



Allen Avenue Christian Reforme d Church

With the Love of Jesus We Are Caring, Loving, Praising and Serving

Pastor Benjamin Oliveira

September 10, 2017

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – Bob Vanderlaan

Invitation to Quiet

*Call To Worship

Pastor: The Triune God calls us to worship

People: *We worship Him and Him alone, for He is worthy*

Pastor: For he does great things for us

People: *We will tell everyone we meet, how great is God.*

*We Receive God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Songs of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lift High The Cross

Be Unto Your Name

Children's Message – Kelly Dauser

Time of Confession: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 8-9

Time of Assurance: Nehemiah 8:10-12

We offer our gifts for the General Fund

Prayers of the people – Lis Potts/Adie Oliveira

Song of Illumination

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

*Scripture – Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon: ***The Mission of the Church***

*Prayer of Application

*Song of Application

Freely, Freely

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song

Go into All the World

Sermon Outline – Matthew 28:16-20

I. What do you think the mission of the church is?

II. Some of the disciples doubted (v. 17). Explain.

III. The Great Commission:

A. Where does Jesus' authority come from?

B. Where and who does it cover?

IV. Application: why are we always trying to ignore or reinvent the Great Commission?

A. Everything we do must be based on _____.

B. What about our Allen Ave. ministries?

C. What about our mission statement?

D. What about the programs we do?

V. The Parts of the Great Commission:

A. The Commands _____ and _____

B. Disciple-making

1. by _____

2. by _____ all that the Lord has commanded.

VI. And how long are we to do this (v.20b)?

VII. Additional Comments/Thoughts:

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 Benjamin Oliveira.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please lift up in prayer our missions of the week – Matt & Katie DeKam serving in Honduras.

Our **shut-in of the week** is Lorraine Wolffis. Please remember her with prayers, cards, and phone calls. PH: 231.773.4311 - Room F-6, Seminole Shores Living Center, 850 Seminole Road, Norton Shores, MI 49441

From the family of Ellen Huizenga: We want to thank the congregation of Allen Avenue CRC for their continued support and prayers for our mother Ellen. We appreciate the birthday cards on her recent birthday as well as cards throughout the year. Thank you also to those of you who have visited. Thank you to Pastor Ben and Judy Vaandering for sharing the Lord’s Supper with her recently. We know that this has been happening over the last several years, and we have not expressed our gratitude often. But know that you continue to be in our hearts and prayers as well. Thanks again. Lynn, David, Patti and Jeff

New Office Hours

Pastor Ben: Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

You can always call my cell phone: 616.540.8525

Carmen: Tuesday – Friday - 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR – September 10, 2017

- Monday:** 6:00 p.m. – Angell Neighborhood Association meeting
*see announcement
- Wednesday:** 8:30 a.m. – Fellowship Breakfast at Mr. B's *see announcement
6:30 p.m. – Administrative Team meeting
6:30 p.m. – Shepherding Team meeting
- Thursday:** 8:00 a.m. – Ladies meet at Herbie's Café
9:30 a.m. – Hearts To Hands work bee *see announcement
2:00 p.m. – Mary Martha Bible Study and Fellowship
*see announcement
- Next Sunday:** Sunday School and Catechism for grades K-12 starts following the worship service

OFFERING INFORMATION

Today's Offerings – General Fund

September 17th – General Fund, Hearts to Hands

September 24th – General Fund

From the Council: **Last week's offering for Calvin Seminary was \$243.00 the General Fund offering was \$6,867.75.** Thank you for your faithful financial support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for Elder and Deacon are due TODAY. There are baskets at both entrances to the sanctuary to collect them along with extra ballots and envelopes.

We are in need of willing people to give Children's Messages during our worship service. Please contact Deb Vlasma if you would be willing to serve with this important ministry! 231.759.0773

The Angell Neighborhood Association invites you to join them for their monthly meeting, Monday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Education Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CON'T

Fellowship Breakfast is this Wednesday, September 13th at 8:30 a.m. at Mr. B's. Please RSVP to Pearl Kitchen by Monday, September 11th. 231.744.1585.

Hearts to Hands will have their regular work bee on Thursday, September 14th at 9:30 a.m. Many hands make light work. Come join this group and see what it is all about, there is lots of great fellowship taking place as the ladies work! Questions? Contact Vicky Fisher 231.740.6323.

Mary Martha Bible Study and Fellowship will have their first meeting on Thursday, September 14th at 2:00 p.m. ALL ladies of the church are invited to join them as they study the book of Revelation.

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

ADVANCE NOTICE: The **GEMS** will be kicking off their year with a get together on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:15 p.m. This is a special evening for the GEMS and their mothers. We will be talking about our new theme, our schedule for the year, our fundraisers, our special projects, and about GEMS Camp. Also, we will be enjoying ice cream sundaes!! All girls in grades 2 - 8 are invited along with their mothers. Please get this date on your calendars. See you then!

