

**Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
November 12, 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 – Jared & Andrea Schurr Family
east – Roy & Stacy DeBey

November 19: west – Dennis & Mary Rotman
east – George & Sherri Eakin

USHERS: Dave Herredsberg & Ellie Herredsberg

NURSERY: Ethan Schlatter

November 19 – Don Koops

ORGANIST: Stacy DeBey

SPECIAL OFFERING: Dordt University Annual Fund Drive

OFFERING TOTALS: November 5 - General Fund \$4,149.00

World Renew / World Hunger \$272.02

Johnobie Village – John Wah \$750.00

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Roy DeBey

November 19 – Melanie Schlatter

LETTER WRITING: Amy Hoogeveen – Levi Allison

CARE GROUP B: September – December

The Lord's Day

Elder Mike Nyhoff will lead our service today.

Small Groups will meet today and this week. New members are always welcome. Meeting times and locations are:

Smith Center – 4:00 p.m. at SunPorch

(Don Koops 785-346-4033)

Dispatch – 5:00 p.m. – loft (Mary Rotman 785-545-7405)

Lebanon – 5:30 p.m. (Kareena Herredsberg 785-389-2013)

Downs – Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. at Merle & Rose Nyhoff's
(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

The Lord's Week

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting; lunch – Bob Koops

Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. – GEMS

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. – Elders Meeting

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

Next Sunday: 4:00 p.m. – Community Thanksgiving Service
at Downs United Methodist Church

No Small Groups

The Church Family

The holiday season can be overwhelming for those who are grieving the loss of a family member or friend. Zion Lutheran Church will be hosting “Surviving the Holidays” by GriefShare at 1019 Blunt St., Downs, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. today. There will be a video shown featuring advice from people in grief who have faced the holidays after their loss. It includes insights from respected Christian counselors, pastors, and psychologists. You will receive a “Holiday Survival Guide” with practical strategies, encouraging words, and helpful exercises. Join others who understand how you feel.

The Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Downs Ministerial Association will be held Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 4:00 pm at the Downs United Methodist Church. There will be a soup supper following the service. Everyone is encouraged to attend this service. Small Groups will not meet that day.

The Downs Food Bank will do its monthly distribution on Monday, November 20. They are asking each church to donate six dozen cookies, one dozen per bag, to include in these boxes. They can be dropped off at the Downs United Methodist Church that morning from 9:30 to 10:30, or contact Mike Nyhoff, Karla Neihouse, or Mary Lynn Renken to make other arrangements. In October the Food Bank served 57 individuals in 26 families. This month's food bank needs are paper towels, stuffing mix, and canned peaches. Thank you for your generosity to this need.

World Renew

Thank You for Your World Hunger Sunday Offering! World Renew gives praise to God for the generous-hearted people like you who support our mission and help us to share Christ's hope with communities struggling with hunger and poverty. Your generosity helps equip families with the resources they need and, in the process, reflects God's love and abundance. To learn more about how you can help people in need, please visit worldrenew.net

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Talking About God When We're Scared - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net It can be scary to step out of your comfort zone and tell someone about God. This week's devotion is all about not letting your fear hold you back. God will be with you just like he was with Moses (Exodus 3:12). He has promised you that you can do all things with his help (Philippians 4:13). Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "Paul in Athens."

Groundwork: In His Mercy, God Chose You. When someone we love does not share our belief in Jesus, we often experience grief and heartache. Join Groundwork as we study Paul's lament for his fellow Jews in Romans 9-11. Together we will learn about God's sovereign choice and our free will and we will discover comfort in the truth that God, in his mercy, has chosen us. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - End-of-year giving opportunities abound at this time of year, so be intentional about your giving. Consider doing some research to discover a new local ministry or organization that supports a cause you care about deeply, and then give generously of your time, talents, and treasure to help it flourish. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

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(*Please stand as you are able.)

Welcome and Announcements

*We Greet One Another

*Gathering Songs: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Lift Up Your Hearts #537

"Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine" LUYH #363

Call to Worship: Psalm 92 responsively

¹It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, ²**proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,** ³to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. ⁴**For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.** ⁵How great are your works, Lord, how profound your thoughts! ⁶**Senseless people do not know, fools do not understand,** ⁷that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever. ⁸**But you, Lord, are forever exalted.** ⁹For surely your enemies, Lord, surely your enemies will perish; all evildoers will be scattered. ¹⁰**You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine oils have been poured on me.** ¹¹My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries; my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes. ¹²**The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;** ¹³planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴**They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,** ¹⁵proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

Prayer for God's Greeting

Song of Praise: "My God, How Wonderful You Are" LUYH #548

Prayer of Confession

God's Word of Forgiveness: Psalm 130:7-8

God's Will for Our Lives: Romans 12:1-3

*Song: "You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

LUYH #360

Prayer for the Word

Scripture: Mark 1:21-39

Sermon: "Evil Encounters"

*Song: "Ten Thousand Reasons" LUYH #559

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1. General Fund

2. Dordt University Annual Fund Drive

*Prayer for God's Blessing

*Closing Song: "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise"
LUYH #932