

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
May 1, 2022

Welcome to the Dispatch CRC and our worship today with Interim Pastor Bill Vis. We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting and invite you to join us downstairs after the service for a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee. Visitors are asked to please sign a guest book in an entryway. Morning worship services are held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes are held for all ages after the morning service.

GREETERS: west – Marion & Melanie Schlatter Family
east – Randy Koops
May 8 – west – Dustin & Alisa; east – Bob & Lynn
USHERS: John Tanis & Jonny Schlatter
NURSERY: Jonny Schlatter
May 8 – Kacee & Jessa Herredsberg
PIANIST: Ginger DeBey
SPECIAL OFFERING: Prayer Day Service –
Zuni Christian Reformed Mission, Zuni, NM
May 8 – Dispatch Vacation Bible School
OFFERING TOTALS: April 24– General Fund \$1,068.47
Dispatch GEMS \$154
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: May 8 – Lynn Koops
HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Russell Groenendyk
May 8 – Adrienne Allison
LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Jared S., Clowney – Roy D.
CARE GROUP B: May – August

The Lord’s Day

Small Groups / New participants are encouraged and welcome.
Dispatch - in the Loft at 5:00 (Mary Rotman 785-545-7405)
Lebanon - at Dale & Kareena Herredsberg’s at 6:30
(Kareena 785-389-2013)
Smith Center - at SunPorch at 4:00 (Jan Koops 785-346-4398)
Downs - Wednesdays - at Merle & Rose Nyhoff’s at 5:30
(Mike Nyhoff 785 -545-5285)

The Lord’s Week

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – Agape Shop Clean-up
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. – National Day of Prayer Service
Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – Men's Prayer Breakfast
at Zion Lutheran Church, Downs

The Church Family

Reminder: The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 5. We are having a prayer service here at church that evening at 7:00 p.m. Your attendance is not only encouraged but very much needed. Prayers for our nation, our economy, our leaders, our families, and our churches are needed!

The offering taken that evening will be for the Zuni Christian Mission which is comprised of Zuni Christian Reformed Church and Zuni Christian Mission School. The church and school work together to provide a vital outreach to the Zuni people from shared facilities located on a small compound in the heart of Zuni Pueblo. By God’s grace, what began in 1897 as pioneer mission work of the Christian Reformed denomination has matured into a ministry that is governed by local boards of Zuni Christians – an unparalleled accomplishment in mission efforts among the Pueblo Indian tribes of the Southwest.

The annual church clean-up day is planned for Saturday, May 14. A potluck meal will be held at noontime.

Dispatch Vacation Bible School is coming! Mark your calendar for the week of June 6 - 10. The theme is "Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness" with stories of Joseph in Egypt and Jesus' resurrection. Please contact Lynn Koops or Mary Rotman, if you would like to help.

“Our heartfelt ‘thank you’ to Dispatch CRC for the generous offering of \$729 given on Easter Sunday. May God bless you all!”
In Christ, the Smith Center and Beloit Gideon Camps

Today is the first day of 40 days of intentional prayer for Synod 2022. Please pray for the delegates and leaders who will participate, for people impacted by decisions made, and for our denomination as a whole. Refer to the insert in today's bulletin.

ReFrame Ministries

Wonderful Creation, from Lions to Leviathans - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. If you are like the author of Psalm 104, you have learned about many of the plants and animals that God created. But why did God make so many different environments, each with more plants and animals than we could ever imagine? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Understand: Jesus on the Road - On the road to Emmaus, two of Jesus' followers listened as their companion explained the Scriptures to them. As their understanding of Scripture grew, so did their faith. Join Groundwork as we study this story in Luke 24:13-35 and discuss how we too cultivate our faith yet today as we develop a greater understanding of God and his ways through Scripture. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Formation Ministries

Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter — the Practice of Prayer: Read Matthew 6:9-13 and ponder or discuss the following question. In *Whistling in the Dark*, Frederick Buechner writes, "'Thy kingdom come . . . on earth' is what we are saying. And if that were suddenly to happen, what then? What would stand and what would fall? . . . To speak those words is to invite the tiger out of the cage, to unleash a power that makes atomic power look like a warm breeze." What are we asking when we pray for God's kingdom to come on earth? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

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(*Please, stand if able.)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Invocation

*Hymn - "When Morning Gilds the Sky" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #372

God's Will for Our Lives of Gratitude – responsive reading

Responsive Reading of John 15:1-17

Leader - I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

Congregation - Remain in me, and I will remain in you.

No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

L - I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

C - If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

L - If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

C - As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

L - I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

C - Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command.

L - I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

C - This is my command: Love each other.

Hymn – “In Christ Alone” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #770

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund

*Hymn – “The Church's One Foundation” *LUYH* #251

Sermon – “As We Have Forgiven”

*Hymn – “How Good and Pleasant Is the Sight”

*Benediction

*Doxology – “Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God”

Lift Up Your Hearts #356

*Postlude