

August 27th, 2017

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – Deb Vlasma

Invitation to Quiet

*Call to Worship

* God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise

This Is The Day

Shout to the North

Faith of Our Fathers

Children's Message – Brian Schuitema

Congregational Prayer - Molly Patton

Offerings – General Fund

Song of Illumination

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Scriptures: 2 John & Luke 15:11-24

Message – **All Roads Lead to Rome, but...**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application

Far From Home We Run Rebellious

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song

Send Out Your Light and Your Truth

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Minister of the Word: Pastor Bruce Anderson

Pianist: Arlene DeKam

Worship Leaders: Sue Secord, Rebecca Cloud, Bob Botting,

John Schuitema

WELCOME TO ALLEN AVENUE

Welcome to all members and visitors who are worshipping with us today! We encourage any visitors and those who may be seeking a new church home to join us regularly for worship. Please join us for a cup of coffee or cold drink in the fellowship hall after the service.

Visitors – Please fill out one of the “Welcome” cards you will find in the cardholders on the back of the pews. After filling out the card, please place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

Leading us in worship is Pastor Bruce Anderson.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please lift up in prayer our missions of the week – Stan & Bessie Kruis, Philippines.

Our shut-in of the week is Dorothy Van Dam. Please remember her with prayers, cards, and phone calls. PH: 231.759.8351 - 3150 Boltwood Dr., Muskegon, MI 49441

WEEKLY CALENDAR – August 27, 2017

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – Ladies meet at Herbie’s Cafe

OFFERING INFORMATION

Today’s Offerings – General Fund

September 3 – General Fund, Calvin Seminary

September 10 – General Fund

From the Council: **Last week’s offering for the Allen Avenue GEMS was \$345.50 and for the General Fund was \$5,903.17.** Thank you for your faithful financial support.

Allen Avenue CRC Mission Statement:

With the love of Jesus we are Caring, Loving, Praising and Serving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours Change - This week Carmen will be in the office Monday afternoon, normal hours Tuesday-Thursday and not at all on Friday.

HEARTS TO HANDS: We've lost track of some of the templates we have for tracing the sewing lines on the shields. If you happen to have one you are not using on a regular basis, PLEASE let Vicky know. Thanks. 231.740.6323

Did you know that our website has a page for "Church Life"? This page is available to display pictures of church related activities. Things like Sunday school programs, Cadets, GEMS, small group activities and more. If you would like to show pictures of your activities, send your pictures to dejonge.jack@gmail.com www.allenavechurch.org

Thank you! Christian Care Assisted Living is so grateful to your church for supporting our Annual Ice Cream Social with your prayers, cakes, volunteering, donations and attendance. This year we were blessed with a \$5600 profit which will be used to providing our residents with an ice maker and making our patio area more accessible and comfortable for our residents. Thank you for your partnership in our mission.

Small groups for the Fall: The first round of books have arrived and will be handed out after the service. The cost is \$5.00 per book. Checks can be made out to church. If you still need a book, please sign up on the orange sheets at the entrances to the sanctuary or on the coffee tables **by today**. If you do not have a small group, that is ok. New groups are being established and current groups expanded.

Budgets for 2018 – Committees, don't forget to submit your updated budgets to the Treasurer, Jean Botting by **September 17th**.

Prayerfully consider nominations for the office of elder and deacon. In 2018 we will be adding 3 elders (1 administrative and 2 shepherding) and 3 deacons (1 administrative and 2 shepherding). Please use the enclosed Nomination Forms. Instructions are printed on the form, there are baskets at both entrances to the sanctuary to collect them.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us at our annual **West Michigan Christian School Golf Outing**, September 9th, at Thoroughbred Golf Club. Our goal is to help further the worthy cause of premiere Christian education. Every dollar raised at this event helps offset costs for our Christ-centered schools allowing each school to better steward their resources. Registration forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.

"I just felt like running." - Forrest Gump If this quote applies to you and the passion for running is in your soul, please join us on Warrior Weekend, September 15-16, for the 1st ever **WMC 24 Hour Warrior Pledge Run!!** WMC parent, Michele Schipma, is passionate about running and Christian education and is using that passion and training to raise funds for WMC Tuition Assistance. Students, families, and the community can register to run or walk for 1 hour or more on the WMC school campus course. Just register and run (registration fee applies) or help Michele in her mission by collecting pledges and directly benefiting students and families at WMC! 100% of the registration fees and donations will go to the WMC Annual Fund. Registration forms are available at the entrances to the sanctuary, or contact Denice Belknap with questions denicebelknap@wmchs.net or [231-799-9644](tel:231-799-9644) ext 208.

Worship on the Waterfront, tonight at 7:00 p.m. 1 N Harbor Drive, Grand Haven, will showcase **Mark Schultz**. Perseverance, creativity and a strong will are qualities that have served Schultz well throughout his career. A native of Colby, Kansas, Schultz moved to Nashville to pursue his musical ambitions and found inspiration and encouragement while working as a youth pastor. Since then the Dove Award winning artist has become one of Christian music's most acclaimed singers & songwriters.

Maranatha Bible & Missionary Conference, 4759 Lake Harbor Road, Muskegon, presents **David Pendelton**, Saturday, September 2 at 7 p.m. David has been in the business of making people laugh his whole life and has been doing "this" full time since 1990. He has performed in many counties and on four continents, as well as across most of our 50 United States. David has worked in every venue known, and he strives to make each event a personal experience for you.

IN SERVICE AT ALLEN AVENUE

Nursery Today: Susan Vanderlaan, Molly Patton

September 3 Toni Schuitema, Taylor Johnson

September 10 Charry Snyder, Shelby Schuitema

September 17 Amber Johnson, Sydney Sytsema

Children In Worship Today: Amber Johnson, Katelyn Morris

September 3 Barb Malda, Marcia Breuker

September 10 Beth Van Rees, Zoe Sytsema

September 17 Beth Van Rees, Ellie DeKam

Greeters Today: Steve & Nancy Rop

September 3 Loie VandenBosch & Tillie Witt

September 10 Dan & Arlene DeKam

September 17 Dave & Joanne Bishop

Coffee Today: Loie VandenBosch

Jack & Laurie DeJonge

September 3 Bob & Susan Vanderlaan

Kelly Dauser

September 10 Charlie & Deanna VanderPloeg

Dan & Arlene DeKam

September 17 Dave & Beth VanRees

Howard & Carol Dirkse

Congregational Prayer Next Sunday: Pastor Ben

Announcements Next Sunday: Deanna VanderPloeg

Sound Next Sunday: Dave Bishop

Projection Next Sunday: Scott Sytsema

Worship Team Next Sunday: Ellie DeKam, Sue Secord, Jill Schuitema

Ushers for September: Craig Bytwerk, Randy Fisher, Gord Peterman