

SERMON NOTES

Scripture Passage: Acts 17:24-31 **Message:** *God: Thanks for Life*

ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS...continued

-For the **upcoming election and that we would be informed voters.**

-**We pray for our school children of all ages-** Simon, Nora, Karrissa, Yeabsira, Tekalegn, Maelin, Tayla, Emily, Devon, Travis, Katelyn, Trevor, Tiffany, Molly, Taylor, Ashley, Shelby, Danny, Luke, Adele, Joe, Matthew, Carlie, Daniel, Serenity, Lily, Riley, Pao

-**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, and 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.

**PASTOR STAN STURING
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM
NOVEMBER 6, 2022**

Come...Now is the Time to Worship

Sunday, November 6, 2022

GATHERING

Prelude

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: The God of heaven and earth

loves us with a reckless, unending love.

People: Let us sing to the Lord and praise his Name.

Leader: Our living, Creator God, breathed his life into us.

People: In Him we live and move and have our being.

All: Let us sing to the Lord and praise his Name.

PRAISE

*Opening Hymn of Praise

What a Beautiful Name / He is Lord

LUYH 227

*Greeting from the Lord

*We Greet One Another

Testimony of Praise and Thanks

Lily Nguyen

Video

Reckless Love

INTERCESSION

Prayers of the People

Gord Peterman

[Children and Young People are dismissed for Children's Church, Sunday School and Catechism]

Children's Blessing (in unison)

God loves you.

He gave you life!

You were made by Him and belong to Him.

Go in peace.

PROCLAMATION

*Song of Preparation

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

LUYH 746

Scripture Passage

Acts 17:24-31

Message:

God: Thanks for Life

Prayer of Application

SENT OUT

Offerings

*Song of Response

My Life is In You, Lord

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

LUYH 964

*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!

11/06: Nursery: Amber and Taylor
Coffee Fellowship: Ron F and Sandy V
11/13: Nursery: Carol and Lily
Coffee Fellowship: Randy and Becki F
11/20: Nursery: Nancy and Karen
Coffee Fellowship: John and Carol S
11/27: Nursery: Susan and Addy
Coffee Fellowship: Kelly D and Loie VB

ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES



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



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	John W	

“The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”
Deuteronomy 31:8

Welcome Visitors, Guests, and Members! We are glad you have come to join us in worship today! There will be Sunday School and Catechism for our school-aged children this morning during the service. 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.

COUNCIL NEWS

The **special offering** today is for **World Renew**.

The following have been nominated for selection to the 2023 Council:

For Elder – Judy Vaandering, Scott Schuitema, **For Deacon** – Charry Snyder, Ron Vlasma
Dave Miedema, Sue Sytsema, Cam Vlasma

We will be selecting three elders and one deacon at the congregational meeting on November 20. Pray for these nominees to be used by God and be willing, ready, and eager to serve in this capacity!

Pastor Mark Hofman and Family are coming on November 13. Council would like the congregation to participate by submitting questions for consideration. There will be no open mic. Please fill out the form below and give your questions to Dave Bishop or Brian Schuitema today.

Name (required)

Questions for Q & A session of pastor candidate

COUNCIL NEWS...continued

Once again, the **deacons will be collecting non-perishable food items** at our annual Thanksgiving food drive. Let's be a blessing to those in our community with an outpouring of food for the Muskegon Rescue Mission.

The deacons are thankful for \$20,949 in General Fund gifts and offerings in October. They also acknowledge \$45 for Calvin University and \$75 for the CRC Office of Race Relations.

From the Finance Committee: For those of you who give via **Planning Center ACH transactions**, the price of ACH transactions went up on October 31, 2022 from \$0.25 to \$0.30 per transaction. All ACH donations will now be processed at the new rate, including recurring donations. If you wish, you can re-establish a new recurring donation to make sure 100% of the fee is covered. There is not a change with credit card donations.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

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=cUhpVTdzTVlUbEMyVGs3UTBLWE5pQT09> Meeting ID: 810 3565 0227

November is a great time to look at the many blessings & answers to prayer we have received from God in the past year. For this year, instead of doing an "answered prayer" video on Thanksgiving, we are going to **reach out to EACH person for ONE specific answer to prayer that you wish to share with us from the last year. Please do not just list family/friends/church etc. but something specific in which you are thankful to God for.** What has God done that stands out to you? How were you blessed through someone from God? What heartfelt prayer that you longed for was answered? **Starting Sunday through Thanksgiving, each person will get a paper leaf. Inside the leaf there is room to write out your thanks message to God. You may sign it or not. We will have a Birch Tree, extra leaves, and an attachment item in front of church next Sunday in which you can attach your leaf.** Those who get an emailed bulletin will get a leaf with their bulletin. A stamped envelope with our church address will be included so you can easily mail it back to us before Thanksgiving. and we will hang them for you. Each Sunday we will pick some to read hoping to have

them all read either before or on Thanksgiving. Let's shower GOD with thanks and BLESSINGS as He showers us!

This is the final day to bring in your items you purchased for **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** and put them in the Christmas paper wrapped boxes at the entrances of church. The GEMS really appreciate all the support they received from you to make this happen! If you still wanted to help but didn't want to shop for items, you can always make a cash donation which they can use to help with the shipping costs. See Jill S if you'd like to do this.

