

Stephenville Christian Reformed Church

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 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 this morning as the second offering.

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.

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.

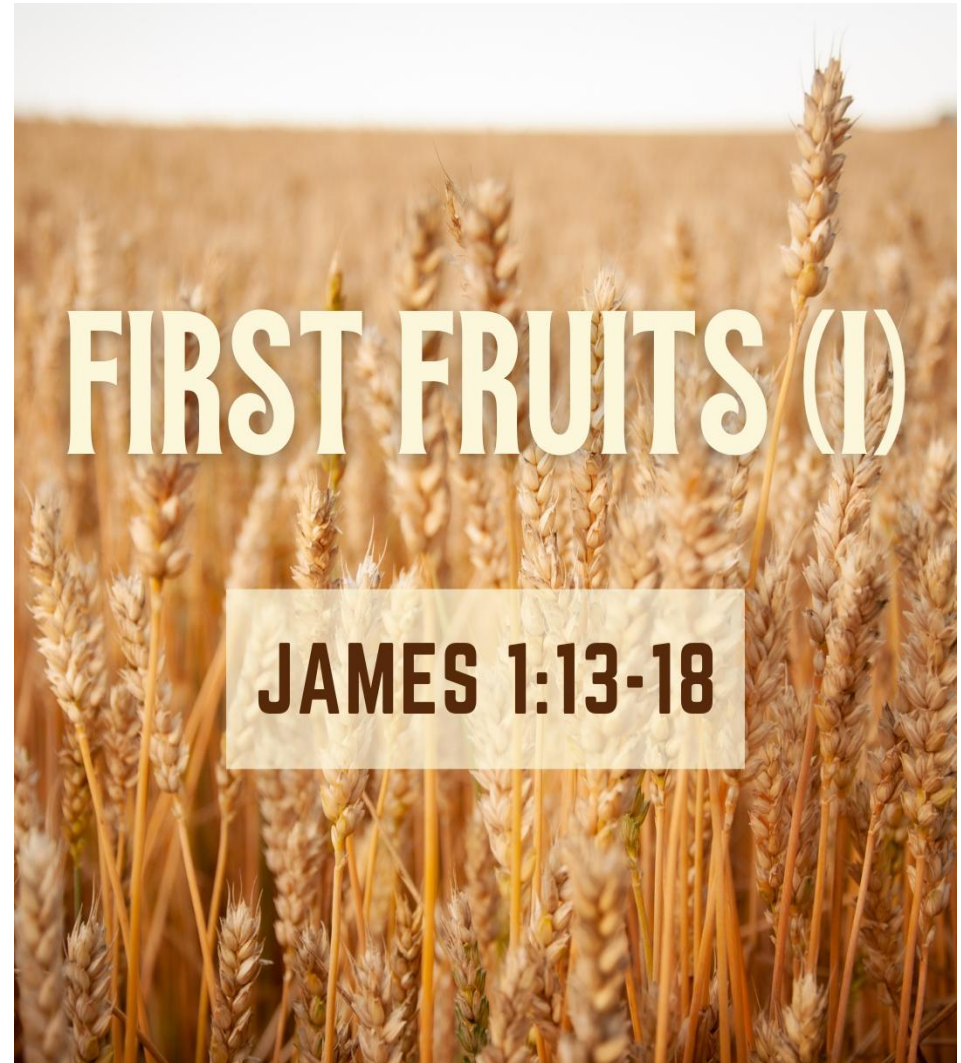
***Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

Pulpit Supply – For the month of October Darius Nelson will lead the morning worship service on October 5th, Pastor Todd Hilkemann will lead on October 12th, and Pastor Donald Draayer on October 19th & 26th.

Celebration of Communion – For the month of October, our monthly celebration of communion will be on Sunday, October 19th.

***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. She will meet with doctors in October to determine whether more aggressive treatment is necessary or if surgery will be needed to remove the tumors.
- For George Verberg who is in the hospital battling an infection in his arm.
- For Darius Nelson’s mother, Marilyn Smith, who is starting chemo treatments for her cervical cancer.



Pastor Donald Draayer
September 28, 2025

Sunday Morning Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Reader: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! Bless the Lord at all times; let his praise continually be in your mouth.

Congregation: My tongue shall tell of your righteousness and of your Praise all the day long.

Reader: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Congregation: We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds Of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Reader: Bow your hearts before the Lord and worship him!

*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Opening Songs: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

"Blessed Assurance"

Offering: General Fund & Uganda Missionaries Anthony & Sara Sytsma

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Message: "First Fruits (I)"

Scripture: James 1:13-18

*Song of Response: "As the Deer"

*God's Blessing

*Song: "My Friends May You Grow in Grace"

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 Donald Draayer 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

6:30pm Monthly College Dinner/Bible Study

7:00pm Monthly Council Meeting

Offering Schedule

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

October 5: General Fund

October 12: General Fund & Stephenville Christian Academy

October 19: General Fund

Wednesday Cooking

October 1: Annemarie Werkman

October 8: Esther Tucker

October 15: Janelle Thiebaud

October 22: Heidi Velsen

Sound Booth

September 28: Honor & Ryland

October 5: Kaleb & Shaun

October 12: Justice & Dillinger

October 19: Kaleb & James

Nursery Duty

September 28: JoEllen & Alex

October 5: Jessica & Jaclyn

October 12: Heidi & Henry

October 19: Lynn & Ryland

Sunday Cookie Duty

September 28: Caitlyn Schievink

October 5: Laura Osinga

October 12: Rita Huisman

October 19: Shawna DeBoer

*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