

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
May 12, 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 – John & Terril Koops
east – Marianne Schlatter

May 19: west – Dave & Jennifer Herredsberg Family
east – Randy Koops

USHERS: Bob Koops & Jonny Schlatter

NURSERY: Sherri Eakin May 19 – Abigail Schlatter

ORGANIST: Linda Groenendyk

SPECIAL OFFERING: May 19 – Resonate Global Mission:

Amy Hoogeveen at Nicaragua Christian Academy

OFFERING TOTALS: May 5 – General Fund \$2,567

Dispatch Vacation Bible School \$1,244

Johnobie Village – Medical Supplies \$100

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: May 19 – George Eakin

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Dennis & Mary R.; May 19 – Russell

LETTER WRITING: Amy Hoogeveen – Ray DeBey

John Wah Project – Marion Schlatter

CARE GROUP B: May – August

The Lord's Day

In Pastor Will's absence, Elder John Tanis will lead our service today.

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)

not meeting today

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

The Lord's Week

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Thursday: 5:30 p.m. – Downs Small Group at Merle Nyhoff's
(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

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

Next Sunday: 3:00 p.m. – Downs Care & Rehab. Center Service

The Church Family

In Pastor Will's absence due to his commencement on May 18, Elder George Eakin will lead our service on May 19.

If you have not yet registered your child/children for Vacation Bible School, please do so this week by following the link found on the Dispatch CRC Facebook page.

The annual church cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, with a lunchtime potluck.

Join us May 26 after the service to celebrate Pastor Will's graduation from seminary! The Brouwers family would like to invite you to join them in celebrating this wonderful accomplishment with cake following the service. We would love to extend our deepest gratitude for all the support you have given us this school year. We couldn't have done this without you!

Fellowship time after our worship service will include cookies every other Sunday starting June 9. A sign-up sheet is 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

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

Including Thrive in Your Estate Plans - Have you considered leaving an estate gift to Thrive in your will? Visit crcna.org/HeritageFund to learn more.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Lord's Prayer: An Intergenerational Event and Worship Experience is a downloadable free resource with which children, teens, and adults can gather to learn about and/or deepen their understanding of the Lord's Prayer. Try it in your church! Find it at tinyurl.com/intergenprayer Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: A Mom's Love: Mother's Day - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net Pay attention to your mom's love for you. Maybe it is your grandmother, a female family member, or perhaps a teacher. Know that her love for you reflects God's love for you: always watching and caring for you while you find your place in this world. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC Bible Story Podcasts.

Groundwork: Spiritual Apathy and Justice in Malachi - Back in their homeland, the Israelites were finally comfortable again and spiritual apathy began to settle in their hearts. Join Groundwork as we study Malachi 1-4 to witness how out-of-sync life can get when we go through the motions of faith without investing our hearts and to learn from Malachi's warnings against spiritual apathy and his encouragement to examine our hearts. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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(*Please stand as you are able.)

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship
Silent Prayer
concluded with "As We Seek Your Face/Jesus Draw Me Close"
God's Greeting
*Opening Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Lift Up Your Hearts #575

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn: "How Blest Are Those Who Fear the LORD"
Lift Up Your Hearts #301
Profession – "Apostles' Creed"
Congregational Prayer
Offering: General Fund

*Hymn: "How Long, O Lord, How Long"
Lift Up Your Hearts #291
Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Sermon: "Dead Ends and Dry Bones" by Roger Allen Nelson
Prayer of Response
*Hymn: "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God"
Lift Up Your Hearts #356

*Parting Blessing
*Benediction
*Doxology: "Father, We Love You"
*Postlude