

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!**

GATHERED

Prelude

Invitation to Quiet (**P – Pause to be still**)

R – Rejoice with a Psalm & reflect on a Scripture

A – Ask God to help us and others

Y – Yield to God's will in our lives

Call to Worship (**Rejoice with a Psalm**)

Leader: We rejoice in a God who listens, joining with the ancient
praise of all God's people in the words of Psalm 5.

O Lord, hear us as we pray;

pay attention to our groaning.

**People: Listen to our cry for help, our King and our God,
for we pray to no one but you.**

Listen to our voices in the morning, Lord.

**Each morning we bring our requests to you and wait
expectantly.**

Leader: let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them sing joyful praises forever.

Spread your protection over them,
that all who love your name may be filled with joy.

*Opening Songs of Praise

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

LUYH 526

Here I am to Worship

LUYH 567

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession

Sung Prayer of Confession

Lord, I Need You

Assurance of Pardon

INTERCESSION

Song

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

LUYH 896

Prayers of the People (**Ask God to help us and others**)

written by Mike Fongers, read by Sue Sytsema

Song

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

LUYH 896

THE WORD

Scripture Passage

Genesis 4

Message

Public and Private Prayer

Yielding Prayer (**Yield to God's will in our lives**)

Offering ~ General Fund

Next week ~ General Fund, WMCHS

*Gifts may be placed in the offering plates as you exit the sanctuary
or online at allenavechurch.churchcenter.com/giving*

*Sung Response

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LUYH 897

Sent Out

*Sung Blessing

May the Lord God Hear You Pray

LUYH 894:1,2 (solo)

Hear, O Lord, My Urgent Prayer

LUYH 376:5 (all sing)

*Postlude

Nursery & Coffee Fellowship

07/31: Nursery: Barb, Emily | Coffee Fellowship: Laurie & Roger
08/07: Nursery: Sue, Taylor | Coffee Fellowship: Carol & John
08/14: Nursery: Susan V, Tayla | Coffee Fellowship: Sandy & Ron
08/21: Nursery: Toni, Sherrie | Coffee Fellowship: Barb & Jim

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

Allen Avenue Care List

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

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Prayer Requests

-Pray for **June W** – Our Care List Member of the week
-Allen Avenue Missionary of the week – **Angel Community Church**
-**Pat F.-Liz** is struggling with lots of pain. They are very thankful that she is having her ultrasound this Thursday in Muskegon at 7am. Pray that they do not find anything too serious and that they can identify what is causing her skin to break out into “bumps”. Thanks that the iron transfusions have given her some more energy. Please pray for strength and hope for their family. Thank you!
-**Rich-God**, please continue and thank you for being so near with him at this time. We thank you that he is once again alert and pray that he is stable and allowed to see his daughter who is coming from California. This has been a hard road to travel as death from this life is often painful. We are so thankful you are present with him, his family and with Ron & Sandy.
-**Ayden**-Hold him close Father as you lead him and his family through these times of good and pain. May his heart be healed and his body refreshed and allowed to grow and do the things so many of us take for granted.
-**Jim B**-We pray, too, Father that Jim will feel your healing touch and may he and the hematologist appointment coming up in August gives him some needed direction. He is your man of God here on earth, preaching the gospel, showing and teaching others your word. May you give him the ability to continue glorifying your name no matter his situation.
-**Mary and John K**-we thank you Father that John appears to have overcome his bout with COVID. We also thank you that Mary is able to do more. Please continue to keep this godly couple in your healing hands.
-**Education**-Pray for God’s leading as the committee prepares for the planning of various educational programs for all ages that will be starting in the fall. We thank you for all this committee has done in the summer including covering our children in nursery. We also thank you, for providing such wonderful nursery helpers!
-**The Chosen**-We continue to pray that these beautiful and biblically based showings are well received. We thank you for the discussions we have and for those who lead them. May God BLESS each one who comes.
-**SERVE**-Can you help welcome others to our congregation by inviting them out for lunch or inviting them over? Or maybe call someone different? We all are part of this Allen Avenue family of God. Let's make a difference!
-**Willie and his grandma, Lynn**. Willie visits our church probably weekly or more. Pastor Stan and others have been reaching out to him, taking him for lunch and for a ride to Meijer’s to turn in cans he has collected. He is very thankful. He asks for prayers that he may be able to find work. Stan and Peg are seeking God’s guidance as to if giving him guitar lessons and a guitar would help him or not.

-Praying for those traveling or on vacation from work. May God provide safety and refreshing fun as they discover God's creation in other places or even at home!

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://us02web.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.

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!

Ladies You are Invited! Another trip is being planned for the Art Barn in Fennville. We will be leaving from the church at 8:45 in the morning on August 27. Express Yourself Art Barn opens at 10:00 and offers tiling, ceramics, light catchers, glass fusing etc. Glass fusing room requires reservations, so if this interests you, please contact Laurie Slorf ASAP. The glass fusing room only has seating for 7. Let's fill a couple cars again and get creative together!!! Contact Laurie Slorf for info.

Our church has committed to pray for Muskegon on the first of each month which is tomorrow, August 1. Please remember the people who live here, first responders, Tim and DJ, lawyers, police officers and their families. We pray for cool heads on hot days and nights, for protection for children and families and for a healthy, growing community. *****
praymuskegon.org/prayer-outline

Tillie W. left the Rest Haven Rehab Center in Holland on Friday. From there she moved to American House on James Street in Holland. She hopes to be receiving more rehab therapy there. Your cards and words of encouragement mean a lot - thank you for taking the time to send them out. Her new address is: 11907 James St. Holland, MI 49424 If you can visit, she is in the Driftwood unit, same as June W.

Did you know regular exposure to upsetting information can trigger symptoms that mimic post-traumatic stress disorder and anxiety? You may find that you have trouble sleeping, concentrating, eating or remembering even simple tasks. Our compassionate behavioral health experts at Pine Rest are here to support your mental well-being. Call 1.800.442.0809 (press 1), say you are a CAP member with Allen Avenue to receive free and confidential support.