

***Prayer Requests:**

- For protection and provision for our congregation during this season of pastoral vacancy.
- For our congregation, and for Pastor Daniel and Jodi, as both parties pray for discernment regarding a potential match and seek God's guidance for the future.
- For Stephenville Christian Academy and all other schools in our area. For the health and safety of the faculty and students as they go to school each day.
- Our Resonate Global missionary family, the Sytsma's, who are in Uganda and for the Horton family, missionaries in Guatemala.
- For Janet Sieperda who has been battling an ongoing illness. For strength and healing, and especially for wisdom and guidance from her doctors as they work to determine the best way to treat her.
- For Joy Osinga, and the restoration of her kidneys.
- Continued prayers for Brady Miller as they are in the next chapter of monitoring and have to get scans every 3 months. Praise that Brady's scan from August 19th showed the existing tumor is stable and that there is no evidence of disease.
- Continued prayers for Macee as she has started a new treatment for her juvenile arthritis.
- For our expectant mothers in the SCRC family, JoEllen Taylor and Amanda Stoker Ricks. For health and strength throughout their pregnancies, for a safe delivery, and for God's peace and protection to both mothers and babies.
- Praise for the continued healing and strength for Shirley Osinga following her surgery.

STEPHENVILLE
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Poisoned Stew
and
Too Little Bread

II KINGS 4:38-44



AUGUST 23, 2026

PASTOR DONALD DRAAYER

Sunday Morning Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Reader: We gather today to praise the God who is faithful in the midst of need.

Congregation: We come to thank the God who turns our hunger into fullness, and our thirst into life.

Reader: As the prophet Elisha saw the Lord's presence, so we see His power in our lives.

Congregation: We come to worship the God who feeds the hungry and satisfies the thirsty.

Reader: He is the God who hears our cry and answers with blessing.

Congregation: We come to give thanks for His mercy, His love, and His unfailing care.

Reader: Let us lift our voices in praise,

Congregation: And let our hearts overflow with gratitude.

Reader: Come, all who are hungry for God's presence,

Congregation: Come, all who are thirsty for His word,

Reader: Come, all who are weary in the wilderness,

Congregation: Come, all who are in need of His grace.

Everyone: *Let us worship the Lord, the God of all comfort, the God of all provision, the God of all hope.*

*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Opening Songs: "Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name" LUYH 500 (1,4-5)

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" LUYH 43 (1-3)

Special Presentation: Vicki Cook with Backpack Buddies of Erath County

Offering: General Fund & Backpack Buddies of Erath County

Congregational Prayer

Message: "Poisoned Stew and Too Little Bread"

Scripture Passage: II Kings 4:38-44

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Speak O Lord" LUYH 755 (1-3)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*God's Parting Blessing

*Sending Song: "There is a Redeemer" LUYH 833 (1-3)

Sermon Notes

Stephenville Christian Reformed Church News



Welcome to our fellowship, where we gather together as friends and family to worship and praise our God. If you are visiting with us, we are especially glad that you are here! This morning, Pastor Draayer will continue his sermon series on the Old Testament prophet Elisha, focusing on II Kings 4:38-44. We also welcome Vicki Cook with Backpack Buddies, who will share about this important ministry in our community. Following the sermon, we will celebrate the sacrament of Communion. After the morning worship service, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies. Then, at 11:45 a.m., Sunday school classes will be held for everyone from Pre-K 3 through adults.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 10:30am Sunday Morning Worship Service

11:45pm Sunday School

Wednesday 6:00pm Wednesday Family Night

Thursday 9:30am Ladies Coffee Break

Offering Schedule

August 23: General Fund & Backpack Buddies

August 30: General Fund & Benevolence

September 6: General Fund

September 13: General Fund & Stephenville Christian

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Nursery Duty

August 23: CoriAnn & Ryland

August 30: JoEllen & Danyelle

September 6: KayKay & Noemy

September 13: Bregtje & Kylie

Sound Booth

August 23: Kaleb & James

August 30: Justice & Dillinger

September 6: Ryland & Shaun

September 13: Honor & James

Sunday Cookie Duty

August 23: Julie Haringa

August 30: Heidi Velsen

September 6: Laura Osinga

September 13: Rita Huisman

*News/Reminders:

Monthly Capital Campaign – The August capital campaign is for Backpack Buddies of Erath County. They are a local, non-profit organization that provides

children from food-insecure homes with healthy weekend meals during the school year. School principals and guidance counselors select the children. On Fridays, the backpacks are prepared and delivered to Stephenville ISD and the program has now expanded to include Dublin, Lingleville, Huckabay, Morgan Mill, Bluff Dale, and 3-Way ISD. The average cost to feed 1 child per weekend is \$5.00. For 6 weeks is \$30.00, per semester \$90.00, and per school year is \$180.00. We will take the offering for Backpack Buddies this morning as our second offering.

Church/School Facility Expansion Committee – We are seeking individuals who are interested in joining a Church/School Facility Expansion Committee as we begin to prayerfully consider and plan for our future growth needs. This committee will help assess current space, identify future needs, and explore possible expansion options to support both our church and school ministries. If you are interested in serving on this committee or would like more information, please contact Roeland Stoker to learn more and discuss how you might be involved.

Christmas Program Director Needed – The education committee is looking for someone to lead our Children's Christmas program. If you are interested please let Jennifer or GeriAnn know.

Sunday School Snacks Needed – If you would like to donate any boxes of capri-suns or packages of gummies for our Sunday school students, please drop them off in the kitchen. Thank you!

Monthly Celebration of Communion – This morning we will celebrate the sacrament of Communion. We are once again thankful to have Cindy Ofringa with us to lead our morning worship through her gift of playing the piano. As a reminder, the outside cups contain wine, and the inside cups contain grape juice.

*Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Fall Education Classes – Join us this fall for any of our education classes! Sunday School is immediately following morning worship with classes for Pre-K 3 to Adult. Wednesday Family Night begins every week at 6:00 pm with dinner provided followed by Bible study classes from PreK to adult. The adults are currently finishing up the last few lessons of their study on I Corinthians. Ladies' Coffee Break meets every Thursday at 9:30am and they are doing a Life Guide study on the book of Genesis. College age students are invited every 1st Thursday of the month for dinner and a Bible study at Bert and Heidi's house at 6:30pm. We encourage everyone to take advantage of these opportunities to grow in your knowledge and understanding of God's Word while enjoying fellowship and building relationships with other believers. There is a place for everyone as we learn, grow, and walk together in faith!