ATTENTION: The **CROP HUNGER WALK** is Sunday, October 1st! Such an opportunity for us to be helpful to 4 area agencies and worldwide. Please consider being a walker or a donor. See Sue Sytsema for more information. Thank you!

Copies of the **September/October Allen Avenue News** are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.

Small Groups for the Fall – if you haven't received your book yet, please check your mailbox. Books are \$5.00 each, checks can be made out to Allen Avenue.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Urgent need for Hurricane Harvey Recovery - After a week of unrelenting rain, World Renew Disaster Response Services is preparing to respond to catastrophic flooding in Texas from Hurricane Harvey. You can help homeowners who are struggling to return home, now and in the weeks and years to come, with your financial donation for World Renew DRS Hurricane Harvey response. Please give generously today online at worldrenew.net/donate, call 800-552-7972, or mail your check, designated Hurricane Harvey 2017, to World Renew, 1700 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

"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 ext 208.

Calling all WMC soccer alum's - WMC would like to welcome you back on Saturday, September 16th for Warrior Weekend and to commemorate the 50th year of soccer at WMC! Free admission to the JV game (noon) and varsity game (2pm) will be given to all WMC soccer alum's. A group photo will take place at halftime of all the players/coaches who have helped the program through the years. We'll have 50th year commemorative T-shirts for free for players/coaches who play in the alumni game. Please help us spread the word! Looking forward to welcoming back those who laid the foundation for Warrior soccer!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS CON'T

Mission French Africa Ministries Gala - you are invited to this annual event on October 5th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pinnacle Center, 3330 Highland Dr., Hudsonville, 49426. "We will be showcasing some of the events we have been involved in in the last year and explain the impact you and your church have made through Mission French Africa Ministries." There is no cost to attend the Gala, an opportunity to give a donation will be offered after the presentation. Please RSVP by September 26th to missionfrechafrica.eventbrite.com or call 616.285.5906. *More information is on the Missions Bulletin Board.*

FREE Reformation Study Resource - The Banner presents a free online resource with questions for discussion for personal study, small group discussion, or adult education church groups: Reformation Themes: Commemorating the 500th Anniversary. Also available, Reformed Basics. Check them out at thebanner.org/study-series



Prayer Concerns

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Psalm 39:12 (ESV)

*“Hear my prayer, O Lord,
and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears!
For I am a sojourner with you,
a guest, like all my fathers.*

Gary and Tammy Schelske: Gary and Tammy have had a rough couple of weeks. Continue to pray for them in this tough time.

Allen Avenue Ministries: Allen Ave will be kicking off its ministries in the next weeks. Pray for God’s blessings.

Small Groups: Pray for small groups as we go through An Autopsy of a Deceased Church. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach us as a congregation.

Office Bearers: Ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in choosing new elders and deacons.

Prayer Concerns

Pray for the following members of Allen Ave:

Our Senior Members and Shut-ins:

Wilma Doctor	Donna Fongers
Ellen Huizenga	Marv Pike
Ott Van Andel	Dorothy VanDam
Lorraine Wolffis	Tressa Lubbers
Donna Bishop	

Our Missionaries

Angell Community Church	Muskegon
Eric and Judith	Western Asia
Stephan Lutz and Alicia Zents	Kenya
Rev. Jerry An	Back to God Ministries
Zuni Christian School	New Mexico
Stan and Bessie Kruis	Philippines
Matt and Katie DeKam	Honduras

IN SERVICE AT ALLEN AVENUE

Nursery Today: Charry Snyder, Shelby Schuitema
September 17 Amber Johnson, Sydney Sytsema
September 24 Laura Ridings, Daniel VanderPloeg
October 1 Barb Malda, Ellie DeKam

Children In Worship Today: Beth Van Rees, Zoe Sytsema
September 17 Beth Van Rees, Ellie DeKam
September 24 Dale Johnson, Charlie VanderPloeg
October 1 Dale Johnson, Taylor Johnson

Greeters Today: Dan & Arlene DeKam Family
September 17 Dave & Joanne Bishop
September 24 Phil & Charry Snyder Family
October 1 Bob & Myla Workman

Coffee Today: Charlie & Deanna VanderPloeg
Dan & Arlene DeKam
September 17 Dave & Beth VanRees
Howard & Carol Dirkse
September 24 Cam & Melisa Vlasma
Randy & Becky Fisher
October 1 Gabe & Renee Vlasma
Dean & Amber Johnson

Congregational Prayer Next Sunday: Pastor Ben

Announcements Next Sunday: Steve Morris

Sound Next Sunday: Brian Schuitema

Projection Next Sunday: Jim Malda

Worship Team Next Sunday: Joanne Bishop, Carlie VanderPloeg,
Sherrie Wolffis, Peg Rop, Melisa Vlasma

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