

Come...Now is the Time to Worship

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Invitation to Quiet

We Praise God for His Goodness

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Leader: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.

People: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music!

—based on Psalm 98

*Opening Hymn of Praise

Ten Thousand Reasons

LUYH 559

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

LUYH 516

*Greeting from the Lord

*We Greet One Another

We Confess Our Faith

*Statement of Faith

Leader: What do you believe about God?

People: We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God—eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just and good, and the overflowing source of all good.

~based on Belgic Confession, Art. 1

*Song

God is so Good

LUYH 777

We Pray for One Another and Our World

Prayers of the People

Judy Vaandering

[after the prayer, children and young people are dismissed with a blessing to Children's Worship, Sunday School and Catechism]

Children's Blessing (in unison)

God is Good.

He never stops loving you.

He never gives up on you.

He will always be with you.

Gladly worship Him today.

Go in peace.

We Listen to God Speak

*Song of Preparation

Give Thanks to God for Good is He

PsH 182

Scripture Passage : Psalm 107

Message: *Thanks telling*

Prayer of Application

Sent Out

Offerings: General Fund & Christian Care

[Offerings may be given online at [insert website address] or in the baskets at either of the sanctuary entrances]

*Song of Response

Waymaker

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise

I Will Sing of the Mercies

PsH 169

*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!

11/20: Nursery: Nancy and Karen

Coffee Fellowship: John and Carol S

11/27: Nursery: Susan and Addy

Coffee Fellowship: Kelly D and

12/4: Nursery: Sue and Renee

Coffee Fellowship: Russ and Deb V

12/11: Nursery: Laurie and Addy

Coffee Fellowship: Jack and Sherrie W

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

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| 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 | |

~~We thank and pray for all families on our care list, and for all of the caregivers who so lovingly serve and help them in ways no one else is able. Bring them strength, wisdom, patience, love and kindness.

Welcome Visitors, Guests, Members! We are so glad you have come to join us in worship today! There is Sunday School and Catechism for school-age children during the service. If you are visiting, 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

On Monday evening, the council met and agreed that we would like to extend a Call to Pastor Mark Hofman. Today we have a scheduled Congregational Meeting after the worship service where we will be voting on the 2023 Budget and selecting names for the office of elder and deacon. Additionally, the council will bring a motion to the congregation asking for approval to extend a Call to Pastor Mark Hofman. This is an exciting time for Allen Avenue and we ask that you hold our church up in prayer for God's guidance.

The following have been nominated for selection to the 2023 Council:
For Elder – Judy Vaandering, Scott Schuitema,
Dave Miedema, Sue Sytsema, Cam Vlasma
For Deacon – Charry Snyder, Ron Vlasma
We will be selecting three elders and one deacon at the congregational meeting today after the service. Pray for these nominees to be used by God and be willing, ready, and eager to serve in this capacity!

Special offering today is for **Christian Care**.

Join us this Wednesday evening for the Thanksgiving worship service at 7PM. It will be a special service of thanks and praise to the God who blesses us. We will be offering, through prayer, the expressions of thanks written from the leaves we have collected. After the service, you are invited to share in a time of fellowship and dessert! If you are moved to bless us with one of your desserts, please bring it to the kitchen a little before the service.

COUNCIL NEWS (...continued)

Remember the annual Thanksgiving food drive for the Muskegon Rescue Mission. Your non-perishable food items may be brought to church for our Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 23, or they can be brought to church this Sunday, November 20, and left outside the office door.

The special **Thanksgiving offering envelopes** are available in the racks by the front and back of church. If you would like to use one, please pick one up. Unspecified gifts will be split between Love INC and the Muskegon Rescue Mission. Options for online giving are also available through the Planning Center.

You are making a difference! On behalf of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, Allen Avenue CRC, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. Thank you! To discover more visit crcna.org/ministryshares.

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

We will not have Tuesday night Prayer Time or an Outline this week. We will resume on November 29.

There is still time to fill out a **leaf** of thankfulness and add it to our birch tree!

All who are able to read music and like to sing are invited to participate in a special Christmas choral number. We are excited to have Sally Mokma direct and Jo Bishop accompany us in the song, *The Christmas Star* - from a

past cantata - *The Gift Goes On* which some of you may recall. Practices will be November 27 and December 4 for about 45 minutes in the sanctuary. We will sing during the December 11 Worship Service.

From the GEMS: Thank you for all the support for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox project! **We were able to fill up and send out 30 very full shoeboxes!** Once we are informed, we will let you know where our boxes went. Last year they were delivered to girls in Benin. Please pray for the girls who will be receiving the boxes this year that they may get a glimpse of God's great love for them and come to know Him as their Lord and Savior. Thank you again for your part in this Kingdom work.

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

Upcoming performance date for fine arts (band, choir, plays) of Western Michigan Christian Middle and High School students:
December 13 - Christmas Collage at the Frauenthal Center - 7:00 pm

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

-Pray for Our Care List Member of the week is **John Walhout**. Cards of encouragement can be sent to: McAuley Place, Rm. 611, 1380 E. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon, MI 49442.

-Allen Avenue Missionary of the week – **Zuni Christian School**.

-**Joyce V** has been transferred to Dogwood Shores Assisted Living Facility until she can gain her strength back and return home. Her address is: 17936 Dogwood Drive, Ferrysburg, MI 49409.

-**We give thanks and praise for the Search Team and Council** in arranging last week's visit from prospective Pastor Mark, Stephanie and family. Please pray for God's guidance in the process and in the upcoming decisions in Sunday's Congregational meeting. May God be Praised!

-**Thanks and Praise for Judy V's sister, Annette**, who's surgery for a new heart valve went very well. Pray for a complete recovery.

-**Thanks that another election is done**. Pray that God will be called on every minute of every day to guide those in office,

-**Pat M** had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, November 8. She is home but suffering from some wound care issues and discouraged.

-**Pat M's granddaughter Kristen** has gone to her parents' home on hospice care. Please pray earnestly for this family with this heartbreaking news. May they feel God's presence and peace in the storm.

Ro V's son, Don Verheul, died suddenly from a massive heart attack last night. Please keep Ro, Laurie, Roger, and the family in your prayers.

-**Sandy V** asks for prayers for God to show the doctors what is needed to help calm her heart problems.

-**Sandy V's sister, Jean**, went into the hospital last Sunday with very high blood pressure, forgetting where she was and why. Thankfully testing showed

she did not have a stroke. A heart cath was scheduled for Tuesday. The doctors are sure they can fix what is wrong.

-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.

-**Tekalegn V** has a torn ligament and damage to his knee. Surgery is scheduled for November 28.

-Praying for those involved in the **WMC High School play** this weekend.

-**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.

-**For MCS and WMC as well as all schools, teachers**-Lis, Dave, Nate, Becky, Stephanie

-**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.

- Prayers for comfort for **Rose Robinson at Angel Church** in the sudden loss of her sister Shelia (Coco).

-**Please pray for those who are getting involved in Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas events/programs**. May God keep us focused on the "why" and may He keep Satan from hitting us hard with being too busy to make time for the "why".

