

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church

August 25, 2024

Welcome to worship at the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church 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.

GREETERS: west – Dave & Jennifer Herredsberg Family
east – Dennis & Mary Rotman

September 1: west – Jared & Andrea Schurr Family
east – Russell & Linda Groenendyk

USHERS: Jonny Schlatter & Ethan Schlatter

NURSERY: Sherri Eakin

September 1 – Don Koops

ORGANIST: Stacy DeBey

OFFERING TOTALS: August 18 – General Fund \$846

Knight Club \$507

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Lynn Koops

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Ray & Ginger DeBey

September 1 – Dennis & Mary Rotman

LETTER WRITING: John Wah Project – George Eakin

Amy Hoogeveen – Marion Schlatter

CARE GROUP B: May – August

CARE GROUP A: September – December

COOKIES FOR SEPTEMBER 1: (4 dz each) Lynn Koops,

Jan Tanis, & Linda Groenendyk

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. (Melanie Schlatter 785-620-7066)

The Lord's Week

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. – Downs Small Group at Merle Nyhoff's

(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

The Church Family

The Education Committee is making plans for Church School. There will be a kickoff and potluck following the morning service on September 8 to start the new school year. There is still a need for a pre-school teacher. If you feel led to serve in this position or have questions, please contact Marion Schlatter, Dennis or Mary Rotman, or Will Brouwers.

A work day at Maria Hebert's residence at 19 Circle Drive in Downs is being planned for Saturday, August 31. Household repairs will be worked on that day. If you can assist in this effort, please contact Don Koops (785-346-4033) to help in planning of the jobs and determining approximate numbers for the noon meal. If you have specific questions, they can be directed to John Koops or Don Koops.

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

ReFrame Ministries

Called to Be God's Prophet - It can be hard, even shocking to follow God's call on our lives and share his message. Join Groundwork as we study Ezekiel 1-3 to learn from Ezekiel's experience and discuss what it means to be called, to be a prophet, and to speak truth. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner: Why Did God Give Me Gifts? Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net Take a moment to think about some of the gifts that God has given you. What are you especially good at? What are some of your favorite things that you own? What are some more things that you are thankful for? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast *The Parable of the Talents*.

Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Loan Fund

August is National “Make-A-Will” Month. You do not have to be wealthy to establish an estate plan. If you own a house, have any investments or special collections, you should have a plan. August is National “Make-A-Will” Month and a great annual reminder to set up a trust or gift a charity in your will. The CRC has resources to help. Learn more by visiting the CRC Heritage website at crcna.org/foundation

CRC Communications

Job Opening - Information Technology Director - The CRCNA is hiring an Information Technology Director. The IT Director is responsible for establishing and executing the IT strategy, ensuring its integration with the mission strategy of the Christian Reformed Church (CRC), enabling the CRC to extend the reach of its mission. The IT Director participates in and contributes to the overall organization’s operating model by bringing current knowledge and future vision of leveraging information and technology in service of the organization’s mission. Apply now at <https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/>

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(*Please stand as you are able.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship - Psalm 145

*God's Greeting - 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Songs -

“Great Is the Lord”

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #661

Prayer of Confession -

Forgive our faithlessness, O faithful God!

And see beyond our apathy,

our thoughtlessness,

our self-centeredness,

our wrong choices.

See into our hearts,

for you are our treasure. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon - Ezekiel 36:25-26

God’s Will for Us - Colossians 3:12-14

*Song of Response – “Bind Us Together”

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation – “Speak, O Lord” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #755

Children’s Message – Lynn Koops

Scripture - 2 Timothy 2:22-26

Sermon - “Life in the Spirit - The Fruit of Kindness”

Prayer of Application

*Closing Song – “Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer”

Lift Up Your Hearts #660

*Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26

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

Lift Up Your Hearts #965

*Postlude