

**Dispatch Christian Reformed Church  
November 19, 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 – Dennis & Mary Rotman  
east – George & Sherri Eakin

November 23: west – Ray & Ginger DeBey  
east – Randy Koops

November 26: west – Russell & Linda Groenendyk  
east – Dave & Jennifer Herredsberg

**USHERS:** Dave Herredsberg & Ellie Herredsberg

**NURSERY:** Don Koops

November 23 – Lynn Koops

November 26 – Kacee Herredsberg & Jessa Herredsberg

**PIANIST:** Lynn Koops

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** Thanksgiving – Luke Society &  
non-perishable food items for the Downs Food Bank

**OFFERING TOTALS:** November 12 – General Fund \$5,846  
Dordt University Annual Fund Drive \$206

**HOSPITALITY COFFEE:** Melanie Schlatter

November 26 – Russell Groenendyk

**LETTER WRITING:** Amy Hoogeveen – Ray DeBey

**CARE GROUP B:** September – December

**The Lord's Day**

The Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Downs Ministerial Association will be held today 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 today or this week.

**The Lord's Week**

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – Cadets; snacks – Lynn Koops

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

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

Agape Shop – Stephanie Draayer

Saturday: Agape Shop – Mary Rotman

**The Church Family**

Marion Schlatter will lead our Thanksgiving worship service Thursday. Pastor Mark Wallace, of the New Covenant Church in Smith Center, will bring the message next Sunday with Elder Bob Koops assisting in the service.

Dear Dispatch family, we are more than encouraged by your recent offering for Safe Place Outreach. Your generosity and support can only mean your prayers will sustain us in our participation, and ministry in Jesus' name will be strong and impactful. You remain in our daily prayers and we are in attendance on Sundays. Celebrate joyfully, for you are loved.

Pastor Tom and Erin Dykman

Please pray that our congregation will be faithful in sharing the gospel with others around us. Pray that God will give us the boldness and creativity we need.

Please have bulletin information to Stacy DeBey by 7:00 p.m. Thursdays. 785-454-3784 or rsdebey@ruraltel.net

**Thrive**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - 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. Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

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(\*Please stand as you are able.)

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship - Psalm 9:1-2

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**I will be glad and rejoice in you;**

**I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.**

\*God's Greeting - 2 Corinthians 13:14

\*Song – “To God Be the Glory” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #604

\*Song – “Come as You Are”

Prayer of Confession - Psalm 130

Assurance of Pardon - Isaiah 44:21-22

God's Will for Us - Colossians 3:1-4

\*Song of Response – “Before the Throne of God Above”

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #682

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Preparation – “Spirit of the Living God” *LUYH* #749

Scripture - Numbers 6:22-27

Sermon - “What is church? God Blesses Us”

Prayer of Application

\*Closing Song - “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #946

\*Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26

\*Doxology - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #965

## ReFrame Ministries

**Groundwork: Transformed Living** - The apostle Paul continued to unpack the new realities of their life in Jesus Christ for the Roman Christians; he challenged them to live transformed lives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Romans 12-13 to learn how to we too should live in light of the Gospel and what it means to renew our minds and be living sacrifices for God. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Kids Corner: Daily Gratitude** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Take a moment to try this exercise: In five seconds, name five things that you are thankful for. Ready? Three... two... one... go! This week's devotion is about being thankful. Why be thankful? Because it helps us to see God at work in our lives every day. Gratitude gives joy to both God and us! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast “Attitude of Gratitude.”

## The Banner

**CRCNA Position Opening** - The Christian Reformed Church in North America is looking for a part-time (10-15 hrs/wk) Sales Representative for *The Banner*. *The Banner* Sales Representative is responsible for meeting *Banner* advertising sales objectives by maintaining excellent relationships with our existing advertisers, developing new accounts, and managing the workflow of display ads. This position is hybrid (Grand Rapids, MI, or Burlington, ON, area) or remote anywhere else in the US or Canada. Visit [www.crcna.org/jobs](http://www.crcna.org/jobs) for details or to apply.