

March 3, 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 6:00 p.m. Church School classes are held after the morning service.

GREETERS: west – David & Jennifer Herredsberg Family
east – Mike Nyhoff

March 10: west – Jeff & Marla Koops Family
east – Ray & Ginger DeBey

NURSERY: A.M. – Mary Rotman & Kacee Herredsberg
P.M. – Amy Toynton & Beth Christians

March 10: A.M. – Marty Christians & Liam Christians
P.M. – Jeff Koops & Eli Koops

USHER: Dennis Rotman

ORGANIST: Ginger DeBey

PIANIST: Lynn Koops

SPECIAL OFFERING: Gene & Dawn Michelson - Resonate Global Mission

OFFERING TOTALS: February 17 – General Fund \$890

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Ray DeBey

March 17 – Mike Nyhoff

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: John Koops

March 10 – Russell Groenendyk

LETTER WRITING SUPPORT: Zylstra – Marianne Schlatter, Ramsey – Genny Tanis,
Hooegeveen – Bonnie Tanis, Michelson – Jane Van Donge

CARE GROUP FOR JANUARY – MARCH: #3

The Lord’s Day

This morning we have the opportunity to witness the baptism of Jade Schurr, infant daughter of Jared and Andrea and granddaughter of Don and Jan Koops.

The Lord’s Week

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – Agape Shop Clean-up

6:00 p.m. – “Art of Parenting: Like Arrows” study

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

Wednesday: 12:05 p.m. – Lenten Lunch at the Zion Lutheran Church

6:00 p.m. – GEMS Girls' Club

7:00 p.m. – Young People's Society

Friday: 6:15 a.m. – Promise Keepers Men's Group

The Church Family

Council Notes: (1) The deacons reported a balance of \$18,338.59 in the general fund as of January 31, 2019. (2) The Gideons will provide a representative to give a presentation at our morning worship service on April 7. (3) Council approved a stipend of \$100 per service for pulpit supply. (4) Council approved a three-day leave for Pastor Steve to attend the funeral of his aunt in Iowa and to provide pulpit supply for one service on February 24. (5) The Building and Grounds Committee is receiving bids for renovations and repairs to the school house. (6) Delegates to the Classis Rocky Mountain meeting on March 12-13 are Pastor Steve and Elder Russell Groenendyk.

Pastor Steve and Lynn will be taking a week of vacation, beginning on Tuesday, March 5. They will return on Monday, March 11. Please contact one of the elders for any concerns during that time. For emergencies, Pastor Steve can be contacted at 785-412-0026. Leading our morning service next week will be Dr. Dave Rozema, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Nebraska, Kearney. Elder Randy Koops will be in charge of the evening service.

Lenten lunches will begin this week Wednesday, March 6 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Downs at 12:05 p.m. The theme is from Psalm 118 - His Love Endures Forever. Pastor Jason Toombs will conduct the service and imposition of ashes. A free-will offering will be divided between the Christian Care Fund and the Downs Ministerial Association. A light lunch will follow in the fellowship hall of the church. Donations will be received to cover expenses. A complete schedule of the Lenten Lunch Series is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Helen (Brink) Walter of Grand Rapids, Michigan passed away Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019. Her service was held Thursday, Feb. 28 in Michigan. Helen was a former member of Dispatch CRC. She also taught at the Dispatch School where she met her first husband Bernard Otte. Following Bernard’s passing, she was married to Don Walter of Downs.

GEMS Mother/Daughter Painting Party - March 20, 6 PM Dispatch family are welcome to join our GEMS and their mothers in a painting party. Please RSVP by March 13 to Marla Koops (785.564.2391). No age requirements or limits.

I QUIT! - Liz finally makes the football team, but that is just the start of his problems. Will he be able to stick with it or will he have to quit the team? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC’s weekly emails for future episodes.

Join the East Africa Climate Witness Project Trip! - Are you passionate about climate justice? Do you want to be at ground-zero with those who are on the front lines of climate justice? Or do you know someone in your church who would welcome an opportunity like that? This trip is for you or for that person you are thinking of! Since the Climate Witness Project is a joint effort between World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice, we have the opportunity to bring a group of nine participants on a trip through Kenya and Uganda. Climate Change affects us all, but people who live in long-term poverty are experiencing it first and most. This ten day journey will stretch you and your fellow travelers to learn, grow, and act on behalf of those are experiencing climate change now. Learn more and sign up for the trip at bit.ly/EastAfricaCWP

From Resonate Global Mission

Lead Children in Senegal - Every year, Resonate Global Mission missionaries take a few days away together for an annual missionary retreat to reflect, refresh, and pray together as a team. We are looking for a bilingual (French and English) volunteer who can plan and lead the children's program for the missionary retreat in Dakar, Senegal, April 20 - 30, 2019. Learn more by visiting resonateglobalmission.org/senegal or by contacting Lisa Sochacki at lsochacki@rcna.org or 616-224-0750.

