SERMON NOTES:

Sermon: "Magistrate - His Kingdom Will Never End" Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7 (pg. 985) & Revelation 11:15-19 (pg. 1758)

ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH







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pastor@allenavechurch.org susan.vanderlaan@allenavechurch.org PASTOR MARK HOFMAN OCTOBER 19, 2025 **WORSHIP 10:00AM**

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, October 19, 2025 Pastor Mark Hofman

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

*Songs of Praise

We Bow Down He is Exalted

All Hail, King Jesus

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Renewed in God's Grace

The Ten Commandments Litany (from the Epistles)

Children's Message

Children's Blessing

The Lord is good to all. He made the world. He takes care of it. He also takes care of you and me. Go and worship him with thankful hearts!

Prayers of the People Pastor Mark

We Listen to God Speak

Song of Preparation Seek Ye First

LUYH 899

Scripture

Isaiah 9:6-7 (pg. 985) & Revelation 11:15-19 (pg. 1758)

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

Message

"Magistrate - His Kingdom Will Never End"

Prayer of Application

*Song

SNC 42

SNC 41

LUYH 722

Betty TenBrink

Build Your Kingdom Here (Rend Collective)

We Are Sent Out to Serve

Offering: General Fund

(offerings may be given online or placed in the baskets at each entrance)

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

LUYH 374:1,2,4

*Postlude



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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.
Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



10/19: Nursery: Dale Johnson & Maelin Vlasma

Children in Worship: Amber Johnson and Carol Peterman

Coffee Fellowship: Randy & Becki Fisher

10/26: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Tayla Vlasma

Sunday School/Catechism

Coffee Fellowship: Russ & Deb Vlasma

11/2: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Asher Hofman

Children in Worship:

Coffee Fellowship: John & Sue Sytsema 11/9: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Deb Anderson

Sunday School/Catechism

Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Elaine Holwerda



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) Betty TenBrink
- 4) Ro VerHeul
- 2) Joel Stefanits
- 5) Jim Doornbos
- 3) Wilma Doctor

*Please call or send a card to Care List Member, Wilma! 3637 Whispering Woods Dr., Muskegon, MI 49444

Dear Care List Members, Every time we think of you, we say a prayer that the day will be a gentle one for you...a day that brings you plenty of comfort, reasons to smile, and lots & lots of reminders how very loved you are!



A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests & Members!

"This is the day that the Lord has made...let us rejoice and be glad in it!" If you are seeking love, joy, friendship, & encouragement in your Christian walk, you have come to the right place here at Allen Avenue! Be Blessed!

During the month of October, Pastor Mark will be continuing his series on The Nicene Creed:

Oct. 19 – Isaiah 9:6-7 & Rev. 11:15-19 "<u>M</u>agistrate - His Kingdom Will Never End" Oct. 26 – John 16:12-15 "<u>M</u>outh – He Spoke Through the Prophets"

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Disability Awareness Sunday - As you celebrate disability awareness this week, take time to thank God for people with disabilities who are a part of your life and your church family. Praise God for the gifts that each person can share. Pray that everyone in the church and community will notice people with disabilities and work to reduce barriers to their participation. Brainstorm ways in which you can participate in making your church a more inclusive space.

The Planning & Visioning Committee would like input from the congregation about Allen Avenue's worship ministry. An electronic survey has been submitted to council by the Worship & Music Committee and was emailed with the bulletin on October 12. The survey will also be available in printed form. Your feedback is important and will be considered carefully as we seek to build a vibrant worshipping community at Allen Avenue CRC.

