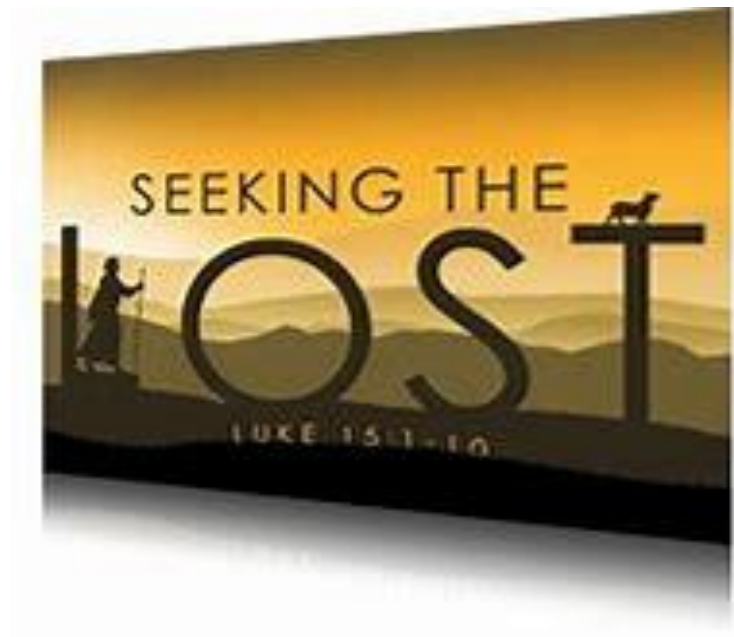


SERMON NOTES - Pastor Stan Kruis

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ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



**PASTOR STAN STURING
PASTOR STAN KRUIS
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM
OCTOBER 2, 2022**

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

**People: for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care. —Psalm 95:6-7, NIV**

*Opening Songs of Praise

Come, Now is the Time to Worship LUYH 526

Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down LUYH 510

*Greeting from the Lord

*We Greet One Another

Called to Serve

Our Affirmation: Joining the Mission of God

Leader: Joining the mission of God, the church is sent
with the gospel of the kingdom

**People: to call everyone to know and follow Christ and
to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus
there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent
and believe.**

Leader: The Spirit calls all members to embrace God's mission
in their neighborhoods and in the world:

**People: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty,
welcome the stranger, clothe the naked,
care for the sick, and free the prisoner.**

Leader: We repent of leaving this work to a few,

People: for this mission is central to our being.

~Our World Belongs to God, stanza 41

Song of Dedication

We Are Called

LUYH 296

Intercession

Prayers of the People

Pastor Stan

Children's Blessing (in unison)

**As you go out to hear God's story, may you listen with open ears,
see with open eyes, and go out - ready to show God's love to
others.**

Proclamation

Song of Preparation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LUYH 521

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Prayer of Application

Sent Out

Offerings

*Sung Response

Here I Am, Lord

LUYH 869

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Dedication

We Are an Offering

LUYH 874

*Postlude

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

NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

***Notice that some Nursery helpers have been rearranged due to conflicts with Sunday School & Catechism weeks!

10/02: Nursery: Laurie, Addy

Coffee Fellowship: John and Sue S

10/09: Nursery: Karen, Lily

Coffee Fellowship: Jack and Sherrie W

10/16: Nursery: Toni and Tayla

Coffee Fellowship: Case and Judy V

10/23: Nursery: Susan and Emily

Coffee Fellowship: Jim and Sue S

10/30: Nursery: Carol and Maelin

Coffee Fellowship: Phil and Charry S



Welcome Visitors, Guests, Members, & Pastor Stan Kruis – We are glad you have come to join us in worship today! Please fill out the Welcome card located in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate as you leave the sanctuary. We would love to meet you! Please join us for refreshments after the service in the lower level.