From Back to God Ministries International

A Lent Devotional Series - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at TodayDevotional.com/Lent.

Biblical Guide to Discipline - Discipline is one of the most important—and challenging—responsibilities of parenting. "Biblical Discipline: A Guide for Christian Parents," an ebook from Family Fire, offers encouragement and answers your questions about child discipline. Get the ebook with your free email subscription at FamilyFire.com/Discipline.

Food Bank Report: We had a good turnout for the food bank distribution this month and we gave gifts of food to 31 households that included 70 people. Hopefully it will be a little warmer and drier when we distribute food in March. We did not run out of any items but we are low on a few. They include: apple juice, canned tomatoes, instant scalloped potatoes, dish soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, and conditioner. Thank you for all of the ways you help in and support this ministry. - Pastor George Henry

Worship Services Cancellation Policy Due to Severe Weather:

Severe Thunderstorm Watch or Warning: The worship service will continue with someone monitoring the weather radio.

Tornado Warning: If it is in effect one hour prior to the service, the service will be cancelled. If the service is in progress, it will be dismissed immediately. If a warning has been issued, cover will be taken immediately.

The pastor and/or the vice-president of the Council will make the decision to cancel services.

GROUNDWORK: THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY - Our mailboxes and inboxes are often full of requests for donations and support. Join Groundwork as we study Romans 12:6-13 and 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 to learn why believers should be thankful for the opportunities to give, how to be responsible givers, and how to recognize generosity as a spiritual gift. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Family Faith Formation Tip - Looking at mementos often sparks storytelling. Create a "family faith box" in which you collect mementos of your faith journey together. It could include baptism outfits, church bulletins from significant events, photos, wedding vows, and more. Have fun at family gatherings looking at the mementos and sharing stories of God's faithfulness. (Faith Formation Ministries; rcna.org/FaithFormation)

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March 3, 2019 (AM)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Isaiah 55:1-2

Prayer of Adoration/Invocation

***Gathering Hymn: LUYH #43** *“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”*

***God’s Greeting – 2 Peter 1:2**

***Hymn of Praise: LUYH #757:1-2** *“O Word of God Incarnate”*

Call to Confession – Hebrews 4:12

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Merciful God, we confess that we often want to hear what our itching ears want to hear. We confess that we think we know all we need to know about God’s Word. We confess our lack of effort in trying to listen and to understand what God has to say to us.

Forgive us for our apathy, our disinterest, our pride, and our lack of dedication to your Word. Convict, challenge, and inspire us by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – 1 Peter 1:23, Acts 20:32

Ministry of Music – Children’s Bible Class *“The B-I-B-L-E”*

The Sacrament of Baptism – Jade Schurr

Institution, Promises, and Instruction

The Vows

The Sacrament

Benediction for Baptism

Baptismal Prayer

Special Music: *“Jesus Loves Me”*

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: General Fund and Michelsons (RGM)

***Song of Preparation: Lift Up Your Hearts #720, vs. 1, 2, 4**

“How Shall the Young Direct Their Way”

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Message: Ray DeBey

God’s Word – Ephesians 4:11-25

Message – “Preaching the Word of God”

Prayer of Application

***Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts #766**

“Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness”

***Benediction:**

Go in peace, refreshed by the living water that Jesus offers to you and satisfied by the spiritual food that God gives from heaven.

And as you go, may the blessings of the God of life, the Christ of love, and the Spirit of grace be upon you this day and forevermore.

***Doxology: Lift Up Your Hearts #961** *“Glory Be to the Father”*

March 3, 2019 (PM)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Isaiah 12:2, 4-5 (Responsively)

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

People: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

***Opening Song: Lift Up Your Hearts #509: vs. 1, 3, 4**

“Come, Worship God”

***God’s Greeting – Galatians 1:3-5**

***Song of Faith – LUYH #351** *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 59

Song of Dedication: Sing! A New Creation #128

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Reading from the Psalms – Psalm 103

***Song of Preparation: Lift Up Your Hearts #693**

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Scripture – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Message: “The Helmet of Salvation”

Prayer of Application

***Hymn of Application: LUYH #695** *“And Can It Be”*

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: General Fund and Michelsons (RGM)

***Confession of Faith – Our Faith, pg. 19** *“The Athanasian Creed”*

***Closing Song: LUYH #361** *“Because He Lives”*

***Benediction – Zephaniah 3:17**

***Doxology: Sing! A New Creation #41** *“He Is Exalted”* (Words Only)