

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: Matthew 5:33-37 Pew Bible Page #1379

Message: *Loving Boundaries*

Allen Avenue Christian Reformed Church



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Pastor Mark Hofman
October 25, 2026
Worship 10:00AM

Come Now is the Time to Worship!

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We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, & I will give you rest.
***People: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and
humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls.***"
--Matthew 11:28, 29

*Song of Praise *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* LUYH 590 vs. 1-4

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Renewed by Grace

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song: *Oh, How I Love Jesus/By Grace We Have Been Saved* LUYH 676 vs. 1
LUYH 675 vs. 1 & 5

Children's Message Ron Bol

Children's Blessing

*As you worship the Lord,
may he go with you, may his Spirit live in you,
and may his love fill you.
Praise him with thanksgiving.
Go in peace.*

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark

God Speaks and We Listen

Song of Preparation: *My Song is Love Unknown* LUYH 148 vs. 1-2, 6

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

Message *Loving Boundaries*

Prayer of Application

To Share in His Grace

Song of Preparation *Remembering with Love and Hope* LUYH 809 vs. 1, 4-5

Sacrament of Communion

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: *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* LUYH 590 vs. 6,8

*Postlude

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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



10/25: Nursery: Susan Vanderlaan & Maelin Vlasma
Sunday School: Kristen Vlasma & Jill Schuitema
Coffee Fellowship: Devin & Annabell Snyder
11/1: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Jasmine Snyder
Sunday School/Catechism: Sue Sytsema & Justin Wilson
Coffee Fellowship: Travis & Jasmine Snyder
11/8: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Becki Fisher
Sunday School: Melisa Vlasma & Deb Anderson
Coffee Fellowship: Judy, Eric, & Stacy Vaandering, Sandy & Ron
11/15: Nursery: Charry Snyder & Addie Maat
Sunday School/Catechism: Dale Johnson & Stephanie Hofman
Coffee Fellowship: Scott & Toni Schuitema

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, & Members on This Communion Sunday!

We are so glad you have joined us in worship today as we praise the Lord of the Harvest and partake of the Lord's Supper together! Pastor Mark will continue to preach this month on how God's gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 13 (faith, hope, and love) guide us through lament, grief, and relational boundaries. *Faithful Lament, Hopeful Grief, and Loving Boundaries* cover many experiences that we all go through in life. God's Word provides guidance and encouragement to trust that he's with us and will show us his way through. We will hear from the Psalms, from Paul's letters, and Jesus' words that his yoke is easy, and his burden is light. Join us in the lower level after the worship service for a great time of fellowship with the family of God here at AACRC!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

AACRC's next council meeting will be Wednesday, October 28, at 6:00pm, with the Elders' & Deacons' meetings to follow. Remember to pray for Pastor Mark and our council and they seek to lead and guide God's church well!

The special offering for Sunday, November 1, will be for World Renew of the Christian Reformed Church. World Renew is compelled by God's deep passion for justice and mercy, joining communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Have questions about today's sermon? Want to join others in discussion about it? Connect group is meeting shortly after the service and fellowship time in the lounge off of the kitchen in the lower level. This group is for all who would like to participate. Have questions...please see Denise Koetje or Charry Snyder.

The Cadets are collecting boxed (flake) potatoes for the Muskegon Rescue Mission's Thanksgiving Drive. There will be a barrel for collection over the next two Sundays (Oct 25 & Nov 1) in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating for Muskegon families to celebrate a Thanksgiving meal together! Thanks, on behalf of the Allen Avenue Cadets.

"Deadline for the Allen AveNews is Sunday, October 25," says Sandy! ☺

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

The heavenly matches are all made! Each of our students, principals and teachers have a partner who will pray for them and love on them this school year! Many, many thanks for everyone's willingness and commitment to this important ministry!

Muskegon Christian School has been very blessed with members from AACRC watching staff kids during Monday staff meetings and faith integration training. We are prayerfully looking for volunteers on the following dates from 3:00-4:30. Nov. 2 & 9, Dec. 7 and 14, Jan. 4 and 11 Please reach out to Nate Schout with interest. nschout@mchristianschool.com

It's that time of year again and the GEMS can use your help! We will be packing our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes soon and could use some gifts for them! Please take a minute and visit our display in the fellowship room today! All items need to be returned to church next SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st. There will be boxes at each entrance to collect items. Thanks for your help, Allen Ave. Now let's pack shoeboxes and most importantly spread His love and message to others.

Muskegon County Right to Life Annual fund-raising dinner is Tuesday October 27, 2026, at Fricano Place Event Center | 1050 W Western Ave, Muskegon. Special guest speaker is Dr Ben Carson, a Renowned Neurosurgeon , Bestselling Author and Pro-Life Advocate. Go to muskegonrntl.org or contact Ron Friday at [231-798-3845](tel:231-798-3845) for more information or to purchase tickets.

Men's Bible Study will meet on Monday, November 2, at 6:15pm, to study Lesson 23 in our Hebrews books pages , "He Walked with God." All men are always welcome to join, so see Brian Schuitema if you need a book.

"Hearts on Fire" Women's Bible Study will meet Thursday, November 5 , from 1:30-3:00pm in the library. Study Session 4 "Our Intercessor & Advocate" pages 61-83.

The Angell Neighborhood Association is hosting their annual family-friendly **Trunk-or-Treat on Halloween night from 6:00- 7:00 pm at Angel Church.** All are welcome to join in the fun of passing out candy to our neighbors. Just arrive before 5:45 pm. Costumes, decorated trunks, and bowls of candy are all optional. Can't make it? You can help by donating candy. Look for the bins at each of our church entry doors. Thanks for your support of this community-building event.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

A Weekend of Faith, Fellowship & Spiritual Renewal Ladies from all Christian denominations and church backgrounds are warmly invited to join us for a special De Colores weekend centered on Jesus Christ on Thursday, October 29 – Sunday, November 1, 2026, at Shiloh Tabernacle. What Is De Colores? *De Colores* means "of colors" in Spanish. It celebrates the joy and beauty of life in Christ and the unity we share through Him. A De Colores weekend offers women an opportunity to step away from everyday distractions and spend meaningful time in prayer, worship, Christian fellowship, and spiritual growth. Registration Information: Registration Fee: \$25 per person (Food, drinks, and fellowship are included.) If you need financial assistance with the registration fee, please reach out to Alexis Tjapkes at [616-312-9077](tel:616-312-9077) to discuss sponsorship and to get more information!

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Dale & Eva Johnson wish to thank the congregation for the cards, prayers, and food given on their behalf as Eva goes through her cancer treatments.

Please continue to pray for Charlie VanRees, Dave & Beth's son, who is battling sepsis and other complications after an appendectomy.

Sally Mokma asks for prayers for her **husband Bill** who will undergo open heart surgery for the blockages this Thursday, October 29, at Trinity Hospital.

We as a congregation express our heartfelt sympathy to **Mary & John Kortman** with the homegoing of Mary's mom, **Marilyn Jordan**. Service of Celebration at Discovering Christ Church (previously Fifth Reformed) will be held Thursday, October 29, at 11am with visitation an hour before and Wednesday from 5-7pm at the Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral Homes.

Betty Tenbrink has moved into Seminole Shores Assisted Living #C18, 850 Seminole Rd, Norton Shores, MI 49441. We wish her all the best in her new home!

Ron Vlasma has begun his new treatment with minimal side effects and issues this time for which we give thanks! Cards, texts, or calls can be sent to: 1674 Montague Ave., Muskegon, MI 49441. Ron's cell: 231.740.8971.

Judy Vaandering will be having shoulder surgery on November 1.