

Sermon notes We live to BLESS—S: Support Christian Education

Luke 18:15-17

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Allen Avenue Christian Reformed Church

Pastor Stan Sturing

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

Believe - Believe in One Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Believe that the Bible is the true and inspired Word of God and reveals the saving message of Jesus Christ.

Love – Love and nurture one another as the body of Christ and our neighbors as children of God.

Evangelize - Evangelize by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with our neighbors and by participating in mission efforts across the globe.

Support – Support Christian education with our gifts and prayers and by volunteering our time.

Serve - Serve our community and world by pursuing God's justice and peace in all areas of life.

**Welcome to Worship at Allen Avenue CRC
We are glad you have come to join us in worship today!**

Prelude

Praise ("I Love You")

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

*Opening Songs of Praise

God is Here

LUYH 246

Children of the Heavenly Father

LUYH 23

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Profession ("I believe you")

Nathan Schout and David Miedema

Song of Response

Great is Thy Faithfulness

LUYH 348

Prayers of the People

Peg Rop

Illumination ("I'm Listening")

*Song of Illumination

Ancient Words

LUYH 762

Scripture Passage

Luke 18 :15-17

Message

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Prayer of Application

Response ("Thank you")

Offerings ~ General Fund, World Renew

Next week ~ General Fund

*Sung Response

Tell Your Children

LUYH 314

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Dedication

You Shall Love the Lord

LUYH 724

*Postlude

**indicates please stand, if able*

Nursery & Coffee Fellowship

07/17: Nursery: Nancy, Tayla | Coffee Fellowship: Sue & John
07/24: Nursery: Renee, Maelin | Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Sherrie
07/31: Nursery: Barb, Emily | Coffee Fellowship:
08/07: Nursery: Sue, Taylor | Coffee Fellowship:
08/14: Nursery: Susan V, Tayla | Coffee Fellowship: Ron & Sandy

Allen Avenue Care List

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| Nella B | Joann D | Wilma D | Jim D | Vicky F |
| Lois G | Art K | Walt K | Pearl K | Joel S |
| Betty T | Joyce V | Ro V | June W | Tillie W |

Allen Avenue Missionaries

Eric and Judith – Western Asia
Stephan and Alicia – Kenya
Rev. Jerry – Back to God Ministries
Angel Community Church – Muskegon
Zuni Christian School – Zuni, New Mexico
Stan & Bessie – Philippines
Paul & Charlotte – Mission French Africa

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Prayer Requests

-Pray for Joyce V – Our Care List Member of the week
-Allen Avenue Missionary of the week – Stephan & Alicia, Kenya
-I am having a heart ablation on Tuesday the 19th. So, I am asking for prayers that it will be affective and all will go smoothly. Thanks, Myla Workman
-Aiden will be having a CT soon, pray that the hole will heal on its own.
-Lift up in prayer the children who came to King's Kids last week! Give thanks for the teachers and helpers who made the week go smooth.
-Walt is now in Robbins Wood with Pearl. He seems to not have any known damage from his stroke. We praise God for his mercy and healing! We will continue to lift you and Pearl up!
-We rejoice with Beth and Dave V. and families as Beth is now home and recovering so well after open heart valve replacement surgery. Continue to heal her heavenly father, as we give you all the glory, honor and praise for this gift of health.
-We give our thanks and praise to God for bringing Dan and Luke M. home from their mission trip to the Dominican Republic. And for all of those who went on this trip from Calvin Church Young Peoples. We thank God for leaders and families that supported this effort and for church families who prayed and gave. We look forward to hearing about their trip and how God has worked in their lives through it!
-Thanks and praises that Sue & John S. niece, Katie S. was able to make it home safely from Africa! This is truly a gift. She is here for 2 weeks and the families are so thankful for everyone's prayers. Truly a gift!
-Ron & Sandy were able to have a good visit with Rich and Nancy for lunch last week. The hospice nurse thinks he has about a month left, but that is a guess. May God give rich blessings, comfort and peace these last days with him.
-Thanks that Carver and Maddox continue to do well! So very beautiful to see the growth in these tiny ones!
-Our praises and thanks go out to Gord T. as his heart surgery was successful and he was able to go home.
-Continued prayers for Kathy as her hearing is coming up. May God work with her and this family as they fight for his will to be done for the children.
-Pray for those unspoken hurts and cares that people are struggling with.
-Continued prayers for Judy V. friend, Evelyn who had lung surgery. She is struggling from a lot of pain and now allergic reactions. She is on several meds.
-Liz -continued prayers that she may get the nutrition she needs.
For Jim B. results are still inconclusive regarding Lupus.

Announcements

Live streaming of our worship service is slated to begin at 9:55am on Sunday morning. The live stream will be located under the videos section of the YouTube page. The worship videos will continue to be available as a recording if you are unable to watch the service live.

Allen Avenue Prayer Ministry Prayer Time will be Tuesday's from 7-8PM. Updates: Join us by selecting this link:
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81035650227?pwd=cUhpVTdzTVlUbEMyVGs3UTBLWE5pQT09> Meeting ID: 810 3565 0227 Passcode: 573272

Have you noticed anything around church that needs fixed, replaced, etc? There are work order slips on the desk in the office. Please fill out a work order and place it in Dave Bishop's mailbox downstairs.

Please add to your church directory: Mokma, Sally (Bill)
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Today's special offering is for World Renew. World Renew embraces a family-centered approach to ending global poverty with food, security, peace and justice, economic livelihood and health. We join families in more than 50 developing countries to change global hunger, poverty, and illness.

Search Team Update: We have had "meet and greet" sessions with three prospective candidates. We ask for your prayers as we continue this process.

Tillie has been moved to Resthaven Care Center in Holland. This is closer to where her daughter Sherry lives. Cards may be sent to her home and Dave will deliver them to Tillie. Visitors are welcome 8am-8pm. The address is: Resthaven Care Center Room 501 280 West 40th Street Holland

Summer is in full swing & children are in our pews. Would you be willing to do a short children's message to help them know they are an important part of our church family? If you are high school age and up

please contact Deb Vlasma or Peg Rop to work out a date that works for you!

The deacons are thankful for June General Fund offerings of \$18,346. Special offerings for Reframe (Back to God Ministries) of \$103 and Resonate Global Missions of \$131 are also gratefully received.

The Finance Committee reports that the 2022 General Fund offerings at the end of June totaled \$127,259. As you may recall, the approved budget for 2022 included a provision for additional financial support to Muskegon Christian School and to Missions if certain conditions were met. This support hinged on year-to-date giving at the end of June totaling \$130,000 or more. Unfortunately, we did not meet this goal. However, our overall financial picture is positive. While our year-to-date expenses at the end of June totaled \$132,000 (which is more than our income for that same period), we have already paid our Christian Education commitment and Mission support for the entire year. Much of our expenses are fixed costs in payroll, utilities, Christian Ed, missions and denominational commitments and we are current in these categories.

A sincere thanks to all the members of the congregation who remembered me on my 100th birthday. It has been a privilege to be a member of Allen Avenue for my entire life. John W