

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church

April 28, 2024

GEMS Sunday

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 – Mike Nyhoff

east – George & Sherri Eakin

May 5: west – Dale & Kareena Herredsberg Family

east – Roy & Stacy DeBey

USHERS: Dave Herredsberg & Ellie Herredsberg

NURSERY: Bob Koops May 5 – Ethan Schlatter

PIANISTS: Lynn Koops & Emma Meyer

SPECIAL OFFERING: Dispatch GEMS

May 5 – Dispatch Vacation Bible School

OFFERING TOTALS: April 21 – General Fund \$6,528

Johnobie Village - Clinic \$1,350; Johnobie Village - Medical Assistance - \$225

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: May 5 – Mike Nyhoff

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Roy DeBey May 5 – Ray & Ginger DeBey

LETTER WRITING: Amy Hoogeveen – Roy DeBey

CARE GROUP A: January – April

CARE GROUP B: May – August

The Lord's Day

Pastor Tom and Erin Dykman are visiting here for a few days. Pastor Tom will lead our worship service today and present a report of the work in Sierra Leone. John Wah is also here and will present an update on the work in Johnobie Village in Sierra Leone during our Praise and Worship Service. This service will follow a potluck meal at noontime. Please join us.

We welcome the GEMS and family members to our worship today as we celebrate these young ladies and GEMS Sunday. A special thank you goes to the counselors: Kat Brouwers, Sherri Eakin, Marla Koops, Alisa Pahls, and Jana Pfannenstiel.

Small Groups will not meet today nor this week.

The Lord's Week

Friday: Agape Shop – Marianne Schlatter

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – Men's Prayer Breakfast at Zion Lutheran Church, Downs

Agape Shop – Jana Pfannenstiel

The Church Family

Dispatch CRC extends their deepest sympathies to Marideen VanderGiesen and their sons and families in the passing of Junior on Thursday morning. Visitation will be Monday, April 29 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM at Dispatch Christian Reformed Church. Funeral services will be at 10:30 AM at Dispatch Christian Reformed Church, Tuesday, April 30.

VBS is fast approaching. If you would like to help donate food items for snacks, there is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please let us know. Thank you for your help! Kareena Herredsberg and Kat Brouwers

The congregation is invited to attend the graduation reception for Nathan Schlatter on Saturday, May 11, 1:00-5:00 p.m. to be held at One Ten Studio+, 110 Main Street, Smith Center. He will graduate from Smith Center High School on Sunday, May 12, at 2:00.

Resonate Global Mission

There's Still Time to Double Your Impact. You can help join God's mission and spread the gospel by supporting Resonate Global Mission. From now through April 30, a generous donor will match your gift dollar for dollar. Visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/double to find out more! Give while your gift will go twice as far!

ReFrame Ministries

Pastor Darrell Delaney Answers Your Questions. Pastor Darrell Delaney, co-host of Groundwork and author of the *Today* devotions for April 2024, will be answering your questions about how God's word addresses life's practical challenges in a live webinar on Thursday, May 2 at 11:30. Post your question and sign up for the webinar at connect.reframeministries.org/answers

Kids Corner: Push Pause - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Rest can take many forms. As long as we slow down, pay attention, and enjoy God's blessings, we receive the benefits of rest. Try it! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

Groundwork: Our Hearts and God's Character in Nahum and Zephaniah - Nahum and Zephaniah urge God's people to examine their hearts and act in ways that honor God and reflect his character. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Nahum 1-3 and Zephaniah 1-3 to remember that God longs for our repentant hearts and for us to live as his ambassadors bringing justice, transformation, and reconciliation to this world. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Pastor Rich Villodas observed, "Prayer is not about throwing holy words at God to see what sticks; it is, rather, entrance to a new way of seeing reality, the opening of ourselves to God's presence, and an act that trains us in love." Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

CRC Communications

Please pray for Synod 2024! We need everyone to be involved. The theme for synod worship and prayer is "God with Us." You can sign up to pray on your own, with your church or small group, or at Calvin University in June. Check out the many opportunities at crcna.org/synod/prayer and join us in humble prayer for God's will to be done in the CRC. Email SynodPrayer@crcna.org with your questions or comments.

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(*Please stand as you are able.)

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship - Psalm 113

*God's Greeting - 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Songs - "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Lift Up Your Hearts #526

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Lift Up Your Hearts #262

GEMS Presentation

Prayer of Confession -

God, you have called us to go

Across the street, across town, across an ocean.

Yet we hesitate and turn away from your call.

Like Jonah we run. We run to what is easy,

To what is comfortable,

to the places and things we know.

We confess our lack of faith and trust in you.

We confess our unwillingness to respond to your call

Forgive us of our lack of faith,

And equip and enable us to live a life worthy of our calling.

Assurance of Pardon - Romans 8:28

God's Will for Us - Matthew 5:16

*Song of Response – "This Little Light of Mine" LUYH #930

Offerings: 1. General Fund 2. Dispatch GEMS

Congregational Prayer

Song of Preparation – "Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"

Lift Up Your Hearts #754:1,3,5

Scripture - Mark 5:1-20

Sermon - "Let's Go Over to the Other Side"

Prayer of Application

*Closing Song – "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Lift Up Your Hearts #693

*Benediction - Matthew 28:18-20

*Doxology – "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" LUYH #938