

**Dispatch Christian Reformed Church**  
**November 17, 2024**

Welcome to the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church and our worship today 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. Church school classes will be held for all ages following the worship service. Visitors are asked to please sign a guest book in an entryway.

**GREETERS:** west – Mike Nyhoff  
east – Marion & Melanie Schlatter Family  
November 24: west – Emma Meyer  
east – George & Sherri Eakin

**USHERS:** Dennis Rotman & Roy DeBey

**NURSERY:** Lynn Koops  
November 24 – Ethan Schlatter

**PIANIST:** Emma Meyer

**ORGANIST:** Stacy DeBey

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** Dordt University, Sioux Center, Iowa  
November 24 – John-Obie Village, Sierra Leone

**OFFERING TOTALS:** November 10 – General Fund \$875

**HOSPITALITY COFFEE:** Adrienne Allison  
November 24 – Melanie Schlatter

**LETTER WRITING:** Amy Hoogeveen – David Herredsberg  
John Wah Project – Russell Groenendyk

**CARE GROUP A:** September – December

**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**

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Elders Meeting

Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. – GEMS

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

Friday: Agape Shop – Lynn Koops

Saturday: Agape Shop – Jan Koops

Next Sunday: 4:00 p.m. – Downs Community Worship Service  
at Memorial Hall with Soup Supper to follow  
No Small Groups today nor this week

**The Church Family**

from Tuesday's Council meeting:

- Council decided to fill one deacon and one elder position at this year's Congregational Meeting instead of selecting one deacon to replace Dale Herredsberg (retiring), and two elder positions to replace Mike Nyhoff (retiring) and Pastor Will who is now the Minister of the Word. The fourth elder position will remain open indefinitely.

- The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, December 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

- Council decided to move forward with construction of the parsonage deck using a design from Hollerich Construction Company of Tipton, KS.

The special offering next Sunday, November 24, is for the "Safe Place" (John-Obie Village) project in Sierra Leone. This NEW fund-raising campaign is to construct walls and a gate to surround the building built last year. The property has had problems with loss of construction materials and other supplies. Roaming bands of vandals have come through causing serious damage to the property and putting residents in harm's way. Other churches/individuals in Iowa and Texas are also contributing. Please, consider giving generously.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Downs Memorial Hall on Sunday, November 24, beginning at 4:00 PM. There will be a soup supper following the service.

## Downs Food Bank Needs

Dispatch CRC is one of the churches scheduled to provide volunteers at the November distribution day. The distribution is from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 25, at the Downs United Methodist Church. We are asked to provide three to five volunteers that day. If you are able to help, contact Mike Nyhoff.

At the November Food Bank distribution, families are provided additional items for Thanksgiving. Each church in the Downs Ministerial Association is asked to provide six dozen cookies for the Thanksgiving boxes to be given away on November 25. Please package the cookies one dozen per bag. If you are willing to provide some cookies, there is a signup sheet on the Fellowship Hall kitchen counter. The cookies can be delivered here to church by Sunday, November 24, or to the Downs UMC at around 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 25.

The Todd Becker Foundation, a nationally recognized high school outreach group, will be bringing their presentation "Hear the Story & Be Moved" next Wednesday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Osborne High School gymnasium. This is a free event and open to all ages. There will be a free concert from the band "All the Noise" followed by an impactful and life-changing message from Keith Becker. The event is being sponsored by area churches.

Please have bulletin information to Stacy DeBey by 7:00 p.m. Thursdays. 785-454-3784 or [rsdebey@ruraltel.net](mailto:rsdebey@ruraltel.net)

## CRC Heritage Fund

**Beyond Cash – Year-End Giving** - As the year end approaches and you think about a donation to your church (and other charities), please remember that those gifts must be received and deposited by December 31, to count for the 2024 tax year. To learn about giving from your IRA and other ways to give beyond cash donations, visit: [crcna.org/heritagefund](http://crcna.org/heritagefund)

## Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Advent begins on December 1. How will you celebrate the season of Advent this year? Whether you light an Advent wreath at home each week, use a Jesse Tree devotional guide, or follow a daily Advent calendar, there are lots of ways to prepare your heart for the celebration of Christ's coming at Christmastime. Gather any supplies you will need and check out the helpful ideas in this post: [bit.ly/ThriveAdventResources](https://bit.ly/ThriveAdventResources) Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

## ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: Beatitude 7: Peacemakers** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Matthew 5:9 says, "God blesses those people who make peace. They will be called his children! God wants each of us to do our part to bring peace to the world. When we do that, God's love spreads. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Kids in Action video "Bookmarks for Peace."

**Groundwork: The Day of the Lord** - Have you ever wondered what will happen when Christ returns? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 2 Peter 3 to reflect on God's divine timing and patience, and learn from Peter what we should expect and how we can live holy, purposeful lives in light of the coming Day of the Lord. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## Resonate Global Mission

**A Unique Mission Trip for Teenagers** - Join a group of teenagers from multiple countries on a trip across three Central American countries (Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Guatemala) to learn more about these countries' histories and learn how local ministry leaders are working to meet the needs of communities in difficult realities. This is a great opportunity to grow in your faith and understanding of mission! Learn more and apply online at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/encounter](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/encounter)

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(\*Please stand as you are able.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship - Psalm 104:33-34

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

\*Songs -

“He Has Made Me Glad”

*Sing! A New Creation #13*

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #322*

Prayer of Confession - Psalm 32:1-7

Assurance of Pardon – “You Are My Hiding Place”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #412*

God's Will for Us - Colossians 3:17

\*Song of Response – “Jesus, All for Jesus”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #738*

Offerings: 1. General Fund

2. Dordt University, Sioux Center, Iowa

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Preparation – “Be Still, for the Presence”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #532*

Scripture - Mark 2:13-17

Sermon – “Perfect People Don't Come to Church. –

Jesus, Friend of Sinners”

Prayer of Application

\*Closing Song – “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #615*

\*Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26

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

*Lift Up Your Hearts #965*

\*Postlude