On Saturday, November 12, from 9:30-11:00am GEMS are meeting at church to put Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes together. Donuts will be served!

Please join the council and search team and Pastor Hofman and his family for a **potluck after the church** service on **November 13**. Drinks and ham will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and table service. Please sign up on the sheet at the coffee window. You won't want to miss this!

The **November Ladies Bible Study** dates are Thursday, November 3, and Thursday, November 17 at 1:30pm. There is still time to join us!

Western Michigan Christian School is seeking a high school Bible teacher for the second semester which begins on January 17, 2023. We are accepting applications from candidates who are interested in filling the position permanently or who would serve as a one semester long-term substitute. The teacher shall be a Christian committed to living a biblical lifestyle and called by God to teach. The teacher shall help students learn attitudes, skills, and subject matter that will contribute to their development as mature, able, and responsible Christians who will make a transforming influence in their world to the praise and the glory of God.

Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in theology, religious education, divinity, or a related field.
- Be deeply committed to a consistent daily walk with Jesus Christ.
- Show in his/her life the joy of the Christian life.
- Provide instructions which deepens student understanding of the Bible and stimulate faith development.
- Relates well with high school students.

Courses to be taught: Prophets New Testament Ethics

- **Contact Interim Principal Clyde Rinsema**
- **Cell: 231-329-5885** mrrinsema@wmchs.net

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES...cont

Upcoming performance dates for fine arts (band, choir, plays) of Western Michigan Christian Middle and High School students:

November 10 - Middle School/High School Fall Band & Choir Concert at Fruitport Performing Arts Center -7:00pm

November 17-19 - "The Murder at the Murder Mystery" Fall Play - Big Room

December 13 - Christmas Collage at the Frauenthal Center - 7:00 pm

If you are a **current volunteer in nursery** and 18 years or older, please **see Sherrie Wolffis for a Volunteer Application Form** to fill out. We are required by policy to conduct background checks every two years. Checks were last done in 2020. Thank you for your compliance.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

-Pray for **June W**- Our Care List Member of the week

-Allen Avenue Missionary of the week – **Rev. Jerry** – Back to God Ministries

-**Joyce V** went into the hospital last Thursday due to weakness. She has been transferred to Dogwood Shores Assisted Living Facility until she can gain her strength back and return home. Pray for her as she adapts to this change.

-We live to **B.L.E.S.S.** Believe, Love, Evangelize, Support Christian Education and Serve.

We thank God for the opportunities available for us **to serve in His name to the children at MCS!** The first two Mondays of the month, volunteers can help by watching the staff's children during the after-school time and also to volunteer to help them read during the week! Thank you, Nate for allowing us to serve and live our **BLESS** statement out in this way! Let us pray for volunteers to serve.

-We also thank God for the blessing of another **fun and safe Trunk or Treat.** We shared treats and friendship with approximately 375 trunk or treaters on a beautiful warm evening. Thank you, Lord! And we thank all involved from our church! (Barb M.)

-**Praises for a new grandson for Dave and Beth V!** Jackson David Pyper, mom Anne, and dad Jeremy are all doing well and praising God for this miracle!

-**News from Keri and Fernando in Chile!** Praises that their transition has gone better than expected. He had a 2nd job interview last week and continues to work hard on his doctorate. Pray for Keri's residency application that had to be resubmitted goes through quickly. They are so thankful they have found an amazing group of Jesus followers to worship with. Please pray for opportunities to build relationships with them and for the courage to share Jesus with non-believers! Thank you, Allen Avenue, for your faithful prayers. (Keri and Fernando V.)

-**Tekalegn V** Who was injured Wednesday in a soccer tournament game. He has a torn ligament and damage to his knee. Surgery is to be scheduled. Thanks Lord, that he is showing good faith and has a positive attitude.

-**Sandy V** had her 3rd Cardio version last Wednesday was not successful. The next procedure would be an ablation which could be 2-3 months away.

-**Denise K**, our church member who lives across the street from church, is suffering with a stress fracture in her foot. (Pastor Stan)

-**Pat M's granddaughter Kristin** is scheduled to go to Ann Arbor next week Tuesday and Wednesday. She will have chemo one day and they will drain fluid from her abdomen the other day. She is tired but has a good attitude. This may be from knowing she has such a sweet 7-month-old daughter who gives the whole family such joy and is such a good little girl. **Please keep Kristin, Zack and little Zoe Grace in your prayers.**

-**Pat M** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, November 8. She is comforted in knowing that her surgeon, Dr. Recknagel offers such heart-felt prayers before every surgery. That is truly a way to BLESS!

-**Pray for Judy V's sister who needs a new heart valve.** She heard from the hospital and is to go for an appointment for Pre-Op on November 15. They told her not to expect it too soon as it could be another couple of months after that. Pray for God's timing to be sooner if it is His will.

-Update from **Jennifer D** -please continue to pray for God's guidance regarding her job. She is getting things more settled as far as storage unit items. When asked if she would join us on a Tuesday night prayer time via Zoom, she hopes that may be possible later in November as she still is in a grief share program until then. She is thankful for emails and updates and our prayers. Keep them coming! (Peg R)