

January 6, 2019

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 – Junior & Marideen VanderGiesen
east – Jeff & Marla Koops Family
January 13: west – Merle & Rose Nyhoff
east – Dale & Kareena Herredsberg Family

NURSERY: A.M. – Beth Christians & Jonny Schlatter
P.M. – Jeff Koops & Eli Koops
January 13: A.M. – Marty Christians & Nathan Schlatter
P.M. – Bob Koops & Liam Christians

USHER: Bob Koops
ORGANIST: Ginger DeBey
PIANIST: Lynn Koops
SPECIAL OFFERING: January 13 – Youth Unlimited
OFFERING TOTALS: Dec. 25 – Salina Rescue Mission \$262
December 30 – General Fund \$1,700
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Mike Nyhoff
January 20 – George Eakin
HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Roy DeBey
January 13 – Randy Koops
LETTER WRITING SUPPORT: Hoogeveen – John Tanis,
Zylstra – Bonnie Tanis, Michelson – Genny Tanis,
Ramsey – Jane Van Donge
CARE GROUP FOR JANUARY – MARCH: #3

The Lord’s Day

Care Group #3 will meet after the morning service.

The Lord’s Week

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – Agape Shop Clean-up
Tuesday: 4:45 p.m. – Children's Bible Class
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – Ora et Labora; Lynn Koops leads lesson 20.
devotions – Amy Toynton
7:30 p.m. – Cadets; snacks – Sherri Eakin
Friday: 6:15 a.m. – Promise Keepers Men's Group

The Church Family

May God bless Luke and Jeanetta Nieuwsma and family on the birth of Logan Luke on Thursday, the 3rd. Congratulations to Grandparents Russell and Linda Groenendyk and Great-grandmother Ileen Tanis.

The council is discussing a request by a member of the congregation to change the Sunday evening worship service to an earlier time. The reason for the request is so that younger couples with elementary school-aged children can attend. If you have any concerns or input, either pro or con, please contact Pastor Steve or one of the elders.

The next issue of the Dispatch Newsletter will come out this month. 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 today. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make the newsletter informative and interesting. You can send articles to Jan Tanis at jjtanis@ruraltel.net Thank you.

SNOW POLICY

The Vice-President (V.P.) of Council is responsible for canceling church in the event of snow, ice, or other inclement weather.

Cancellations should be made one hour prior to church to provide adequate warning to the members who live farther away from church. The V.P. will inform the minister and other elders. The elders and the minister shall assist in contacting the church members as coordinated by the V.P.

The V.P. will also contact radio stations KDNS in Glen Elder and KVSU in Beloit to announce the cancellation.

Family Faith Formation Tip - It’s true that that faith is “caught” just as much as it’s “taught.” Kids will learn to value Bible reading more if you let them “catch” you reading God’s Word on your own—not just in church or during family devotions. Talk with them about what you’re reading and how it connects with your daily life. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

December Food Bank Report: During December we filled and delivered 35 gift boxes of food to households that included 140 people. That brings the total number of gift boxes to 83 that went to feed 203 people with Cawker City, Downs, and Tipton addresses. The average cost for a gift box was \$56.81 with the smaller gift boxes costing less and the bigger ones costing more.

At our regular December distribution, we gave food to an additional seventeen households that included 25 people. There have been many food drives during the past two months so we are well stocked with food going into January.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with and donated to this ministry in 2018. - Pastor George

Cooler/Smarter: Living Your Climate Witness Workshop Series - Cooler/Smarter: Living Your Climate Witness is a seven-session workshop series designed to help individuals and families that want to get serious about reducing their carbon footprints. Each workshop will take place at a different congregation throughout Grand Rapids and will be facilitated by a Climate Witness Partner. The Climate Witness Project is a campaign of the Office of Social Justice and World Renew. We will also be sharing highlights from the sessions via video later—stay tuned! Learn more and register at justice.crcna.org/cooler-smarter

GROUNDWORK: ALL YOU NEED - If you spend any time watching TV or trolling the Internet, you'll quickly discover there's a lot you just can't live without...at least according to advertisers. Join Groundwork as we study the Apostle Paul's reminder to early Christians and to us in 1 Thessalonians 1 that in Christ we have all we need in life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

WHAT NOT TO WEAR - Lacey talks Lucille into buying clothes she knows her mother won't want her to wear. What happens when Lucille starts lying and hanging out with the wrong gang of kids? What will Liz do? Listen now at kidcorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download KC's Collection of Memories Kit 2019 for a family activity today.

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship – Psalm 118:1, 19, 24, 28 (Responsively):

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

People: Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: You are my God, and I will give you thanks;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

*Gathering Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts #594

"The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"

*God's Greeting – 2 Thessalonians 1:2

*Song of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts #507

"How Lovely Is Your Dwelling"

Call to Confession – Proverbs 28:13-14

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God, forgive us of our sins
and grant us the desire to do only what pleases you and the
strength to do only what you command.

Cleanse our souls, enlighten our minds, and inflame our hearts
with your Holy Spirit, that we may follow in the footsteps of
your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray,
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Lift Up Your Hearts #363

"Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine"

God's Will for Our Lives – 1 Thessalonians 5:8-15

Hymn of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts #904

"Lord, Make Us Servants" (No Slides)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund

*Song of Preparation: Lift Up Your Hearts #763, vs. 1-2

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

God's Word – 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Message – “Paul’s Request for Prayer”

Prayer of Application

***Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts #924**

“Come, All You Servants of the Lord” (No Slides)

***Benediction – 2 Thessalonians 3:16**

***Doxology: Lift Up Your Hearts #933, vs. 2**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

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Call to Worship – Deuteronomy 4:23-24, 39

***Opening Song: Lift Up Your Hearts #502, vs. 1, 2, 5, 6**

“O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise”

***God’s Greeting – Galatians 1:3-5**

***Hymn of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts #572, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Reading from the Psalms – Psalm 31

Song of Faith: Lift Up Your Hearts #734, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7

“My Heart Is Firmly Fixed”

Congregational Prayer

Reading from the New Testament – Rev. 2:1-3, 7-11, 12-13

***Song of Preparation: Lift Up Your Hearts #626**

“Cast Down, O God, the Idols” (No Slides)

Scripture – Joshua 24:14-27

Message: “The Challenge”

Prayer of Application

***Hymn of Application: Lift Up Your Hearts #739**

“I Surrender All”

Offering: General Fund

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

“The Apostles’ Creed”

***Closing Song: Lift Up Your Hearts #352**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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

***Doxology: Lift Up Your Hearts #743**

“O God, You Are My God”