

**Dispatch Christian Reformed Church  
September 1, 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 – Jared & Andrea Schurr Family  
east – Russell & Linda Groenendyk

September 8: west – Bob & Lynn Koops  
east – Roy & Stacy DeBey

**USHERS:** Dave Herredsberg & Ellie Herredsberg

**NURSERY:** Don Koops

September 8 – Kacee Herredsberg & Jessa Herredsberg

**PIANIST:** John Tanis

**OFFERING TOTAL:** August 25 – General Fund \$2,538.00

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** September 8 – Mike Nyhoff

**HOSPITALITY COFFEE:** Dennis & Mary Rotman

September 8 – Russell Groenendyk

**LETTER WRITING:** John Wah Project – Dave Herredsberg

Amy Hoogeveen – Russell Groenendyk

**CARE GROUP A:** September – December

**The Lord’s Day**

Dispatch CRC will be leading the church service today at Downs Care and Rehab. Please join us at 3:00 p.m. for this important ministry to shut-ins in our community.

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**

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. – Downs Small Group at Merle Nyhoff’s  
(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Downs UMC  
10:00 a.m. – Ladies Brunch

Next Sunday: Church School Scavenger Hunt / Potluck

**The Church Family**

Ladies, you are invited to a Fall Brunch on Saturday, September 7, at 10:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please come for brunch, fellowship, and a program of Linda Groenendyk’s trip to the Netherlands.

Church School will kick-off on September 8. Church School youth will meet in the sanctuary ten minutes after the service for opening exercises and then will be off on a scavenger hunt. At 11:30, there will be a short presentation in the Fellowship Hall followed by a potluck to honor our students and teachers.

Pastor Will, Kat, Alice, and Rhett want to express deep gratitude for the meals, diapers, wipes, and gifts received since the birth of Rhett. We have felt God’s love for us through this time and are glad to be part of such a loving church.

We are saddened to hear that the Lighthouse Community Church in Downs will be closing their doors at the end of September. Their last worship service will be September 29.

**ReFrame Ministries**

**Groundwork: Dramatic Messages from God** - God repeatedly gives the prophet Ezekiel both a verbal message and instructions on how to also convey that message visually. Join Groundwork as we study Ezekiel 4-7 and 12 to witness God’s heartbreak, his deep love for his people, and his great effort to get their attention. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

**Kids Corner: God Is Talking to Me?** Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). It is okay to have questions about the things that happen in a church service. The good news is that God is happy when we all come together and worship him, whether we have been to that church a hundred times or are new for the first time. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Bible Story Podcast "The Story of Samuel."

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](mailto:rsdebey@ruraltel.net)

## Other

**Job Opening: Training & DEIB Manager** - Develop and implement a learning and development program for all denominational staff with key emphasis on enhanced skills, knowledge, and overall professional development. A variety of formats or methods will be leveraged including utilizing the Learning Management System platform. Apply by September 13 at [crcna.pinpointhq.com](http://crcna.pinpointhq.com)

## Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Labor Day marks the beginning of a new season of school, church life, and work. As you engage in new and familiar activities this week, reflect on where you see God at work. Where have you witnessed love in action? Where have you seen people who are sad and lonely being befriended, those who are in need receiving help, and those who are excluded included? Make a list of the ways you see God at work in your life and in the lives of the people around you, and give thanks to God for God's ongoing love for the world. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

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Welcome and Announcements (\*Please stand as you are able.)

\*Call to Worship - Psalm 107:1-3

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

\*Songs - "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LUYH #521  
- "Goodness of God"

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 – "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"

God's Will for Us - Matthew 5:43-48

\*Song of Response – "You Shall Love the Lord" LUYH #724

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Preparation – "Cry of My Heart" SNC #81

Scripture - Luke 6:27-36

Sermon - "Life in the Spirit - The Fruit of Goodness"

Prayer of Application/Closing Song –

"Spirit of the Living God" LUYH #749

\*Benediction - Matthew 28:18-20

\*Doxology – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #965*