

SERMON NOTES:

Sermon : James 1:2-4, 12-18; 5:7-11
Scripture : Running with Job

ALLEN AVENUE
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PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 16, 2025
WORSHIP 10:00AM

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

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We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (from Psalm 34)

Leader: I will praise the LORD at all times.

All: I will constantly speak his praises.

Leader: I will boast only in the LORD;

All: Let all who are helpless take heart.

Leader: Come, let us tell of the LORD's greatness;

All: let us exalt his name together.

*Songs of Praise *Lord, I Bring My Songs to You* LUYH 406:1,2,5
 We Will Extol You, God and King LUYH 562:1,2

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Psalm 91 with refrain On Eagle's Wings (SNC 185 ~ refrain only)

Leader: Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. They will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Sing: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, & hold you in the palm of His hand.

Leader: Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield.

Sing: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, & hold you in the palm of His hand.

Leader: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

Sing: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, & hold you in the palm of His hand.

Leader: He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Sing: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, & hold you in the palm of His hand.

Children's Blessing

God is good. He loves you. He cares for you.

He promises to be with you. Gladly worship him today.

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer (with the Psalms) Pastor Mark

God Speaks To Us

*Song of Preparation *Throughout These Lenten Days & Nights* LUYH 134 :1-4

Scripture Passage

James 1:2-4, 12-18; 5:7-11

Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord."

People: "Thanks be to God."

Message

Running with Job

Prayer of Application

*Song *Lead Me, Guide Me* LUYH 329:1.2

We Are Sent Out

Offerings ~ Allen Avenue CRC General Fund

*[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org
or in the baskets at each entrance]*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise *Lead Me, Guide Me* LUYH 329:3

*Postlude

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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

3/16: Nursery: Beth VanRees & Aethan Hofman
Sunday School

Coffee Fellowship: Scott & Toni Schuitema

3/23: Nursery: Maelin Vlasma & Melissa Vlasma

Children's Church: Jill Schuitema & Carol Peterman

Coffee Fellowship: Judy Vaandering & Sue Secord

3/30: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Maelin Vlasma
Sunday School

Coffee Fellowship: Jim & Barb Malda

4/6: Nursery: Laurie DeJonge & Beth VanRees

Children's Church: Bob & Susan Vanderlaan

Coffee Fellowship: Mike & Marcia Breuker, Kelly Dauser

ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES



*Pray for the * Missionary this Week

***Stephan and Alicia Lutz – Kenya**

Rev. Jerry An – Back to God Ministries

Angel Community Church – Muskegon

Paul & Charlotte Mpindi–Mission French Africa

Charles & Hensel Oh – Philippines



ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

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| 1) Betty TenBrink | 4) Lois Grinwis | 7) Joel Stefanits |
| 2) June Walcott | 5) Ro VerHeul | |
| 3) Wilma Doctor | 6) Jim Doornbos | |

*Please call or send a card to **"Care List Member," Lois!**

Christian Care Rm. #212, 1530 McLaughlin, Muskegon, MI 49442

Psalms 71:17-19 – "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and grey hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come." We love our Care List Members!

A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, & Members!!!



We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship this 2nd Sunday of Lent. During Lent & Easter we will be hearing about how "Walking this Road to Joy Through Suffering" looks like the joy that was set before Jesus. He endured the cross for us, because He was willing to suffer for our joy! After worship, please join us in the lower level for a time of gathering and conversation over a cup of coffee and some sweet treats!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

From Your District Elders & Deacons: We know that we all go through joys, challenges, and hardships. With that in mind, we want you to be aware that we are here for you whether you need prayer, have concerns, or needs that could be met by sharing them with us. We are more than willing to assist with a meal train for your family, visits, phone calls, etc. If you are having medical testing, procedures, or surgeries, please let us know, so one of us can visit (if you desire), call, and/or pray with and for you. –Your 2025 Council Members

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Attention Men of God: A Men's Bible Study will meet on the first and third Mondays at 6:15pm at church continuing on Monday, March 17, for seven lessons. Any questions...talk to Brian Schuitema.

