

***Prayer Requests:**

- Our Resonate Global missionary family the Sytsma's who are in Uganda and for our Haiti missionaries, the Gryglewicz's who are currently ministering to Haitian communities in Florida.
- For Stephenville Christian School and all other schools in our area. For the health and safety of the faculty and students as they go to school each day.
- For Anita Lootsma who is battling colon cancer and is going through chemotherapy.
- For Bregtje and Pieter Vandermeer who welcomed their healthy baby girl on November 26th, Aaltje Anne Vandermeer.
- For healing and strength for Janet Sieperda who is still struggling with C-Diff.
- For Kay Dyk whose back surgery was postponed again and is now scheduled for March.
- For Macee Tucker who was diagnosed with juvenile arthritis.
- For Pieter Vandermeer's grandmother who has been diagnosed with cancer and has chosen not to pursue treatments.
- A hedge of protection for the SCRC council and congregation.
- All those who are sick or having ailments with their bodies in our congregation.
- For our country and the leaders in charge making decisions each day.
- For the persecuted church.
- For the nation of Israel.

Stephenville Christian Reformed Church



Pastor Greg Dyk
Sunday December 10, 2023

Sunday Morning Service

Sermon Notes

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle – **The Candle of Love**

*Opening Song: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

LUYH 61 (1, 2, 4, 7)

*God’s Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

LUYH 81 (1, 2, 4, 5)

Baptism of Aaltje Anne Vandermeer

Song: “Away in a Manger” LUYH 86 (1-3)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund and Stephenville Christian School

Children’s Message

*Praise Song – “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*Scripture: Jeremiah 32:1-15, Isaiah 5:1-4, John 15:1-4

Message: “God Is Like a Gardener”

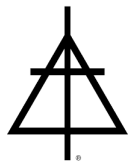
Prayer

*Song: “Joy to the World” LUYH 92 (1-4)

*God’s 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 is the 2nd week of Advent and Pastor

Greg will be preaching from the books of Jeremiah, Isaiah and John.

Following morning worship, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cake to celebrate the baptism of Aaltje Anne Vandermeer. At 11:45, students participating in the Christmas program will have practice.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 10:30am Morning Worship Service

11:45am Christmas Program

Practice

6:00pm Potluck & Congregational Meeting

Monday 7:00pm Monthly Council Meeting

Wednesday 5:00pm Christmas Program Practice

Thursday 9:30am Ladies Coffee Break Brunch

Offering Schedule

December 10: General Fund & SCS

December 17: General Fund

December 24: General Fund &
World Renew

January 7: General Fund

Wednesday Cooking

December 13: No WFN

December 20: No WFN

December 27: No WFN

January 3: No WFN

January 10: TBD

Sunday Cookie Duty

December 10: Celebration Cake

December 17: Lynn Lail

December 24: Kali Osinga

January 7: Linda Beukeboom

Nursery Duty

December 10: Linda & Kate

December 17: Jennifer & Kylar

December 24: Jessica H & Paisley

January 7: Pietra & Macee

*News/Reminders:

Monthly Capital Campaign – The December capital campaign is for World Renew. World Renew is a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. World Renew's vision is "a world where people experience and extend Christ's compassion and live together in hope as God's community." Their mission is to be compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy as

they join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. World Renew's worldwide ministry is three-fold: community development, disaster response & rehabilitation, and peace & justice. You can learn more about this organization at <https://worldrenew.net/>. We will take the offering for World Renew on December 24th.

Elder and Deacon Nominations Accepted – At the congregational meeting this evening, we will be selecting one new deacon and one new elder to join the council. The men who have accepted their nomination for deacon are Pieter Vandermeer, Justin Taylor, Eric Doyle, and Casey Thiebaud. The men who have accepted their nomination for elder are Roel Stoker, Linsey Hoekstra, and Frank Kalsbeek. Please be in prayer for these leaders and the upcoming congregational meeting on December 10th. If you are not able to attend the congregational meeting but would like to vote for an elder or deacon, there are absentee ballots and envelopes by the member boxes. Please put your sealed envelope in Pastor Greg's box or give to an elder.

Children's Christmas Program Practice – All students through 8th grade will be participating in the Christmas program on December 17th at 6:00pm. The students will be practicing this morning following worship until 12:30 and also this Wednesday from 5pm to 6pm.

SERVE leader needed – The education committee is looking for a woman who will be willing to be the leader for the group of girls that will be attending the Stephenville SERVE. This leader will need to be able to stay on site with their group for the entire SERVE experience. Please let Jennifer Osinga know if you'd be interested in filling this need.

*Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Congregational Meeting – Join us this evening at 6 pm for a soup/sandwich potluck followed by our yearly congregational meeting. We will be approving the 2024 budget and also electing a new elder and deacon.

End of Year Education Dates – This morning will be the last day of Sunday School for the year and Ladies Coffee Break will end the year on this Thursday with brunch @ Sina Velkamp's house. Wednesday family night has already ended for Christmas break and will resume on January 10th.

Stephenville Christian School Christmas Program – You are invited to support the students at SCS for their annual Christmas Program which will take place this Thursday, December 14th at 6:00pm.

Christmas Worship Services – Join us on Christmas Eve at 10:30 am for our Sunday service. Then on Christmas Day at 10:30 am we will celebrate the birth of our Lord with a Christmas Day candlelight service.

New Year's Eve Service – Join us Sunday, December 31 at 10:30am for our New Years Eve service. We will also be celebrating the sacrament of communion.