and found out that she has a fracture in a vertebra. She is managing pain and will be in recovery for up to six weeks at home. We pray for healing and strength in these weeks ahead.

Ron Vlasma’s recent CT scan showed that the tumor is still at the end of his esophagus, so there hasn’t been much progress since April. A new treatment plan will start in three weeks and will include chemo and radiation every week for an extended time. The family appreciates your prayers & encouragement.

Kate Overkamp had reached out to Pastor Mark that she was having her baby this week and asked us to pray for her and family. We are awaiting the happy news!

Sandy Volkers had knee surgery on Tuesday, August 18. Pray for her recovery as she works through the pain and therapy. Give Ron strength and everything he stands in need of as he cares for her and encourages her in the weeks ahead.

Let’s surround our schools with prayer every day this school year remembering the principals, the board, the students and their parents, the teachers, staff members, carpools, bus drivers, custodians, and the buildings themselves. May the 2026-2027 school year be one of much growth, learning, discovering, leading, and loving as our children take steps forward to be Kingdom changers and more and more like Jesus.