

(Order of Worship continued...)

Children's Message Deb Vlasma

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 Bob Vanderlaan

God Speaks To Us

*Song of Preparation By Faith (Getty Music) Stanzas 1-3

Scripture Passage Romans 4:18-5:5
Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord."
People: "Thanks be to God"

Message Holding Out Hope

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* Getty Music

We Are Sent Out

Offering ~ 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 *Worthy is Christ* LUYH 605

*Postlude

***ALLEN AVENUE
CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH***



***PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 23, 2025
WORSHIP 10:00AM***

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

3rd Sunday of Lent--March 23, 2025

Pastor Mark Hofman

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

*Song of Praise

In Christ Alone

LUYH 770

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Call to Confession (Psalm 25:8-11)

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

People: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

Leader: All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

People: For the sake of your name, LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.***

We have not loved you

with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our Confession of Faith (Lord's Day 10: Q & A 26-27)

Q. What do you understand
by the providence of God?

A. The almighty and ever-present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty— all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge
of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

*Song

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

LUYH 772



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

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NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

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
4/13: Nursery: Sue Sytsema & Tayla Vlasma
Sunday School
Coffee Fellowship: Ron Friday & Sandy Volkers

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



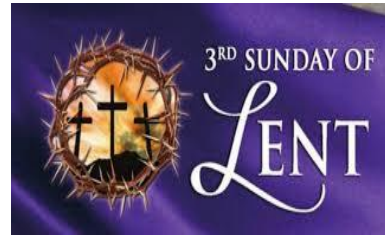
ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

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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," Ro!**

1249 Lakeshore Dr., Apt. 339, Muskegon, MI 49441

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 3rd 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

Kids Corner: Lent: Jesus Prays for All Believers - Check out this week's kids' devotion "Lent: Jesus Prays for All Believers" at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know that Jesus prayed specifically for you? This week's devotional invites you to explore John 17, where Jesus prayed for his disciples and for everyone who would believe in him—including your family. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

"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.)

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

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

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!

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Emma Peklar had a skiing accident and suffered substantial damage to her knee. Surgery was on 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. If you would like to send Emma a card of encouragement, here is her home address: Emma Peklar, 1296 Morningside, Muskegon, MI 49442

Aethan Hofman is recovering from his appendectomy and for this we give thanks!

June Walcott fell and had surgery to repair the broken hip. The family appreciates our prayers for her at this time.

Travis & Jasmine Snyder moved to Ohio for Travis' work. Here is their new address: 1023 National Avenue, Toledo, OH 43609

Karyn Holwerda, daughter-in-law of **Bob & Elaine**, has been struggling with ongoing health issues. Please continue to pray for her, Allen Avenue.