On Saturday, October 25 at 5:00pm and Sunday, October 26 at 3:00pm, Angel Church will be celebrating 25 years of God's faithfulness. Classis Muskegon is inviting all the local churches to help them celebrate. Special guest speakers will be Bishop Edward D. Rockett, Jr. of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church of Lansing and Dr. Timothy Brown of Western Theological Seminary President Emeritus. Mark your calendars and plan on joining in on their 25th anniversary!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

During the last Council meeting, we began a discussion on potentially pursuing air conditioning for our sanctuary. We are asking for your input regarding the possibility of this major expense. The cost would be around \$85,000. We would likely secure significant pledges from the congregation before beginning a project like this. We are asking you to share your opinion with us. Please speak with Jack DeJonge (dejonge.jack@gmail.com) or any other council member. If we receive significant input in favor of pursuing AC, we will continue with our work on this. Then, after careful investigation, the Council would vote on whether to approve the project. If approved, a proposal would go before the congregation for the final approval vote.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas is a ways off but it's already **time to fill Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! The GEMS** will be putting boxes together again this year, but we need your help. Tags with suggestions for the shoeboxes are on a table in the basement. Please help us out by taking a tag (or 2 or 5 or 10) and bringing the items back to church by Sunday, Nov. 5. Thank you for supporting us in this ministry with Samaritan's Purse to bring the love of Jesus to girls in another part of the world.

The 13th annual Trunk-or-Treat for the families of the Angell Neighborhood will be held on Halloween night from 6:00- 7:00 pm at Angel Church.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun by sharing treats from the trunk of your car. Just arrive by 5:30pm and bring your own candy or help distribute what's been donated by local churches and businesses. Decorations and costumes are fun but not required. Can't make the event? There are bins inside both of our entry doors for dropping off donated candy. Donation deadline is Sunday, October 26.

Muskegon Christian School has been very blessed with members from AACRC watching staff kids in the past during Monday staff meetings and faith integration training. We are prayerfully looking for volunteers on the following dates from 2:50-4:30pm: November 3 & 10, December 1 & 8.

The AACRC Cadets are collecting boxed potatoes for the Muskegon Rescue Mission Thanksgiving Food Drive. There will be a blue barrel in the fellowship hall through Sunday, November 2. The goal is to collect 225 boxes to put in the holiday baskets. Thanks for the help in giving our neighbors a meal to celebrate this Thanksgiving!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

"Hearts on Fire" Ladies Bible Study will meet on Thursday, November 6, from 1:30-3:00pm. Complete Session 3 pages 47-77 in your "When You Pray" study book. We look forward to growing in the Word together! Ladies of all ages are warmly invited...bring a friend! See Susan Vanderlaan for more info.

Save the Date: District 2 & 4 will be having a potluck all together on Sunday, **November 9**, after coffee time in the fellowship hall. The main course and beverages will be provided...you just need to bring a dish to pass! There is a sign-up sheet downstairs for you to RSVP and what dish you would like to bring.

A while back the Mission Committee encouraged our congregation to contact our missionaries by writing letters, sending cards, or sending emails of encouragement and praying for them for those months. We are going to repeat that for this September/October. Please check the bulletin board for your district.

District 1: Eric and Judith Tuls 817 Central Ave Spring Lake, MI 49456 (Operation Mobilization) Eric 1-616-251-8780 , eric.tuls@om.org Judith 1-616-251-9003 judith.tuls@om.org

District 2: Charles and Hensel Oh (Resonate Global Mission) Best to use email because they are moving to Japan in July after 11 years in the Philippines - coh@crcna.org

District 3: Paul and Charlotte Mpindi (Mission French Africa)
- 2221 Ridgewood Ave S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49546
contact@missionfrenchafrica.org P.O.Box 120191 Grand Rapids, MI 49528-0104 **District 4:** Jeffery Hough 1064 Wood St., Muskegon, MI 49442
(Angel Community Church) 1-231-215-3510 pastorjah@angelcc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Warmest Congrats to Beth & Dave VanRees as they welcomed Monroe Parker into their family on Sunday, October 12, born to Charlie & Betsy! She's a true gift!

Ron Vlasma-received the results of his PET scan this week and will begin chemo and radiation for the tumor at the bottom of his esophagus. Continue to pray...

Carol Dirkse has entered "Heaven's Waiting Room and is waiting for her Lord to come for her. Daughters **Valerie & Shelly** appreciate all your prayers & love.

We thank God that **Ron Bol** has returned home after being hospitalized this week for an infection and for some issues with his knees.