

## **Dispatch Christian Reformed Church**

**May 14, 2023**

Welcome to the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church and our worship today. 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. Church school classes will be held for all ages following the worship service.

**GREETERS:** west – Roy & Stacy DeBey

east – Bob & Lynn Koops

May 21: west – Dale & Kareena Family; east – Mike N.

**USHERS:** Dennis Rotman & Randy Koops

**NURSERY:** Kacee & Jessa Herredsberg; May 21 – Jan Koops

**ORGANIST:** Linda Groenendyk

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** May 21 – Resonate Global Mission –

Amy Hoogeveen

**OFFERING TOTALS:** May 7 – General Fund \$2,241

Dispatch Vacation Bible School \$458

Prayer Service – Zuni Christian Mission School \$146

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** Lynn Koops

**HOSPITALITY COFFEE:** Melanie Schlatter May 21 – Russell

**LETTER WRITING:** Amy Hoogeveen – Bonnie Tanis

**CARE GROUP A:** May – August

### **The Lord's Day**

Elder Russell Groenendyk will lead our worship service today.

Ora et Labora will be meet today after the morning service.

First quarter budget information is in your mailboxes.

Small Groups meet to study *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership* by John C. Maxwell. New members are always welcome. Meeting times and locations are:

Smith Center – 4:00 Sundays at SunPorch (Jan K. 785-346-4398)

Downs – 5:30 Wednesdays at Merle & Rose Nyhoff's

(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

Lebanon – 5:30 Sundays (Kareena Herredsberg 785-389-2013)

### **The Lord's Week**

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Elders Meeting

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

Annual Church Clean-up Day with Potluck Dinner

Next Sunday: 6:00 p.m. – Worship, Praise, & Prayer Service

### **The Church Family**

Elder Bob Koops will lead our worship service next Sunday with Tom Christy, a church leader at the First Covenant Church in Salina, bringing the message. Mr. Christy is also a cofounder of Geoprobe Systems in Salina.

Next Sunday evening, we will have a Worship, Praise, and Prayer Service at 6:00 p.m. There will be a time of fellowship/snacks afterward.

Calvin Theological Seminarian Will Brouwers, wife Kat, and baby daughter Alice will be visiting Dispatch from May 26 - June 4 (10 days). Mr. Brouwers will preach on both May 28 and June 4. Plans are underway for Fellowship Potlucks on those Sundays. Other activities, tours, and visits are being organized. If you would like to host the Brouwers for a visit and/or meal, please contact a member of the Purpose/Search Team (Mike N., Jayne VDR., Lynn K., Adrienne A., Don K., Melanie S., or Randy K.

Here is some information on Will Brouwers:

"Hi! My name is Will Brouwers. I have been married to my wife Kat for 2 years. We have also recently been blessed with a daughter, Alice. She is a joy and a wonder to behold!

I am in my 2nd year of 3 in the Masters of Divinity program at Calvin Theological Seminary. I feel called to rural ministry, especially the connections that can happen in tight knit communities. Through my time learning about ministry, I have discovered an intense passion for relational ministry. I have found great joy in seeing people where God has placed them, seeing them in their callings.

Finally, I enjoy blacksmithing and scrapping metal, to keep me sane from hours spent reading heady books or writing papers!

In His Service,  
Will Brouwers"

## ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: Mother's Words** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Proverbs 31 introduces a mother who also taught her son, King Lemuel, many lessons. No doubt she had to repeat them several times. He used her lessons throughout his reign as king. What can we learn from Lemuel's example? Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the "Ten Commandments Bookmark."

**Groundwork: Everything We Have is from God.** Whether we have them or not, money and possessions are an inescapable fact of life. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study passages like Exodus 20:15-17, Deuteronomy 5:19-21, Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Leviticus 25:23-28, Proverbs 22:9, Ephesians 4:28, and Matthew 5:40-42 to cultivate a biblical perspective on our money and the things we own in this life. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Family Fire** is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

## CRC Communications

**Sign Up to Pray for Synod 2023** - This year during Synod, we will be offering an opportunity for CRC members to join the Synod 2023 Prayer Vigil. You are invited to sign up for 30-minute time slots to pray. Each morning, a prayer guide for that day will be emailed out. These prayer guides will be the same ones for the early morning prayer at Synod and will have specific requests based on what is scheduled for that day. If you would like to sign up for the Synod 2023 Prayer Vigil, look for the link at the bottom of this page: [www.crcna.org/longing-to-be-like-christ](http://www.crcna.org/longing-to-be-like-christ) We would love to see hundreds of CRC members signed up daily to be in prayer for our Synod gathering!

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(\*Please, stand if able.)

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

### We Gather

Leader: People of God, we celebrate that the Lord of glory,  
Jesus Christ, arose from the grave.

Let us worship Him in awe and reverence in His house.

People: **He died and rose that we might have eternal life.**

**All thanks be to him!**

Leader: This same Christ has ascended to the Father.

People: **He ascended that we might experience**

**God's presence and power.**

All: **Praise to Him!**

\*Gathering Hymn: *Lift Up Your Hearts* #532  
"Be Still, for the Presence"

### We Hear the Story of the Ascension of Christ

Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Hymn of Response: *Lift Up Your Hearts* #831:1,2,4  
"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

### We Profess What We Believe

from the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 18

Leader: What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven?"

People: **That Christ, while his disciples watched, was lifted up  
from earth to heaven and will be there for our good  
until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world  
as he promised us?

People: **Christ is truly human and truly God.**

**In his human nature Christ is not now on earth;  
but in his divinity, majesty, grace and Spirit  
he is not absent from us for a moment.**

\*Hymn: *Lift Up Your Hearts* #219:1-4  
"Jesus Shall Reign"

We Listen to the Word of God

Text: Ephesians 1:15 - 2:12

Message: "Ascending in God's Power"  
by Rev. Ralph Wigboldus, Sarnia, Ontario

We Respond with Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Response: *Lift Up Your Hearts* #223:1,2  
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: General Fund

We Leave with Joy to Serve

\*Parting Blessing

\*Leader: He who testifies to these things says,  
"Surely I am coming soon."

\*People: **Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

\*Closing Praise: *Lift Up Your Hearts* #930:1, 3  
"This Little Light of Mine"

\*Postlude