

November 25, 2018

Welcome to the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church with Pastor Steve Boersma. Visitors are asked to please sign a guest book in an entryway. Worship services are held at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Church School classes are held after the morning service.

GREETERS: west – John & Terril Koops

east – Don & Jan Koops

December 2: west – Dustin & Alisa Pahls

east – Marion & Marianne Schlatter Family

NURSERY: A.M. – Abigail Schlatter & Jonny Schlatter

P.M. – George Eakin & Jana Pfannenstiel

December 2: A.M. – Dennis & Mary Rotman

P.M. – Lynn Koops & Amy Toynton

USHER: Dennis Rotman

ORGANIST: Stacy DeBey

PIANIST: John Tanis

OFFERING TOTALS: November 18 – General Fund \$809

Dordt College Fall Drive \$256

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Dennis & Mary Rotman

December 2 – Roy DeBey

LETTER WRITING SUPPORT: Michelson – Rich Verhage,

VanderGiesen – Junior VanderGiesen,

Zylstra – Dustin Pahls, Hoogeveen – Ileen Tanis,

Ramsey – Jed Toynton

CARE GROUP FOR OCTOBER – DECEMBER: #2

The Lord's Week

Monday: 7:00 p.m. – Elders' Meeting; lunch – Roy DeBey

Tuesday: 4:45 p.m. – Children's Bible Class

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – Ora et Labora; Lynn B. leads "Michal."

devotions – Belinda Arnold

7:30 p.m. – Cadets; snacks – Linda Groenendyk

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – Dorcas Society; lesson 6, lunch – Rose

roll call "covenant"

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – Men's Prayer Breakfast

at Rose Valley United Methodist Church

Next Sunday: No Sunday School Classes due to program practice

The Church Family

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. The nominees for elder to replace Elders Roy DeBey and Bob Koops are George Eakin, Don Koops, Mike Nyhoff, and Marion Schlatter. The nominees to replace Deacon Dale Herredsberg are Ray DeBey and David Herredsberg. Copies of the agenda, special offering schedule, and proposed budget have been placed in everyone's mailbox in the fellowship hall.

If you cannot attend the congregational meeting, please submit your absentee ballots to a Council member before the meeting. Absentee ballots will be accepted in voting for elder, deacon, and/or the budget. Use one ballot for each item for which you are voting. The ballot for elder should have two names on it; the ballot for deacon should have one name on it. Place each ballot in a separate envelope and label the envelope with the item for which you are voting (i.e.: elder or deacon or budget). Place the envelopes containing your ballots inside another envelope and write your name on the outside envelope.

Council Meeting Notes: (1) The deacons report a balance of \$12,188.55 in the general fund as of October 31. (2) Dave Sytsma of Rehoboth Christian School will give a presentation at the evening worship service on December 9. (3) There will be no Sunday School during the month of December so that the students may practice for the Christmas program. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Monday, December 24 at 6:30 p.m. (4) The worship committee is working on publishing an updated membership directory. (5) Policies and procedures for leading and participating in worship were presented and approved. (6) Pastor Steve is planning to offer a membership class beginning in January. (7) The date for the annual congregational meeting was set, and the 2019 special offering schedule and budget were approved and will be voted on at the congregational meeting.

The YPS is selling cinnamon rolls at \$20 a dozen with either cream cheese frosting or caramel. They need to be ordered by Wednesday, November 28.

A total of sixteen Christmas boxes were received from our church for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to all who participated in this outreach effort.

Advent begins on December 2. Follow Jesus into the lives of the poor through the World Renew 2018-2019 Gift Catalog. Have fun together, giving gifts that are meaningful and powerful, helping people who live with scarcity to experience Uzima -- the fullness that God intends for them. Ora et Labora is sponsoring this project. You may give your order, along with your donation, to Sherri Eakin or Stacy DeBey by January 9. Ora et Labora will do the ordering of the "gift items" through World Renew. Learn more at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip - Does helping your child grow in faith feel overwhelming? Great resources are key! Check out tinyurl.com/FamilyFaithResources for a list of family devotions ideas, Bible storybooks and picture books, music, and helpful books and websites. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From Back to God Ministries International

I BELONG: SO I LIVE FOR HIM - What does belonging to Jesus mean for how I live my life? Do I have to change? Study Romans 8:12-17 and Galatians 5:13-25 with Groundwork to gain a better understanding about why belonging to Jesus means, with the Holy Spirit's help, we'll be willing and ready to live for him. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

The Jesse Tree: A Family Devotional and Craft for Advent - Enjoy a fun and informative Advent activity to go along with December's Today devotional. You can download the devotional and Christmas ornaments at backtgod.net/downloads

TURKEY ROCKET - On Thanksgiving Day, all of Terrene comes out to help to celebrate being thankful, but Liz and the gang encounter some tough challenges and hard times. Can they be thankful regardless of the circumstances? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com.

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Psalm 66:8-10, 12b-13 (Responsively):

Leader: Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.
People: For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver. We went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance. We will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill our vows to you.

Prayer of Invocation

*Gathering Song: LUYH #427 *"How Firm a Foundation"*

*God's Greeting

*Hymn of Praise: LUYH # 660 *"Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"*

Call to Confession – Psalm 34:17-18

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Lord, we are brokenhearted and crushed in spirit because we have not looked to you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We ignore your will for us. We do not notice the needs of the people around us. We do not acknowledge the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us and help us to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Give us thankful hearts as we now experience your love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – 1 John 1:9, Jeremiah 33:8

Hymn of Faith: LUYH #687 *"Father, Long Before Creation"*

God's Will for Our Lives – Exodus 20:1-17

Song of Dedicat: LUYH #664 *"I Need Your Help, O LORD My God"*

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund

*Song of Preparation: SNC #80 *"Open Our Eyes, Lord"*

Prayer for Illumination

God's Word – Malachi 3:1-5

Message – "Looking for Jesus"

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: SNC #9 *"Lord God Almighty"*

*Benediction

*Doxology: SNC #39 *"Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty Reigns"*

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Call to Worship – Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

***Opening Song: Lift Up Your Hearts #440**

“He Leadeth Me”

***God’s Greeting – Revelation 1:4-5**

***Hymn of Faith – LUYH #322 “I Need Thee Every Hour”**

Reading from the Psalms – Psalm 37

Song of Dedication: LUYH #329 “Lead Me, Guide Me”

Congregational Prayer

New Testament Reading – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

***Song of Preparation: Sing! A New Creation #16**

“I Love You, Lord” (2x)

Scripture – Numbers 27:12-23

Message: “Joshua Is Commissioned for Service”

Prayer of Application

***Song of Application: LUYH #859 “Be Thou My Vision”**

Offering: General Fund

***Confession of Faith – Our Faith, pg. 13**

“The Apostles’ Creed”

***Closing Song: Lift Up Your Hearts #754**

“Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

***Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26**

***Doxology: Lift Up Your Hearts #394, vs. 1&4**

“All Praise to You, My God, This Night”