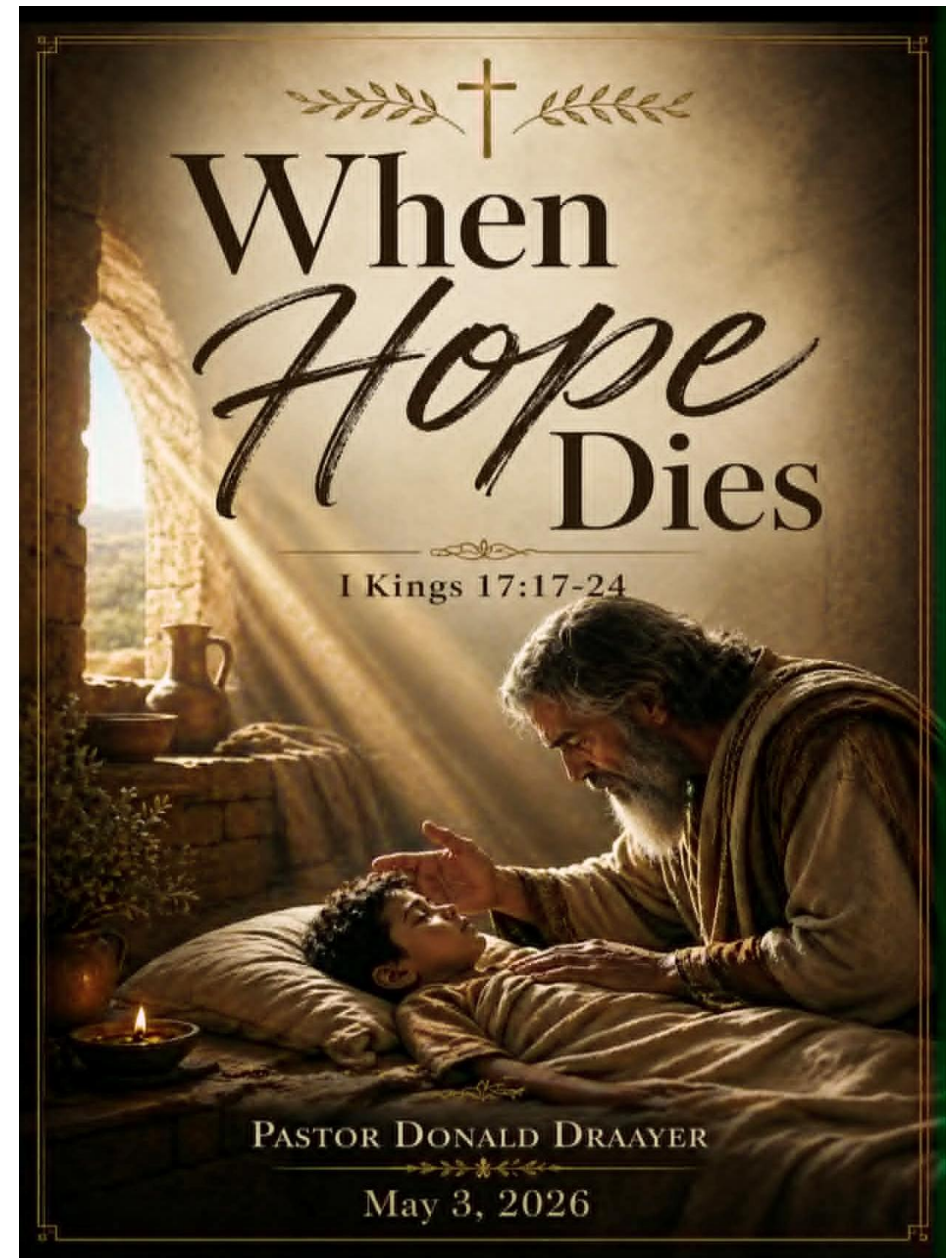


***Prayer Requests:**

- For protection and provision for our congregation during this pastor vacancy season.
- For our Pastor Search Committee, asking for wisdom, discernment and patience for each member as they find whom God has selected to shepherd this flock.
- Our Resonate Global missionary family, the Sytsma's, who are in Uganda and for the Horton family, missionaries in Guatemala.
- For Stephenville Christian Academy and other schools in our area. For the health and safety of the faculty and students as they are finishing out this school year and as preparations are made for next year.
- For Joy Osinga, and the restoration of her kidneys.
- Continued prayers for Brady Miller as they are in the next chapter of monitoring and for the original desmoid tumor to continue to shrink in his cheek.
- Prayers for Macee for continued improvement for mobility to her legs.
- For the expectant mothers in our SCRC family, Bregtje Vandermeer and JoEllen Taylor. For health and strength throughout their pregnancies, for safe deliveries, and for God's peace and protection over all mothers and babies.
- Comfort for the Hernandez family as they grieve the loss of baby Maya.
- For the family of Klaas Stoker who passed away from liver cancer.
- For continued healing for Frank Brand who slipped on ice and broke his femur.
- For Shirley Osinga who fell and broke her hip and fractured her back. Prayers for healing and strength for the months ahead of rehabilitation.

