

***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 Bregtje and Pieter VanderMeer who are expecting a baby in November.
- For Scott Lail who had spinal fusion surgery this past Friday and is at home resting. Prayers for quick healing and minimal pain.
- For Kay Dyk who will be having back surgery on September 18th.
- For Grace Osinga who will be having her tonsils and adenoids removed this coming Friday.
- For Owen Sieperda who is recovering from an intestinal blockage.
- For Owen & Janet Sieperda's great grandson who sustained a skull fracture and has been diagnosed with brittle bone disease.
- For complete healing for Audrey Veldhuizen who has shingles.
- 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 rain.

Stephenville Christian Reformed Church



Pastor Greg Dyk
Sunday August 27, 2023

Sunday Morning Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 84:1-2, 4, 10

*Song of Praise: "How Lovely is Your Dwelling" LUYH 507 (1-3)

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
LUYH 579 (1,3,4)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund & Backpack Buddies of Erath County

We Come to the Table of Our Lord

*Apostles Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

We Celebrate Communion with Christ at the Lord's Table

Song: "Fill Thou My Life" LUYH 356 (1-3)

*Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4, II Kings 6:8-23

Message: "The Perfect Vantage Point"

*Song: "The First Place" LUYH 15

*God's Blessing

Sermon Notes

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 Greg will be continuing his sermon series on God's law and will be preaching from the books of Colossians and II Kings. Following morning worship, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies. At 11:45, we have Sunday school classes for Pre-K 3 to high school!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 10:30am Morning Worship Service

11:45am Sunday School

Wednesday 6:00pm Wednesday Family Night

Thursday 9:30am Ladies Coffee Break

Offering Schedule

August 27: General Fund & Backpack Buddies

September 3: General Fund

September 10: General Fund & Stephenville Christian School

September 17: General Fund

Sunday Cookie Duty

August 27: Esther Tucker

September 3: Jessica Hoekstra

September 10: JoEllen Taylor

September 17: Potluck

Nursery Duty

August 27: Heidi & Alex

September 3: GeriAnn & Jaelyn

September 10: DeeDee & Ryland

September 17: Laura & Henry

*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. In the 2022-2023 school year, they served over 300 students in Erath County. The average cost to feed 1 child per weekend is \$5.00. For 6 weeks is \$30.00, per semester is \$90.00, and per school year is \$180.00. We will take the offering for Backpack Buddies this morning.

Sunday School Fall Start – Join us today following morning worship as we kick off our Sunday school classes for fall! If the service concludes by 11:45, PreK – 8th grade students are encouraged to go to the nursery for singing with CoriAnn or Janna before they break into Sunday school classes. If services go past 11:45, students need to go straight to their classrooms for Sunday school and singing will be skipped that day. PreK-Kindergarten will meet in Kali's room next to the nursery and Kristin Hoekstra & Esther Tucker are the teachers. 1st-3rd will meet in the Deacon's room and their teachers are GeriAnn Kalsbeek & Jessica Overstreet. 6th-8th grades will meet in the outside left portable building with Pastor Greg as their teacher and 9-12th will meet in Pastor Greg's office with Roeland Stoker as the teacher. Thank you to all the teachers who have consented to teach this year! We were not able to find anyone to lead the adult Sunday school class. We are asking all who would be interested in having adult Sunday school to meet in Desiree's office to determine the level of interest and course of study for the year.

Fall Education Classes – Join us every week for any of our education classes for ages Pre-K3 to Adult. Wednesday Family Night starts with dinner at 6:00 pm and Bible study classes begin at 6:30 pm. Pastor Greg will be leading the adult class and we will be continuing our study from last spring titled "Jesus Christ: Teacher, Servant and Savior" by John Stott. Ladies Coffee Break meets every Thursday at 9:30am and they have started a Life Guide study on the New Testament books of I Peter, II Peter and Jude by Carolyn Nystrom. Sunday School meets after Sunday morning service, and we have classes from Pre-K to High School.

Sunday Evening Service – The council has made the decision to discontinue weekly Sunday night worship. We will initiate and begin small groups that meet one or 2 Sunday evenings each month. Preparation is in progress and the first night will be Sunday, September 10th.

*Upcoming Dates to Remember:

SERVE Coordinator Meeting – If you volunteered to be on the SERVE coordinator team, there will be a meeting tonight at 7:00pm at the church.

Visit from our Uganda Missionaries, the Sytsma's – On September 17th, Anthony and Sara Sytsma will be visiting us with Anthony leading the morning message. Following worship service, we will have a church potluck and there will be no Sunday school that day.

Women of Joy Conference, Frisco – Calling all women (and girls)! If you're interested in a time of friends and fellowship routed in the Word, we would love for you to join us October 27-29. The Women of Joy Conference has a wide array of artist including Amy Grant and Matthew West as well as leaders including Sadie Robertson Huff and Max Lucado. Let Linda or CoriAnn know by the end of August if you'd like to come.