

**Dispatch Christian Reformed Church**  
**May 5, 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 – Dale & Kareena Herredsberg Family  
east – Roy & Stacy DeBey

May 12: west – John & Terril Koops  
east – Marianne Schlatter

**USHERS:** Bob Koops & Jonny Schlatter

**NURSERY:** Ethan Schlatter

May 12 – Sherri Eakin

**PIANIST:** Sherri Eakin

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** Dispatch Vacation Bible School

**OFFERING TOTALS:** April 28 – General Fund \$5,793

Dispatch GEMS \$647

Johnobie Village – Medical Supplies \$3,000

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** Mike Nyhoff

May 19 – George Eakin

**HOSPITALITY COFFEE:** Ray & Ginger DeBey

May 12 – Dennis & Mary Rotman

**LETTER WRITING:** Amy Hoogeveen – Levi Allison

John Wah Project – Jared Schurr

**CARE GROUP B:** May – August

**The Lord’s Day**

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**

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – Agape Shop Clean-up

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

Thursday: 6:30 a.m. – Promise Keepers Men's Group at

Roundhouse Coffee & Cafe, Downs

5:30 p.m. – Downs Small Group at Merle Nyhoff's

(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting

**The Church Family**

Dispatch CRC congratulates these students:

Pastor Will Brouwers – Masters of Divinity,

Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI

Nathan Schlatter – Smith Center High School

Ethan Schlatter – moving on to senior high school

“Much thanks, Ora et Labora Society of Dispatch CRC, for a wonderful gift of \$500! That helps our outreach very much. Thank you...for partnering with us in Gospel ministry.” – Fred Wilgenburg, Director & Pastor, New Roots Ministry, Sioux Falls, SD.

Pastor Will plans to be gone May 12 and 19. Elder John Tanis will conduct our worship service next Sunday.

Fellowship time after our worship service will include cookies starting Memorial Day weekend. A sign-up sheet will be on the coffee counter for those who wish to help provide cookies.

We have an abundance of silk flowers in the balcony. If anyone would like to gather some to make a bouquet for Memorial Day, feel free to do so. – the Decoration Committee

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.

## Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - In *Whistling in the Dark*, Frederick Buechner writes, “‘Thy kingdom come . . . on earth’ is what we are saying. . . . To speak those words is to invite the tiger out of the cage, to unleash a power that makes atomic power look like a warm breeze.” What are we asking when we pray for God’s kingdom to come on earth? Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

## World Renew

**April Tornadoes Cross the Midwest** - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is coordinating with other organizations to respond to damage caused by 88 confirmed tornadoes from Texas to Iowa on April 26-30. DRS will initially offer volunteer clean-up services including removing debris and tarping roofs to survivors while plans are made for long-term recovery. Please help families who have lost homes and loved ones in the April storms. Donate at [worldrenew.net/springstorms2024](http://worldrenew.net/springstorms2024), call 1-800-552-7972, or send your check made out to World Renew DRS, with “DRS Spring Storms 2024” in the memo line to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

## ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: The Unhurried Jesus** - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Jesus knew that quiet time with God is special in a busy world. Sometimes, when all the activity stops and our bodies slow down, we feel bored. Instead of searching for a way to fill the quiet with extra activities, try this: Talk to God! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the KC Bible Story Podcasts.

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(\*Please stand as you are able.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

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

\*Songs – “I Will Sing of My Redeemer” *LUYH* #568  
“Lead Me, Guide Me” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #329

Prayer of Confession –

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you — only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon - Isaiah 53:4-5

God’s Will for Us - Proverbs 3:5-6

\*Song of Response – “When We Walk with the Lord” *LUYH* #327

Offerings: 1. General Fund

2. Dispatch Vacation Bible School

Congregational Prayer

Song of Preparation – “Open Our Eyes, Lord” *SNC* #80

Children’s Message – Mike Nyhoff

Scripture - Ecclesiastes 2:17-26

Sermon - ”Do Not Fear, When Life Seems Meaningless”

Prayer of Application

\*Closing Song – “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” *LUYH* #407

\*Benediction - Matthew 28:18-20

\*Doxology – “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *LUYH* #965

\*Postlude