

change through the generosity of our community by their donations. Currently, they are working on raising money to build a new shelter that better fits the needs of the influx of animals they have.

Monthly Celebration of Communion – Our monthly celebration of communion will be this morning, October 19th. For the month of November, it will be on the 16th. Cindy Offringa will be here both Sundays to bless us with music ministries.

Pulpit Supply – Pastor Donald Draayer will lead our Sunday morning worship services through November 9th and also on November 30th and then Pastor Todd Hilkemann will lead on November 16th and Pastor Ryan Denton leading on November 23rd.

Children's Christmas Program – Practice for the children's Christmas program (1st-8th grade) will begin on Sunday, November 9th, and will be held every Sunday after church until the program on December 21st @ 6:00 pm.

New Online Giving Option – We are pleased to announce that we will now be utilizing Tithe.ly as an option for online giving. This platform provides a convenient and secure way to contribute to the ongoing ministry of our church. An email was sent out this week with more information on how to use this service. You can also scan the QR code below to give digitally.



***Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

Thanksgiving Potluck – Join us on Sunday, November 2nd for our annual Thanksgiving potluck. Please bring a dish to share.

Thanksgiving Break Dates – The week of Thanksgiving break we will not have any education classes. Instead, you are invited to join us for a special Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, the 26th at 6:00pm. We will be taking a special offering to support our benevolence fund.

***Prayer Requests:**

- Our Resonate Global missionary family, the Sytsma's, who are in Uganda.
- For Stephenville Christian Academy and all other schools in our area. For the health and safety of the faculty and students this fall.
- Praise for Frank Kalsbeek's sister Joni Rollema, whose scans came back showing no more signs of 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 is finishing out his 42-week treatment of proton therapy/radiation. He will have a scan on Dec. 2nd to determine if he's considered NED (no evidence of disease) or if they will begin a new treatment.
- 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 Darius Nelson's mother, Marilyn Smith, who is starting chemo treatments for her cervical cancer.
- Continued prayers for Macee as she battles health issues.

Stephenville Christian Reformed Church



Pastor Donald Draayer October 19, 2025

Sunday Morning Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: People of God, come and worship the Lord who gathers us by His Grace. He calls us from many places and stories, and unites us as one body through His Son, Jesus Christ.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

Leader: In His Mercy, God has invited us not only to hear His Word, but to share in the covenant meal of remembrance and renewal. Today we lift our hearts in gratitude for the Lamb who was slain, whose body and blood seal our redemption!!

People: We come to rejoice in the salvation of our God and to remember His steadfast Love.

Leader: As we worship, we look forward to the table of grace- a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all who trust in Him.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord with thankful hearts, for He alone satisfies the hunger of our souls and fills us with His steadfast Love.

Prayer

*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Opening Songs: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LUYH 521 (1-3)

"We Will Extol You, God and King" LUYH 562 (1,2,4)

Monthly Capital Campaign Speaker: Serena Wright, ECHS Director

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

Message: "First Fruits II"

Scripture: James 1:19-27

*Song of Response: "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Glory to God" LUYH 84

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. We will also celebrate the sacrament of communion this morning. Following 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

October 19: General Fund

October 26: General Fund & Erath County Humane Society

November 2: General Fund

November 12: General Fund & Stephenville Christian Academy

Wednesday Cooking

October 22: Heidi Velsen

October 29: CoriAnn Kalsbeek

November 5: Desiree Stoker

November 12: Jessica Overstreet

Sound Booth

October 19: Kaleb & James

October 26: Honor & Ryland

November 2: Justice & Shaun

November 9: Kaleb & Dillinger

Nursery Duty

October 19: Lynn & Alex

October 26: Shawna & Kinsley

November 2: GeriAnn & Kylar

November 9: DeeDee & Paisley

Sunday Cookie Duty

October 19: Shawna DeBoer

October 26: Margreet Osinga

November 2: Thanksgiving Potluck

November 9: Janelle Thiebaud

*News/Reminders:

Monthly Capital Campaign – The October capital campaign is for the Erath County Humane Society. ECHS is an independent non-profit corporation that is a low-kill facility, euthanizing only sick or excessively aggressive animals when absolutely necessary. They do not impose time limits for healthy, non-aggressive animals to remain at the shelter and do not euthanize animals to create space in the shelter. While they receive a small allotment from the City of Stephenville and Erath county, they are primarily funded by private donations. They can only affect