

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 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. We will take the offering for ECHS this morning.

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:**

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.

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

Children's Christmas Program – Practice for the children's Christmas program (1st-8th grade) will begin on Sunday, November 23rd, and will be held every Sunday after church until the program on December 21st @ 6:00 pm.

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 the benevolence needs in our community.

***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, and the restoration of her kidneys. Praise that her kidney numbers have increased in the past few weeks.
- 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 soon to determine whether more aggressive treatment is necessary or if surgery will be needed to remove the tumors.
- Praise for a successful gall bladder removal surgery for Vicki Schievink.
- Continued prayers for Macee as she battles health issues.
- For Jace and Madison Erlanson who are expecting their first child in April of 2026.

Stephenville Christian Reformed Church



Pastor Donald Draayer
October 26, 2025

Sunday Morning Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Reader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

Reader: Today we remember that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, according to Scripture alone, to the glory of God alone!

People: We rest not in our works, but in the finished word of Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer!

Reader: Come, let us worship our faithful God, who by His Spirit reforms His church and renews our hearts.

People: To God be the glory, great things He has done! We come to worship in spirit and in truth!

Prayer

*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Opening Songs: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LUYH 776 (1-4)

"How Firm a Foundation" LUYH 427 (1, 2, 4, 5)

Call to Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Prayer

Message: "Our Lives Filled with Grace and Mercy"

Scripture: James 2:1-13

*Song of Response: "Ancient Words" LUYH 762 (1-2)

*Benediction

*Doxology: "In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified" LUYH 861

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 celebrate the 508th anniversary of the Reformation and Pastor Donald Draayer will be preaching from James 2. 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

7:30pm Pastor Search Committee Meeting

Thursday 9:30am Ladies Coffee Break

Offering Schedule

October 26: General Fund & Erath County Humane Society

November 2: General Fund

November 9: General Fund & Stephenville Christian Academy

November 16: General Fund

Wednesday Cooking

October 29: CoriAnn Kalsbeek

November 5: Desiree Stoker

November 12: Jessica Overstreet

November 19: Linda Beukeboom

Sound Booth

October 26: Honor & Ryland

November 2: Justice & Shaun

November 9: Kaleb & Dillinger

November 16: Honor & James

Nursery Duty

October 26: Shawna & Kinsley

November 2: GeriAnn & Kylar

November 9: DeeDee & Paisley

November 16: Kate & Katie

Sunday Cookie Duty

October 26: Margreet Osinga

November 2: Thanksgiving Potluck

November 9: Janelle Thiebaud

November 16: Honor Overstreet

*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