Dispatch Christian Reformed Church April 14, 2024

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

GREETERS: west – Don Koops

east – Ray & Ginger DeBey

April 21: west – George & Sherri Eakin

east – Marian & Marianne Schlatter Family

USHERS: Dave Herredsberg & Ellie Herredsberg

NURSERY: Kacee Herredsberg & Jessa Herredsberg

April 21 – Don Koops

PIANIST: John Tanis

SPECIAL OFFERING: Mission of Faith, McAllen, TX

OFFERING TOTAL: April 7 – General Fund \$5,244

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: April 21 – Lynn Koops

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Melanie Schlatter

April 21 – Mike Nyhoff

LETTER WRITING: Amy Hoogeveen – John Tanis

John Wah Project – Bonnie Tanis

CARE GROUP A: January – April

The Lord's Day

The special offering today is for the Mission of Faith church plant in McAllen, TX. Their church planter, Manuel Sosa, his wife Sandra, and their family are originally from Argentina and moved to Mexico to work as missionaries. They are in the U.S. on a visa that requires them to be paid a full-time salary or risk being deported. Their sponsoring church, New Life CRC, as a member of Classis Rocky Mountain, is asking fellow Classis members with financial help in supporting Manuel and his family. New Life CRC is a small church in Spring, TX. They had a goal of \$12,000 in fundraising and are still \$8,751 short of their goal. Please consider this matter in your giving.

Small Groups will meet today. 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)

The Lord's Week

Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. – GEMS

 $Thursday: \ 5:30 \ p.m.-Downs \ Small \ Group \ at \ Merle \ Nyhoff's$

(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

Friday: Agape Shop – *Lynn Koops

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

Downs Christian Church

Agape Shop – *Bonnie Tanis

The Church Family

Pastor Tom Dykman is seeking donations for medical supplies for the new clinic in John-Obie. He has a donor who will match up to \$3,000 for any donations received before the end of April. Due to the short notice, Dispatch CRC will not be taking an offering for this, but anyone interested in donating may see a deacon.

Dispatch Vacation Bible School is being planned for May 20 - 24. The theme this year is "SCUBA, Dive into God's Love." Children from age 5 through grade 5 will be immersed in oceans of fun, and will learn God is a real friend who loves them forever. Contact the Education Committee (Dennis Rotman, Mary Rotman, Marion Schlatter) if you would like to help.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Practicing celebration early in the day can help adjust our mindset and focus us on God's goodness. Consider beginning each morning by praying a Scripture passage of celebration, such as Psalm 103:1-5. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Imagine When... Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. How do you like to use your imagination? Maybe you imagine the characters in a book you are reading. Perhaps you can imagine a treehouse you want to design. Though your imagination is something only you can see, it can also help you shape your ideas. New inventions, solutions, and creations can all stem from your imagination! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like "The Spring Scavenger Hunt," and go for a hike!

Groundwork: Justice and Righteousness in Amos - Amos was a shepherd until God called him to deliver a searing message to Israel. Join Groundwork as we study Amos 1-9 to hear God's message of justice and righteousness and to be reminded of the strong connection between how we live our daily lives and how God sees our worship. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Resonate Global Mission

Double Your Gift to Support God's Mission. A generous donor will double any amount you give to Resonate's "Where Most Needed" fund, including through church offerings, through April 30! Visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/double to find out more.

The Banner

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(*Please stand as you are able.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship - Psalm 113:1-3

*God's Greeting - 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Songs -

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LUYH #521

"Living Hope"

Prayer of Confession — based on Psalm 51:10-12

Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence,

or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation

and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – "Before the Throne of God Above" *LUYH* #682 God's Will for Us - 1 Corinthians 15:58

*Song of Response – "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" *LUYH* #737

Offerings: 1. General Fund

2. Mission of Faith, McAllen, TX

Congregational Prayer

Song of Preparation - "Thy Word" Sing! A New Creation #86

Scripture - 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Sermon – "No Fear in Death, Because of the Power of Christ in Me" Prayer of Application

*Closing Song – "In Christ Alone" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #770

*Benediction - Matthew 28:18-20

*Doxology – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH #965

*Postlude