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 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

COUNCIL NEWS

Special offering for Sunday, October 2 will be for **Calvin University**. Calvin University, formerly Calvin College, is a private Christian university in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Founded in 1876, Calvin University is an educational institution of the Christian Reformed Church and stands in the Reformed tradition.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

***Prayer Time will NOT be held on Tuesday, October 4, but will resume on October 11.

Allen Avenue Prayer Ministry Prayer Time will be Tuesday's from 7-8PM. Updates: Join us by selecting this link: Passcode: 573272
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81035650227?pwd=cUhpVTdzTVlUeEMyVGs3UTBLWE5pQT09> Meeting ID: 810 3565 0227

ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

Nella B Joann D Wilma D Jim D Vicky F

Lois G Pearl K Joel S Betty T Joyce V

Ro V June W Tillie W - We pray for everyone

on our care list and for all the care-givers who so lovingly serve and help them in ways no one else is able to...God, bring them strength, wisdom, patience, love and kindness.

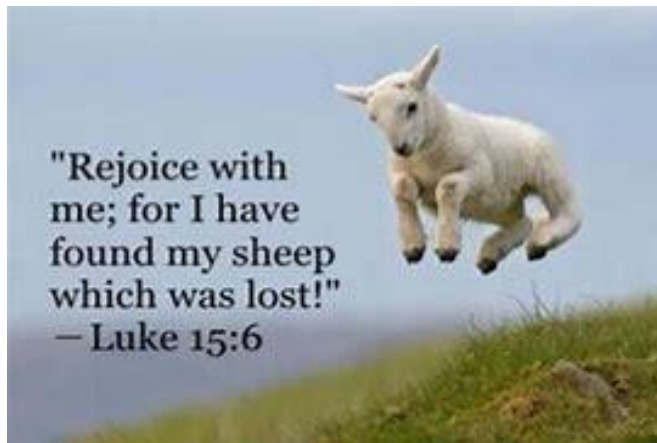
The CROP Hunger Walk is TODAY, Sunday, October 2.

Please pray for the walkers, the volunteers and the people who will benefit from the pledges. We have Deb, Russ, Karen, Marcia and Sue walking. Thank you for your support again this year! SO appreciated!

GEMS Notice: Wednesday, October 5, 6:00 - 8:00pm **GEMS** will meet in the basement. Remember to bring your Bible and a pen or pencil with you. Let's get started learning more about **Act. Love. Walk.** See you there!

Ladies of All Ages: Join us for our brand-new Bible study starting this Thursday, October 6, at 1:30pm in the lounge. We are studying "Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story." If you need a study guide (\$12), please see Judy V, and read Week 1 Daily Lessons before Thursday. We can't wait to learn and grow together!

Our congregation is again partnering with Angell Church and the Angell Neighborhood Association to provide a safe and family-friendly "**Trunk-or-Treat**" on **Halloween night**. This year our event will be held in the parking lot of Angell Church. Plan now to attend! Bins for candy donations will be available at both entrances of our church beginning on October 9.



PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

-Pray for **Joel S** – Our Care List Member of the week
-Allen Avenue Missionary of the week – **Stan & Bessie K**

-We give thanks that God has brought a **new indoor custodian** to our church. Warmly welcome **LaRaya Sandford** when you see her!

-**Pat M's granddaughter, Kristin**, is in the hospital with pneumonia, but her breathing has improved some. Zoe Grace, Kristin and Zack's 6-month-old daughter, is able to visit mom in the hospital. Please pray for the family as she fights her cancer.

-“Allen Avenue, Thank you so much for all the cards, calls and food brought to me during this difficult time of mourning the loss of our precious dad, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great great-grandfather. Also, a special thanks to Pastor Stan for his visits with dad and comforting words before and after his passing away. We are truly blessed.” -**Carla Kieft & Family**

-**Remember our Council** -Jack D, Bob V, Sherrie W, Brian S, John K, Stan R, Dave V, Gabe V, Kelly D, Karen A, Dean J, Jean B, Pastor Stan.

-**Continue to lift up our Search Team** - Steve R, Pastor Stan, Mary K, Dave B, Tim M, Sandy V, Amber J, John S., Jim M, Stan R as they conduct interviews with candidates who wish to be our next pastor.

-**John W** is recovering well and hoping to go to a rehab unit soon.

-**Tillie W** continues to adjust to her new surroundings. Her change of address as of 9/22 is: Tillie Witt, American House – Bay Pointe Rm. 6, 11899 James St., Holland, MI 49424

-**Keri and Fernando V** made it safely to Chile. Here is their address if you wish to stay in touch: Fernando and Keri Vergara, 11276 Los Zuecos, La Florida, Santiago, Metropolitan Región, Chile 8301369