

Stephenville Christian Reformed Church

Elder and Deacon Nominations Accepted – At the congregational meeting on December 8th, 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 Justin Taylor and Casey Thiebaud. The men who have accepted their nomination for elder are Roel Stoker and Frank Kalsbeek. Please be in prayer for these leaders and the upcoming congregational meeting. Our outgoing Elder is Bert Velsen and Deacon is Scott Lail. Thank you, gentlemen, for your 3 years of service on the SCRC council. If you are in need of an absentee ballot, they are in the back of church by the member boxes.

Pastor's Vacation – Pastor Greg and Kay are currently on vacation until December 10th. If you have a need, please reach out to one of our Elders.

***Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

Congregational Meeting – Join us next Sunday, December 8th at 6 pm for our yearly congregational meeting where we will be approving the 2025 budget and also electing a new elder and deacon. Following the meeting, everyone is invited to join us for a soup/sandwich potluck followed by our annual SERVE bake-off fundraiser to support the 14 youth and 3 leaders who will attend SERVE 2025 in Gallatin Valley, Montana.

End of Year Education Dates – Sunday school classes have concluded for the year and will resume in January. December 4th will be our last Wednesday Family Night and Ladies Coffee Break will end the year on December 12th 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 12th at 6:00pm.

***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 Pastor Greg who went to the urologist this month where they found a legion on his prostate. He had a biopsy done last week and will get the results when they return from their vacation on December 11th.
- For Margreet Osinga's sister Anja Kooi who is losing her battle with cancer and is in the hospital with days left to live. Pray for her and her family as they spend these last days together.
- For Frank Kalsbeek's sister Joni Rollema who has stage 4 cancer.
- For Joy Osinga who is currently waiting for confirmation to be put on the kidney transplant list. Prayers as she waits for a matching donor.
- For Jordan Kalsbeek and that his medication will help alleviate and reduce the risk of future seizures and that there are no side effects.
- For Jace Nelson who was in a serious car wreck and has had many surgeries already. Also, for comfort and strength for his wife and 2 kids.
- For Janet's sister, who lost her husband suddenly from cancer.
- 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 during this transition of leadership.



Elder Roeland Stoker
Sunday December 1, 2024

Sunday Morning Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

All: Christ's light brings hope to a weary world.

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

-Ryland & Kylar Stoker

*Opening Song: "Hope Was Born This Night" by the Sidewalk Prophets

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" LUYH 56 (1-4)

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" LUYH 76 (1-4)

Confession and Assurance

Offering: General Fund

Children's Message

*Praise Song: "Crown Him with Many Crowns (Christmas Version)"

Congregational Prayer – Roel Stoker

Message: Luke 3:1-18

Prayer

*Song: * "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LUYH 61 (1, 2 & 4)

*God's Blessing

*Sending Song: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

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, we are celebrating the first week of Advent with a message from Luke 3. Following morning worship, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies. There will be practice following worship for the children's Christmas program and also for the adults that are participating in the Christmas choir.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 10:30am Morning Worship

11:45am Children's Christmas Program
Practice/ Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday 6:00pm Wednesday Family Night

Thursday 9:30am Ladies Coffee Break

Offering Schedule

December 1: General Fund

December 8: General Fund &
Stephenville Christian School

December 15: General Fund

December 22: General Fund &
Crossroads Prison Ministries

Wednesday Cooking

December 4: Pizza

December 11: No WFN

December 18: No WFN

December 25: No WFN

Sunday Cookie Duty

December 1: Maryke Hernandez

December 8: CoriAnn Kalsbeek

December 15: Lynn Lail

December 22: Kali Osinga

Council Greeter

December: Scott Lail

Nursery Duty

December 1: Jennifer & Alex

December 8: CoriAnn & Jaclyn

December 15: Pietra & Henry

December 22: Jessica H. & Ryland

*News/Reminders:

Monthly Capital Campaign – The December Capital Campaign is for Crossroads Prison Ministry, formerly known as Crossroads Bible Institute. Crossroads connects prisoners with mentors in Christ-centered relationships so that lives, prisons, and churches are restored through the Gospel. If you are interested in learning more about their mentorship program, you can go to their website at: <https://cpministries.org/mentorship-program>. The offering for this ministry will take place on Sunday, December 22nd.