

**Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
November 22, 2020**

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 for children and adults will be held after the morning service.

USHERS: Dale Herredsberg & Dennis Rotman

ORGANIST: Linda Groenendyk

SPECIAL OFFERINGS: Thanksgiving – Luke Society
& non-perishable items for the food bank

November 29 – Dale & Cheryl Ramsey, Int'l Friendships

OFFERING TOTALS: November 15 – General Fund \$612
Dordt University \$218

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Melanie Schlatter Nov. 29 – Russell

LETTER WRITING: Ramsey – Don K., Hoogeveen – Lynn B.,
Clowney – Jeff K.

CARE GROUP A: September – December

The Lord's Day

This morning we welcome Chad Young, Executive Director of the Salina Rescue Mission, who will be leading our morning service. This outreach ministry works to help men, who have experienced setbacks in their lives, get back on track spiritually, emotionally, and with renewed job skills.

Council approved cancelling our worship service this evening so that we can participate in the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service. Rev. Daniel Vandenburg of the Downs UMC will present the message. Due to Covid-19 we will not be meeting in person. However, the worship service will be posted on the Dispatch CRC Facebook page beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Lord's Week

Monday: 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting; lunch – Jeff Koops

Tuesday: 1:10 p.m. – volunteers at the Community Food Bank

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. – Cadets; snacks – Lynn Koops

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – Thanksgiving Day Worship Service

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

The Church Family

Pastor Steve and Lynn would like to thank the members of the congregation for their cards, gifts, and words of encouragement during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your expressions of kindness are appreciated.

Thank you to those who have donated hand sanitizer and masks to the church. Please use them to your discretion and with proper sensitivity to others. With the current heightened concerns about the virus, we encourage you to alternate seating in the sanctuary, leaving a pew between, and to social distance as much as possible.

Pastor Steve is on sabbatical until tomorrow. If an immediate need arises, please contact one of the elders.

The Council will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00. Lunch will be provided by Jeff Koops.

Our annual Thanksgiving Day worship service will be held on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Steve will present the message. Our worship service will also be livestreamed on Facebook. The special offerings will include non-perishable items for the local food bank.

Next week Sunday morning we have the privilege of celebrating the Lord's Supper. This sacrament reminds us that even as we are united to Christ, we are united to each other. It also reminds us to look forward to the great eternal banquet in heaven. All those, then, who confess their sins, who rely on Jesus alone for their salvation, and who resolve to live a holy life are welcome to gather at the Lord's table.

Ora et Labora will be selling creamed chicken sandwiches at \$5 each. The meat and buns will be available for pickup at the church or delivery in Downs on Saturday, December 5. Orders are due by November 25 by calling Lynn Koops (785-454-3975) and leaving a message.

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Generosity: We often associate generosity with financial giving, but we can also cultivate a generous spirit in our relationships. Ponder how you might practice this in daily life, perhaps by focusing on refraining from mental criticism, attributing the best motives to people's actions, being "present" and attentive when spending time with others (especially children), or doing acts of random kindness. Visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.

Join a Children's Ministry Learning Cohort! Come join other children's ministry leaders as we explore empowering families to be the center for faith formation. This virtual cohort starts January 26, meeting monthly through April 2021 and costs \$100 per person (\$50 for each additional person from your church). To sign up or learn more, contact Mimi Larson at childrensministry@crcna.org. Sign-up deadline: December 18.

From Safe Church Ministry

Safe Church December Webinar: "Raising Our Voices" - This webinar will feature two courageous people who will raise their voices to share with us from their own experience of abuse, what it was like for them and how the church responded in ways that were helpful, and perhaps sometimes in ways that were unhelpful. What can we learn for the future? Learn more: network.crcna.org/safe-church/raising-our-voices

From World Renew

Hurricane Eta Response in Latin America - Right now, 2.5 million people are facing the many devastating impacts of Hurricane Eta. Since November 3, over 300,000 people have been displaced. World Renew is working alongside its Christian partners in Latin America to deliver essential items like food, water, hygiene kits, and shelter items to families most affected by this disaster. Thank you for making an immediate impact through your gifts and prayers. To donate online, please go to: www.worldrenew.net. To donate by phone, please call us at 800-552-7972.

From Back to God Ministries International

Advent Devotional Series from Today – It has been a rough year. Let Advent help you see God's story in Christmas. This special devotional series takes you deeper into the true meaning of Christmas, the coming Savior. Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/advent. It is free!

Dive into Kids Corner's new website. Kids Corner has a brand new look! And we have loads of new faith-building resources to help your child discover their part in God's big story. Begin each week with a KC devotion for kids, with Bible readings, reflections, and prayer. And you will meet fun new characters in the Casey's Day comic strip. You will also receive a weekly encouragement just for parents. Be sure to watch the encouraging Kids in Action videos and, of course, join the fun with Liz and Friends. Don't miss any of it! Subscribe to Kids Corner at kidscorner.net.

GROUNDWORK: JESUS CHRIST RESTORES - Have you ever wondered if you are too broken or if you have sinned too much for Jesus to love you? Study John 21 with Groundwork and witness an interaction between Jesus and Peter that gives us the hope and courage to love Jesus despite our failings. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

KIDS SHOWING THANKFULNESS - Check out our new kids' programs at www.kidscorner.net. Have you read [Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day?](#) Picture your worst day ever and ask yourself, "Could I be thankful to God even during a day as bad as that?" Read this week's devotions on thankfulness. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

November 29, 2020

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer of Invocation:

Lift Up Your Hearts #896

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Call to Worship and Greeting - LUYH #539

***Opening Hymn** – Lift Up Your Hearts #559

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

Prayer of Confession – Lift Up Your Hearts #627

Song of Confession: Lift Up Your Hearts #627

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

Preparatory Exhortation for the Lord's Supper

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Dedication – "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Congregational Prayer

Offering - General Fund

***Song of Preparation** – Lift Up Your Hearts #869

"Here I Am, Lord"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Passage: Luke 10:25-37

Message: "Be a Neighbor"

Prayer of Application

***Hymn of Response:** Lift Up Your Hearts #309

"The Servant Song"

***Benediction**

***Doxology:** Lift Up Your Hearts #299:2-4

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"