

Hurts and focusing on how to help the poor in wise ways. Sara works in churches and communities to help farmers better care for their land, produce more food, save money, and connect the Christian faith to everyday life through Bible study and skills training. She facilitates farmer study groups on agriculture, caring for creation, and nutrition. She also teaches fuel-efficient and nutritious ways of cooking and occasionally does art classes for children. We will take the offering for the Sytsma's next Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**From the Worship Committee** – The worship committee continues to look for more people who would be willing to use their gifts to be involved in the morning worship services. Whether that is by leading a worship song, playing a song for the offertory, scripture readings, leading the call to worship, or offering a prayer, we would love more involvement from the congregation. We are also in need of people to play the piano for our morning worship service. If you can help or know anyone in your circle, even on a temporary or rotating basis, please have them call Roeland Stoker. Your willingness to serve is greatly needed and deeply appreciated.

**Elder/Deacon Nominations** – It is time to nominate potential elders and deacons for the coming year. Please submit your nominations by the end of September to any current council members or you can email your nomination to [stephenvillecrc@gmail.com](mailto:stephenvillecrc@gmail.com).

**Pastor Search Committee** – We are beginning the process of forming a Pastor Search Committee. If you feel called to serve in this important role, speak with one of our elders. Your prayerful participation is vital as we seek God's direction for the future of our church.

**Children's Christmas Program Director** – The education committee is looking for someone to direct our children's Christmas program this year. If you are interested in helping fill this need, please contact GeriAnn or Jennifer.

**\*Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

**Pulpit Supply** – For the remaining weeks in September, Pastor Todd Hilkemann will be leading the service this morning and Pastor Donald Draayer will be leading next Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. For the month of October Pastor Hilkemann will lead on October 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Draayer on October 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Prayer Requests:**

- Our Resonate Global missionary family, the Sytsma's, who are in Uganda.
- For Stephenville Christian School and all other schools in our area. For the health and safety of the faculty and students this fall.
- For Frank Kalsbeek's sister Joni Rollema who has stage 4 cancer.
- For Joy Osinga who was accepted to be on the kidney transplant list. Prayers as she waits for a matching donor.
- Continued prayers for Brady Miller as he receives more rounds of proton therapy/radiation which has been hard on him.
- For Judy Hartwell, Pastor Hartwell's wife who recently had more rounds of chemo treatments to shrink some cancerous spots found recently in her abdomen. The cancer she has is not curable but is manageable.

# Stephenville Christian Reformed Church



**Pastor Todd Hilkemann**  
**September 21, 2025**

# Sunday Morning Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

Reader: O Divine Spirit, bring us your good news and fulfill it,

**Congregation: for we are poor and humble in spirit.**

Reader: O Sinless Sovereign, release us from captivity,

**Congregation: for we are trapped under sin and suffering.**

Reader: O light of God Eternal, banish our blindness and help us to see,

**Congregation: for we seek your freedom and holy favor.**

Reader: O Let the law and the prophets be proclaimed among the people.

**Congregation: May the Holy Spirit come down and reveal them.**

Reader: O Do not weep, for the Spirit is here to bring good news to the poor!

**Congregation: Let the poor take heart, the oppressed go free, the captives be released, and the blind see.**

Reader: O Let the people rejoice and share with those who have nothing. For this is the year of jubilation!

**Congregation: In Christ, we know favor with God! The joy of the Lord shall be our strength!!**

\*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

\*Opening Songs: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!"

"How Great Thou Art"

Offering: General Fund

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Message: "Wisdom from Above"

Scripture: I Kings 3:1-28

\*Song of Response: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

\*God's Blessing

\*Song: "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

# Stephenville Christian Reformed Church News



Welcome to our fellowship, where we are gathered together as friends and family to worship and praise our God. If you are visiting with us, we are glad that you are here! Today, we welcome back Pastor Todd Hilkemann to lead our morning worship. Following morning worship, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee & cookies. At 11:45 we have Sunday school classes for PreK to high school.

## Weekly Schedule

**Sunday 10:30am** Morning Worship

**11:45am** Sunday School

**Wednesday 6:00pm** Wednesday Family Night

**Thursday 9:30am** Ladies Coffee Break

## Offering Schedule

**September 21:** General Fund

**September 28:** General Fund & Resonate Global Uganda  
Missionaries Anthony & Sara Sytsma

**October 5:** General Fund

**October 12:** General Fund & Stephenville Christian Academy

## Wednesday Cooking

**September 24:** Kristin Hoekstra

**October 1:** Annemarie Werkman

**October 8:** Esther Tucker

**October 15:** Janelle Thiebaud

## Sound Booth

**September 21:** Justice & James

**September 28:** Honor & Ryland

**October 5:** Kaleb & Shaun

**October 12:** Justice & Dillinger

## Nursery Duty

**September 21:** CoriAnn & Marlee

**September 28:** JoEllen & Alex

**October 5:** Jessica & Jaclyn

**October 12:** Heidi & Henry

## Sunday Cookie Duty

**September 21:** Heidi Velsen

**September 28:** Caitlyn Schievink

**October 5:** Laura Osinga

**October 12:** Rita Huisman

## \*News/Reminders:

**Monthly Capital Campaign** – The September capital campaign is for Resonate Global missionaries, Anthony & Sara Sytsma. The Sytsma's work mainly with churches from the Pentecostal Assemblies of God Uganda (PAGU) in the region surrounding Soroti, Uganda where they live. Anthony encourages and mentors' pastors who face many challenges in ministry and who themselves need pastoral care. He also teaches leaders around Africa through a curriculum he helped to write called "Helping Without Hurting in Africa", based on the book When Helping