

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church

September 10, 2023

Welcome to the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church and our worship today with Pastor Will Brouwers. 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. Church school classes will be held for all ages following the worship service. Visitors are asked to please sign a guest book in an entryway.

GREETERS: west – Roy & Stacy DeBey

east – Bob & Lynn Koops

September 17: west – Don & Jan Koops

east – John Koops

USHERS: Ray DeBey & Dave Herredsberg

NURSERY: Jonny Schlatter

September 17 – Kacee Herredsberg & Jessa Herredsberg

PIANIST: Sherri Eakin

OFFERING TOTAL: September 3 – General Fund \$3,172

SPECIAL OFFERING: September 17 – Christian Care Fund

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Randy Koops

September 17 – Melanie Schlatter

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Lynn Koops

September 24 – George Eakin

LETTER WRITING: Amy Hoogeveen – Mike Nyhoff

CARE GROUP B: September – December

The Lord's Day

The Sunday School season begins today. The teachers will be:

Pre-K – 1st gr. – Emma Meyer; 2nd – 5th gr. – Marion Schlatter

6th – 8th gr. – Bob Koops; HS/Adult – Don Koops

To kick off the small group season and the start of Sunday School classes, the Worship Committee will serve a spaghetti dinner for everyone after the classes are held this morning. Following the potluck, we will hold our September "Praise and Worship Service." We will gather in the Fellowship Hall and spend time singing and in prayer for the various activities and ministries that are starting again this fall.

The Lord's Week

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting; lunch – Dale Herredsberg

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – Men's Prayer Breakfast/Lighthouse Comm.

10:00 a.m. – Ladies' Brunch in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday: Small groups begin.

The Church Family

Notes from the Worship Committee -- It was decided to begin the small group sessions with the study approved through Council entitled *When Helping Hurts* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert. This six-week video-based study addresses the issue of alleviating poverty along with the root causes of it: broken relationships with God, self, others, and the rest of creation. A quote from Peter Grier, of HOPE International, is found in the Forward: "When Helping Hurts" is the most important book for the church to read as it seeks to serve the poor in ways that make a lasting difference. Corbett and Fikkert biblically define poverty, highlight why past initiatives haven't always lined up to expectations, and provide practical ways for extending the kingdom of God both in inner cities and to the ends of the earth.

A sign-up chart for meeting locations is provided in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up **TODAY**. Please also consider attending in a different location than you have attended previously to provide opportunities for new interactions. If you have not attended a small group before, you are encouraged to sign up for this beneficial time of discussion and fellowship. The study books will be distributed to those who plan to attend a small group which will begin next week.

If you would be willing to provide special music and/or give a children's message, please contact Barb DeBey, Will Brouwers, Russell or Linda Groenendyk, or Don Koops. If you have a song you would like Pastor Will to include in a worship service or in a Praise and Worship service, a suggestion box may be found in Fellowship Hall.

Ora et Labora will host a 10:00 a.m. brunch in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 16. Women of all ages are invited for a time of fellowship. Our guest speaker will be Lavonne Ponstein from TFC Connections of Phillipsburg.

The American Red Cross blood drive will be held next Tuesday, September 12, at The Veteran's Building, 123 West Main in Osborne from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Donors are needed who are in generally good health, weigh a minimum of 110 lbs., and are 17 years of age or older. Please consider giving a little more than an hour of your day by donating to help others in need of life-saving blood supplies. Those who are 16 years old can also donate with a signed parental consent form that can be obtained by going to the website: www.bloodgiveslife.org

With blood supplies experiencing a critical shortage nationwide, you are encouraged to make an appointment to donate by contacting Don Koops at 785-346-4033, or registering online with the Red Cross @REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG or calling 1-800-GIVE-LIVE. Walk-ins the day of the visit are also welcome, however appointments will receive priority. Refreshments of hamburgers and root beer floats will be served that day.

Current Community Food Bank needs are pasta sauce, cereal, Hamburger Helper, Minute Rice, and toothpaste. Donations can be dropped off at the United Methodist Church basement in the box at the bottom of the stairs. There continues to be a need for monetary donations as well. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the State Bank of Downs or mailed to the bank at 900 Morgan Ave. Downs, KS 67437. The Food Bank is sponsored by the Downs Ministerial Association. Any contribution is greatly appreciated.

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - February 26 – March 8, 2024. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to website: toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1-289-877-8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Angels Around Us - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net When you read the Bible and find out that there are angels around us, how do you picture them? Do you think they have a glowing, heavenly light shining on them? Or majestic wings like the ones on Christmas ornaments? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "At Your Service."

Groundwork: When Our Faith Defines Our Character - Daniel knew what it was like to live in a cultural context that was not welcoming to his faith practice. Join Groundwork as we study Daniel 1. Together we will discuss the challenges he faced and witness what God can do when we let our faith and not our context define our character. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship - Psalm 95:1-5

*God's Greeting - 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Song 1 - "Shout to the Lord" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #603

*Song 2 - "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" LUYH #610 2x

*Song 3 - "Goodness of God"

Prayer of Confession -

Most gracious and most merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another that time after time
we have entered your presence with countless prayers
but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.
We have lifted our hands to you in praise,
but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.
We have rehearsed your commandments
but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.
We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith
and pardon our acts of injustice.

**Grant us the healing that comes from your presence
and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon - Psalm 145:8-14

God's Will for Us - Proverbs 3:5-6

*Song of Response – "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

Lift Up Your Hearts #407

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

Children's Message: Lynn Koops

*Song of Preparation – "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

Lift Up Your Hearts #42:1-4

Scripture - Exodus 15:1-18

Sermon - "What is church? Singing to Our God"

Prayer of Application

*Closing Song – "How Great Is Our God" LUYH #574

*Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26

*Doxology – "How Great Thou Art" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #553