

***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 SERVE Stephenville. Continue to lift up our SERVE site in prayers as we prepare to host in June. Pray that all involved mirror their preparations, direction and hearts to God's will and that God prepare the hearts of those He has called to join us, both those who have already signed up and those who have yet to. To Him be the Glory!
- Praise that Gideon Wamala is now back preaching in his church and is feeling a lot better from his illness.
- 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.

Stephenville Christian Reformed Church



Pastor Greg Dyk
Sunday February 18, 2024

Sunday Morning Service



Today is the first Sunday of Lent. Lent is a time of preparation and repentance before Good Friday and Easter. We look forward to celebrating Jesus' victorious resurrection on Easter morning, but before that, we have to face our role in Jesus' cruel crucifixion on Good Friday.

This year for Lent we will be looking at the Old Testament book of Judges: "Messy People, Merciful God." We will look at the messiness of people's lives and in the judges' lives but will also see the overwhelming love and mercy of our God. We too are messy people. Ultimately Jesus is the only one who can deliver us from our messy lives.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Song: "As the Deer" LUYH 503

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: "We Will Extol You, God and King" LUYH 562 (1,2,4)
"There Is A Redeemer" LUYH 833 (1, 2)

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Offering: General Fund

Children's Message

*Song of Praise: "I Surrender All"

Congregational Prayer

Looking at Judges for Lent – "Messy People, Merciful God"

*Scripture: Judges 2:1-23

Message: "The Cycle Begins"

Prayer

*Song: "O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God" LUYH 672 (1, 3, 4)

*God's Blessing

*Sending Song: "God, the Father of Your People" LUYH 927 (1, 2)

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 starting a 6-week series for lent titled “Messy People, Merciful God” and we will be studying the Judges in the Old Testament. 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

Saturday 10-12pm Spring Cleaning Day

Offering Schedule

February 18: General Fund

February 25: General Fund & Luke’s Society

March 3: General Fund

March 10: General Fund & Stephenville Christian School

Wednesday Cooking

February 21: Heidi Velsen

February 28: Annemarie Werkman

March 6: DeeDee Stoker

March 13: No WFN

March 20: Linda Beukeboom

March 27: Larua Osinga

Nursery Duty

February 18: Janna & Ryland

February 25: Laura & Kate

March 3: Linda & Kylar

March 10: Jennifer & Paisley

Sunday Cookie Duty

February 18: GeriAnn Kalsbeek

February 25: Jessica Hoekstra

March 3: JoEllen Taylor

March 10: Julie Haringa

*News/Reminders:

Monthly Capital Campaign – The February capital campaign is for Luke Society. The Luke Society is a Christian ministry that works internationally with indigenous medical professionals to bring healing and hope through Jesus Christ. They support and empower nationals as they serve the Lord among their own people, language and culture, and in doing so, carrying out the Great Commission in Matthew 28 to “go and make disciples of all nations.” The Luke Society is rooted in a steadfast philosophy that in order to transform lives they must first equip visionaries who have God-given

passions and desires to improve their own communities. They do not do the work for them, nor do they seek to direct their passions or visions. They come alongside ministries as a family, developing long-term relationships of mentoring, networking and encouragement. You can learn more about this ministry by visiting their website at <https://www.lukesociety.org/>. We will take the offering for Luke Society next Sunday, February 25th.

Choices Clinic “Change for Life” Campaign – This is one of many ways that we support Choices Clinic & Life Resource Center and their pro-life ministry. Baby bottles are located on the foyer entry table if you have not yet picked one up. Over the next 2 weeks drop any loose change, cash or you may add a check as well. On Sunday, March 3rd, please return the bottle to church so that it may be returned to Choices Clinic. This fundraiser shows how one penny may not be much alone, but when put with many others it can accomplish many great things!

Vacation Bible School – The education committee is looking for a new leader for VBS this summer. If you would like to fill this role, please contact a member of the education committee. If a new leader is not found, we will skip hosting a VBS this year.

Easter Choir – If you are interested in singing on Easter Sunday, please meet at the front of the sanctuary following morning worship. We plan to have an Easter choir with 2 special numbers.

*Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Church Spring Cleaning Day – Come help get our building and grounds ready for spring this Saturday, February 24th from 10 am to 12 pm. Some of the items to do are trimming bushes, cleaning out the front flower beds, cleaning nursery toys, vacuuming the sanctuary chair pockets, organizing the deacons room shelves, and deep cleaning the kitchen.

All Committee Meeting – We will be having an all-committee meeting on Sunday, February 25th at 6:00pm. All committee members are expected to attend if able.

Guest Preacher – Pastor Todd Hilkemann will be leading our morning worship service on March 3rd while Pastor Greg is at the SERVE summit conference.

Classis Rocky Mountain Meeting – The spring meeting for Classis Rocky Mountain will be held in Colorado on March 5th & 6th. Pastor Greg Dyk and Elder Linsey Hoekstra will be attending the meeting.

Spring Break – Spring Break is the week of March 10th through the 16th. We will not have Sunday School on the 10th, Wednesday Family Night on the 13th, or Ladies Coffee Break on the 14th.