Women's Bible Study will meet again on Thursday, March 20, at 1:30pm to study "A Women's Wisdom."

"CONNECT" Group: Looking for a small group that's unique to your needs? Or trying to connect with others here at Allen Avenue? At a "CONNECT" Group Session, you will get acquainted with others and share your spiritual journey in an authentic, Biblical environment. "CONNECT" Group is an "in the moment"/ "come as you are" format to encourage relationship building while studying the Word of God together. It is a safe place to share and be cared for. Open to all ages 15 years old and older. Curious? Contact Denise Koetje 231-375-9417 or Charry Snyder 231-728-5170 for more information. We will begin to meet on Sunday, March 9, from 4-6pm. (At the time of this printing, Childcare is NOT available yet. Contact Denise for more updates.)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

The Outreach Committee, along with the Council, is encouraging each district member to reach out to a specific missionary during the month of March. Our March Missionaries are:

District 1

Jeffery Hough (Angel Community Church)
1064 Wood Street
Muskegon, MI 49442
pastorjah@angelcc.org

District 2

Eric and Judith Tuls (Operation Mobilization)
817 Central Ave
Spring Lake, Mi 49456
Eric eric.tuls@om.org
Judith judith.tuls@om.org

District 3

Paul and Charlotte Mpindi (Mission French Africa)
2221 Ridgewood Ave S.E.
Grand Rapids, Mi 49546
contact@missionfrenchafrica.org
Mission French Africa, P.O. 120191, Grand Rapids, Mi 49528-0104

District 4

Charles and Hensel Oh (Resonate Global Mission)
Best to use email because they are
moving to Japan in July after 11 years in the Philippines
coh@crcna.org

If you are uncertain of your district assignment, please check the bulletin board downstairs by the church mailboxes for the current list of districts.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Host an International Student for Western Michigan Christian High School

Are you interested in sharing your culture while learning about a new one? Do you have an extra bed in your home? Do you feel called to live on mission right where you are? Consider hosting an international student for Western Michigan Christian High School! For more information or to attend our upcoming informational Prospective Host Family Meeting on April 1st, please email Madison Kintigh at mkintigh@wmchs.net.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

MCS is looking for "Grace-Filled Grannies and Grandads" who are available during the school day hours 8:00am-3:10 pm to help out in our Early Childhood wing. Volunteers would be assisting with littles ranging from 18-months to age 5 as needed. Coverage is needed on short notice (day before or the morning of) to assist in a classroom and maintain staff ratio. Our challenge is when staff have sick children of their own or an appointment that comes up. A call would go out to volunteers, and the need would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Hours will vary based on needs and volunteer availability. Please talk to Nate Schout about this awesome opportunity to "Live to B.L.E.S.S." in such a practical way!

Another huge THANK YOU to everyone who bought baked goods from the GEMS last week! Your support for the GEMS program is so overwhelming! Your generosity is very much appreciated and the \$808.00 we raised from that bake sale will go a long way to buying supplies for our club. You all are crazy but thank you again for your support of our GEMS!!

GEMS will meet in the church basement on Wednesday, March 19, from 6:00-8:00pm. Please don't miss this night as we wrap up our theme lessons for the year. Again, be sure to bring your Bible with you.

On Saturday March 22, from 9:00am-1:30pm, GEMS meet at church to leave for our field trip to Fredrick Meijer Gardens to see the butterflies. It will be warm inside where the butterflies are, but it might be cool outside so please come dressed for both. Because we raised so much money at our fundraisers, we will treat ourselves to lunch there. Please be sure to let Jill Schuitema know if you are coming so we don't leave anyone behind. See you Saturday!!

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Emma Peklar had a skiing accident and suffered substantial damage to her knee. Surgery will be/was Friday, March 14, in Muskegon. Please pray for a successful outcome, tolerable pain-management, and that she will be able to complete her school year at Michigan State and finish with excellence.

Aethan Hofman had surgery on Wednesday for a ruptured appendix. He was in the hospital on antibiotics for a few days. Prayers of thanks for a successful surgery and that the Lord is faithful—Hofmans thank us for our prayers!