Stephenville Christian Reformed Church



Sunday Morning Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 63)

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

**People: my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,

People: beholding your power and glory.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

People: my lips will praise you.

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live;

People: in your name I will lift up my hands.

*Prayer

*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Opening Song: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" LUYH 526

*Confession (from Psalm 139):

Pastor: O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

Pastor: You see me when I walk or lie down,

People: you know every detail of my conduct.

Pastor: Even before a word is on my tongue,

People: O Lord, You know it completely.

Pastor: So examine me, and know my heart, O God;
test me and know my thoughts.

**People: See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way that leads to eternal life.**

*Song of Response: "How Great is Our God" LUYH 574 (1-2)

*Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 145):

Pastor: The Lord is righteous in all his ways,
and gracious in all his works.

**People: The Lord is near to all those who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

Pastor: He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him.

**People: He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
The Lord preserves all those who love him.**

*Song: "Lord I Need You"

Offering: General Fund

General Fund

Children's Message

(Children 4 and under are dismissed to the nursery)

Congregational Prayer

Message: "When Hope Dies"

Scripture: I Kings 17:17-24

Prayer

*Song: "Rejoice, O Pure in Heart" LUYH 353 (1-4)

*God's Parting Blessing

*Sending Song: "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! This morning, Pastor Draayer will be continuing his series on the Old Testament prophet of Elijah focusing on I Kings 17:17-24.

Following service, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee & cookies, followed by Sunday school classes for PreK to HS, and the “Digging Deeper” class for adults.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 10:30am Sunday Morning Worship Service
11:45am Sunday School
6:00pm Small Group Leadership Class
Wednesday 6:00pm Wednesday Family Night
Thursday 9:30am Ladies Coffee Break

Offering Schedule

May 3: General Fund
May 10: General Fund & Stephenville Christian
May 17: General Fund
May 24: General Fund & Guatemala Missionaries
 The Horton Family

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Wednesday Cooking

May 6: GeriAnn Kalsbeek
May 13: No WFN
May 20: No WFN
May 27: No WFN

Sound Booth

May 3: Kaleb & Dillinger
May 10: Justice & James
May 17: Honor & Shaun
May 24: Kaleb & Ryland

Nursery Duty

May 3: GeriAnn & Alex
May 10: DeeDee & Marlee
May 17: Katelyn & Kylar
May 24: Janna & Paisley

Sunday Cookie Duty

May 3: DeeDee Stoker
May 10: Annemarie Werkman
May 17: Maryke Hernandez
May 24: CoriAnn Kalsbeek

*News/Reminders:

Monthly Capital Campaign – The May capital campaign is for the Horton Family who are local missionaries serving the people in Guatemala and are originally from Dublin, Texas. As of March 2020, the Hortons became

career missionaries to Guatemala, after having served one term there as missionary associates. They are country coordinators for the child sponsorship program, ChildHope (formerly Latin America Child Care), to provide education, food, clean water, and the knowledge of HOPE in Jesus Christ to children and families across the country. In addition, they are helping usher in a new program, Open+, which is part of the RedU network. Open+ is a brand-new organization that seeks to engage students on the university campus in intentional relationships, with the desire of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Open+ is mobilizing Christian university students with the tools they need to lead weekly small groups and disciple new followers through one-on-one mentoring. Also, Open+ strives to serve the local church in preparation for unique, new believers and give back to the community in times of crisis." We will take the offering in support of this ministry on May 24th.

*Upcoming Dates to Remember:

End of Year Education Dates – Summer break is almost here for our education programs. Our last Wednesday family night will be this week, May 6th, Sunday school classes will end on May 17th, and Ladies Coffee Break will end on May 21st. If you are interested in teaching in the fall of 2026 in any of our education classes, please reach out to Jennifer Osinga. As we enter the final weeks of our education programs, we want to encourage all students and parents to make attendance a priority. These last sessions are an important time of growth, connection, and finishing strong together. Our teachers have faithfully dedicated their time, energy, and prayer into preparing meaningful lessons each week. One of the greatest ways we can support and encourage them is through consistent attendance and participation. Let’s commit to being present, engaged, and appreciative as we wrap up this season. Your presence makes a difference, not only in your own family, but in the life of our church community.

SERVE Stephenville – SERVE Stephenville is 8 weeks away! Please be in prayer for the SERVE host team as they finalize plans for this summer’s mission trip and for the individuals that will be traveling to Stephenville in June. There will be a host team meeting at the church this Tuesday, April 28th @ 6pm.

SERVE 2026 – Our youth group will be attending SERVE this year in Niagara Falls, Canada from July 11th to July 18th. We will have 16 youth and 4 leaders going on this mission trip. Please keep the youth and leaders in your prayers over the next few months as they prepare for this mission trip!