

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
September 29, 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. Church school classes will be held for ages three through grade 12 following the service.

GREETERS: west – Marion & Melanie Schlatter Family
east – Mike Nyhoff

October 6: west – George & Sherri Eakin
east – Emma Meyer

USHERS: Dave Herredsberg & Ellie Herredsberg

NURSERY: Sherri Eakin

October 6 – Lynn Koops

PIANIST: John Tanis

SPECIAL OFFERING: October 6 – Bible League

OFFERING TOTAL: September 22 – General Fund \$555

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: October 6 - Pastor Will Brouwers

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Melanie Schlatter

October 6 – Mike Nyhoff

LETTER WRITING: John Wah Project – Marianne Schlatter

Amy Hoogeveen – Dennis Rotman

CARE GROUP A: September – December

The Lord's Day

Small Groups will not meet today.

5:30 p.m. – Meal at Downs football field

6:00 p.m. – Praise & Worship with "Nameless Faces"

The Lord's Week

Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. – GEMS

Friday: Agape Shop – Lynn Koops

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

Agape Shop – Stacy DeBey

The Church Family

Nameless Faces is a band formed in 2003 by Chris Derstein, Andy Williamson, and Jeremy Weldon. After years of playing together, the trio eventually got married, started families, and pursued other passions. Now after twelve years since their last visit to the area for Serve Camps, they are excited to return! They will be presenting their musical skills at a Praise & Worship time on today at the Lakeside football field in Downs at 6 P.M. A light meal will be served at 5:30 prior to their concert. Chris owns a sound production company, Andy is a worship leader at a local church, and Jeremy runs a coffee shop all in the Wichita area. Beyond music, they each cherish their roles as fathers and husbands, while sharing a deep love for God and people. You are encouraged to invite your friends and neighbors to a night of food and fellowship. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Downs Memorial Hall.

Next Sunday, everyone will receive a "Finding Your Spiritual Gifts Survey." The Dispatch Purpose Team is asking that each person prayerfully complete the survey in the following two weeks. On October 20, following the worship service, we will hold a RoundTable session to review the results. God has given each Christian two vitally important gifts: 1. the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, his work of redemption, and thus forgiveness of sin; 2. the gift of one or more special abilities (called spiritual gifts) which are to be used for unifying the body of Christ and for growing God's Kingdom. Like other presents, it is impossible to fully appreciate and make use of our spiritual gifts until they have been opened. This survey will help you begin to open your spiritual gifts.

Registration is now open for the 2024 Heart Choices Walk/Run for Life to be held at Chautauqua Park in Beloit at 3:00 on October 6. Events will include a 5K Run, 5K Walk, 1 Mile Walk, and Kids' Races. Come to walk or run or just bring your lawn chair and enjoy the meal and watching the activities, all while supporting the sanctity of life in a time when the world does not. Register by calling 785-738-3433 or at:

<https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/?e=28321>

Classis Rocky Mountain will meet on October 11-12 in both Boulder, CO (Colorado & Kansas churches) and in Houston, TX (Texas churches). The session will be joined virtually. Elder delegates from Dispatch CRC will be Pastor Will and Mike Nyhoff. One of the first matters on the agenda is the Examination of Pastor Will as the final step prior to his Ordination. His ordination at Dispatch is scheduled for November 3, 2024, with Rev. Shawn Richardson of Luctor CRC and Rev. Gary Brouwers of Peace CRC, Cedar Rapids, IA (Will's dad) officiating.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: The Beatitudes: Hope-Filled Blessings - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net Check out the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12. Read each Beatitude, and remember that Jesus is showing you a new way to live. It is a way filled with hope, even when things seem tough. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast: The Story of Peter.

Groundwork: Praise God for Our Living Hope. Life is full of ups and downs, yet even in suffering we have reason for great joy: our living hope and identity in Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 1:1-12 to discover the incredible value of our faith, as Peter opens his letter by praising God for the living hope and inheritance we receive as a direct result of our faith in Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - First Peter 3:15 urges us to be prepared to share with others the reason we have hope. As Christians, we have hope because Jesus loves us and promises that one day, there will be no more sadness, no more sickness, no more hurt (Rev. 21:4). Spend some time praying this week about whom you can talk with about Jesus. Consider with whom God may be calling you to share the hope you have in Christ. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

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(*Please stand as you are able.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship - Psalm 24

*God's Greeting - 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Songs -

“Blessed Be Your Name” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #343

“Firm Foundation”

Prayer of Confession-

O Almighty God, I humbly ask you
to make me like a tree planted by the waterside,
that I may bring forth fruits of good living in due season.
Forgive my past offenses, sanctify me now,
and direct all that I should be in the future,
for Christ's sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon - Isaiah 44:21-22

God's Will for Us - Romans 12:1-2

*Song of Response – “We Are an Offering”

Lift Up Your Hearts #874

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation – “Lead Me, Guide Me”

Lift Up Your Hearts #329

Scripture - 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Sermon - “Life in the Spirit - The Fruit of Self-Control”

Prayer of Application

*Closing Song – “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Lift Up Your Hearts #352

*Benediction - Matthew 28:18-20

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

Lift Up Your Hearts #965

*Postlude