

***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 are welcomed their healthy baby girl, Aaltje Anne Vandermeer last Sunday evening.
- For healing and strength for Janet Sieperda who is still struggling with C-Diff.
- For Kay Dyk as she prepares for her back surgery now scheduled in December.
- For Macee Tucker who was diagnosed with juvenile arthritis.
- For Pieter Vander Meer'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 3, 2023

Sunday Morning Service

Sermon Notes

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

-by Maryke Hernandez & CoriAnn Kalsbeek

*Opening Song: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

LUYH 56 (1-4)

*God’s Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” LUYH 76 (1, 3, 4)

Confession and Assurance

Offering: General Fund

Children’s Message

*Praise Song – “Crown Him with Many Crowns (Christmas Version)”

Congregational Prayer – James Tucker

*Scripture: Psalm 46

Message: “God Is Like a Fort”

Prayer

*Song: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

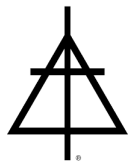
LUYH 776 (1, 2, 4)

*God’s Blessing

*Sending Song: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

LUYH 56 (1, 3)

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 1st week of Advent, and we welcome back Pastor Todd Hilkemann to lead the morning service. Following morning worship, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies. At 11:45, students participating in the Christmas program will have practice and the high school will have Sunday school.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 10:30am Morning Worship Service

11:45am Christmas Program
Practice/Sunday School

Wednesday 6:00pm Wednesday Family Night

Thursday 9:30am Ladies Coffee Break

Offering Schedule

December 3: General Fund

December 10: General Fund & SCS

December 17: General Fund

December 24: General Fund &
World Renew

Wednesday Cooking

December 6: Linda Beukeboom

December 13: No WFN

December 20: No WFN

December 27: No WFN

January 3: No WFN

Sunday Cookie Duty

December 3: Jessica Doyle

December 10: CoriAnn Kalsbeek

December 17: Lynn Lail

December 24: Kali Osinga

Nursery Duty

December 3: Laura & Henry

December 10: Linda & Kate

December 17: Jennifer & Kylar

December 24: Jessica H & Paisley

*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 on December 10th, 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.

*Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Pastor’s Vacation – Pastor Greg and Kay are currently on vacation until this Thursday, December 7th. If you have a need, please reach out to one of our Elders.

Congregational Meeting – Join us next Sunday, December 10th 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 – December 6th will be our last Wednesday Family Night and December 10th will be the last day of Sunday School for the year. Ladies Coffee Break will end the year on December 14th with brunch @ Sina Veltkamp’s house.

Stephenville Christian School Christmas Program – You are invited to support the students at SCS for their annual Christmas Program which will take place on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm.

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.