

December 30, 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.

GREETERS: west – Marty & Beth Christians Family
east – David & Jennifer Herredsberg Family

January 6: west – Junior & Marideen VanderGiesen
east – Jeff & Marla Koops Family

NURSERY: A.M. – Dennis & Mary Rotman

P.M. – Lynn Koops & Amy Toynton

December 31 – Marla Koops

January 6: A.M. – Beth Christians & Jonny Schlatter

P.M. – Jeff Koops & Eli Koops

USHERS: Bob Koops

ORGANIST: Marianne Schlatter

PIANIST: John Tanis

SPECIAL OFFERING: December 31 – Crossroad Bible Institute

OFFERING TOTALS: December 23 – General Fund \$5,842

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: January 6 – Mike Nyhoff

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Dennis & Mary Rotman

January 6 – Roy DeBey

LETTER WRITING SUPPORT: Hoogeveen – Mike Nyhoff,

VanderGiesen – Merle Nyhoff, Zylstra – Randy Koops,

Michelson – Dennis Rotman, Ramsey – Marianne Schlatter

CARE GROUP FOR OCTOBER – DECEMBER: #2

CARE GROUP FOR JANUARY – MARCH: #3

The Lord's Day

Sunday School Classes will not meet today. They will resume next Sunday morning.

The Lord's Week

Monday: 6:30 p.m. – New Year's Eve Worship Service & Installation

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – Dorcas Society; lesson 8 "Living by Faith"
lunch – Ginger, roll call "faith"

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

at the Downs United Methodist Church

The Church Family

Please join us tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. for our annual New Year's Eve worship service. During this service, we will install George Eakin and Don Koops as elders and Ray DeBey as deacon.

Care Group 2 will be hosting a soup supper and game night following the New Year's Eve service tomorrow evening. Care Group 2 members will be providing an assortment of soups, and other Care Groups are asked to bring finger foods, rolls, or desserts. Please bring your favorite board games as well.

The council is discussing a request by a member of the congregation to change the time of the Sunday evening worship service. If you have any concerns or input, either pro or con, please contact Pastor Steve or one of the elders.

The December prayer letter from Dale and Cheryl Ramsey is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall as well as a Christmas letter from Pastor Harold and Joanne de Jong.

Dordt College acknowledges the receipt of \$256 for the Dordt Annual Fund and \$407.11 for the support of Dordt College under the Synodical Ministry Share Relief program.

It's often said this time of year that it's more blessed to give than to receive. We experience that blessing at the Luke Society as we distribute the financial gifts of Dispatch CRC to our ministries around the world. We see these gifts bearing everlasting fruit in the many new lives won for Christ. Thank you for being a part of the Luke Society family and touching lives in Jesus' name.

The next issue of the Dispatch Newsletter will come out in January. We are looking for your contributions again. Needed are articles about your church group, upcoming events, stories, poems, and church news events submitted for consideration. The deadline is next Sunday, January 6. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make the newsletter informative and interesting. You can send articles to jjtanis@ruraltel.net Thank you.

Pastor Steve is planning to offer a class for those who may be interested in making profession of faith or becoming new members, or who just want to know more of what we believe. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Steve before the end of the year. We hope to begin classes in January.

The Worship Committee hopes to update the church directory (no pictures). Please find a printout of the current information on a table in Fellowship Hall and make corrections on it. If no change is needed, please mark “okay” by your information.

Share the joy of abundant life today with people who live with poverty and hunger through the Giving Tree Project from World Renew. Give enthusiastically in praise to God for His gifts! These can also be used for gift-giving year-round. Find ornaments on the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall. Choose one or more and give them, along with your donation, to Sherri Eakin or Stacy DeBey by January 9. Ora et Labora will order the items.

Family Faith Formation Tip - As one year ends and a new year begins, gather as a family to remember the highs and lows of this past year. Thank God for being with you through everything that happened. Then talk about what’s coming up in the new year. This is also a great time to start new family faith formation practices in your home! (Faith Formation Ministries; crna.org/FaithFormation)

BAYOU TO THE FUTURE - There is trash in the bayou and in the playground. Who is responsible for cleaning it up? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Check out the “God is Faithful” Memory Jar Activity as you look ahead to the new year! www.kidscorner.net

What happened to Joseph? Who was Julia? How do I reconcile women in church leadership with 1 Timothy 2:11-15 and 1 Corinthians 14:33-35? Is it right to denigrate other religions or churches? Study scripture together to answer the questions you’ve asked Groundwork this year. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

December 30, 2018 (AM)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Psalm 48:1, 9-10 (Responsively):

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise,
in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

People: Within your temple, O God,
we meditate on your unfailing love. Like your name,
O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Prayer of Invocation

***Gathering Song: Lift Up Your Hearts #249, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5**
“Great Is the LORD Our God”

***God’s Greeting – Galatians 1:3-5**

***Hymn of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts #280, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5**
“My Song Forever Shall Record”

Call to Confession – Isaiah 1:16-17, 5:20-21

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Merciful God, we cry to you because we know that we have sinned.
We seek our own desires and rely on our own ingenuity. We
prefer our way to your way. We make excuses for our
shortcomings.

Forgive us when we fail to do what you desire. Teach us your will
and help us to follow it. Thank you for not holding our sins
against us because of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. We pray in his
name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – Isaiah 1:18, 5:16, 6:7

Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #358 *“Give Thanks”*

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

***Song of Dedication: LUYH #15** *“The First Place”*

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: Lift Up Your Hearts #759, vs. 1&4**
“Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path”

Prayer for Illumination

God’s Word – Isaiah 2:1-5

Message: “The Mountain of the Lord”

Prayer of Application

***Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts #721**
“Teach Me, O LORD, Your Way of Truth”

***Benediction – 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

***Doxology: Lift Up Your Hearts #726, vs. 1&3**

“The LORD Is King, Enthroned in Might”

December 30, 2018 (PM)

Prelude

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Call to Worship – Psalm 34:3, 86:12-13a (Responsively):

Pastor: Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

People: I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart;

I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your love toward me.

***Opening Song: Lift Up Your Hearts #542**

“All Glory Be to God on High” (No Slides)

***God’s Greeting – 2 Peter 1:2**

***Hymn of Praise – LUYH #561** *“I Will Extol You, O My God”*

Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 4:32-40, 7:1-16

Song of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts #515, vs. 1-4

“Sing to the LORD, Sing His Praise”

Reading from the Psalms – Psalm 136 (Responsively)

***Song of Preparation: Lift Up Your Hearts #547, vs. 1**

“Sing, Sing a New Song to the LORD God”

Scripture – Joshua 23

Message: “Joshua’s Farewell Message”

Prayer of Application

***Song of Application: Lift Up Your Hearts #727**

“Christian Hearts in Love United”

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund

New Testament Reading – Hebrews 8:1-12, 9:11-14

***Closing Song: LUYH #850** *“Commit Your Way to God the Lord”*

***Benediction – Zephaniah 3:17**

***Doxology: Lift Up Your Hearts #570, vs. 1-2**

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”