

**Dispatch Christian Reformed Church  
December 29, 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. Visitors are asked to please sign a guest book in an entryway.

**GREETERS:** west – Marion & Melanie Schlatter Family  
east – Emma Meyer

January 5: west – George & Sherri Eakin  
east – Dave & Jennifer Herredsberg Family

**USHERS:** Don Koops & Matt Tanis

**NURSERY:** Bob Koops

**PIANIST:** Lynn Koops

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** Dec. 31 – Crossroads Prison Ministries

**OFFERING TOTALS:** December 22 – General Fund \$911

December 25 – Salina Rescue Mission \$3,422

John-Obie Village Security - out-of-state checks \$3,500

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** January 5 – Mike Nyhoff

**HOSPITALITY COFFEE:** Bonnie Tanis

January 5 – Adrienne Allison

**LETTER WRITING:** Amy Hoogeveen – Dave Draayer

John Wah Project – Marideen VanderGiesen

**CARE GROUP A:** September – December

**CARE GROUP B:** January – April

**The Lord’s Day**

This morning we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. All those who are members in good standing of an evangelical Christian church are invited to join us in this celebration.

Small groups are optional today and this week. The Dispatch Small Group will not meet today.

**The Lord’s Week**

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. – Praise & Worship Service followed by  
Soup Supper / Game Night

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – Men's Prayer Breakfast  
at Rose Valley Methodist Church

Next Sunday: Installation of New Office-bearers

**The Church Family**

Thank you to all the students and adults who helped with the Church School program on Christmas Eve. Special thanks go to Kareena and Kacee Herredsberg for directing the program, Linda Groenendyk for writing the script, and Emma Meyer for accompanying the music on the piano. - Dispatch Education Committee

Church school classes will resume on January 5.

Praise & Worship will begin at 6 P.M. Tuesday followed by a soup supper. There will be a contest with a prize awarded for the best soup that night. A signup sheet for entries is posted in the kitchen with hopes we will have a variety of soups available. You are encouraged to bring finger foods and/or desserts as well. Remember to bring your favorite board games for entertainment afterwards.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your wonderful love and care these last months of Joni’s earthly life. Your prayers have given me hope and joy when I thought I had none. – Jayne VandeRiet & Family

A Christmas Missive from Pastor Harold and Joanne de Jong is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

Dordt University conveys their appreciation for the \$376 they received through the Synodical Ministry Share Relief program. “Ministry Shares are vitally important to Dordt University in bridging the gap between tuition and the full cost of education.”

The 2025 offering boxes are available in Fellowship Hall.

The special offering next Sunday is for Crossroads Prison Ministries. Your financial support enables volunteer mentors to walk with men and women on journeys of faith in some of the loneliest places on earth. That's why Crossroads connects people in prison with mentors who study the Bible with them and encourage them through heartfelt letters. The mentors are the heart of the ministry, offering a personal touch not found in other correspondence Bible study programs.

Through the mentorship program, students can study more than one hundred lessons that are centered on the Bible and relevant to people in prison. Mentors review their lessons, answer their questions, encourage their spiritual growth and share their own testimonies.

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

### **The Banner**

**Year-end Support for The Banner!** Help The Banner reach its annual goal of raising \$500,000 by giving before December 31. Your gift will enable The Banner to continue reaching North Americans with inspiring and insightful Christian content for another full year. Please donate now at [TheBanner.org/Give](http://TheBanner.org/Give)

### **Thrive**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - As we come to the end of a calendar year, this is a fitting time to look back. At a mealtime this week, share with someone else one thing for which you are grateful, one thing that makes you sad, and one way you have seen God working in the past year. Read Psalm 90 together as a reminder that God directs our days, months, and years. brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### **ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner: Home Is a Blessing** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) God is our rock and our foundation. The home is the place where your family chooses to make a commitment to serve God. What a blessing! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Bible Story Podcast "The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders."

**Groundwork: Your Questions about Scripture and Hope** - Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 11:13-16, Revelation 20:1-6, John 15:18-25, and Psalm 46 to look at some of the questions you asked this year in response to our discussions on the Lord's Prayer, Joshua, and Revelation; then we will talk about the issues that feel most pressing for our faith right now and where we can find the hope and encouragement to keep living faithfully each day. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### **Other**

**We Are Hiring! Learning and Development Specialist** - This position will implement a learning and development program for denominational staff, focusing on improving skills, knowledge, and overall professional development. The successful candidate will also oversee the Performance Review System and collaborate with the Human Resources Directors to execute the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) strategy for denominational staff. This full-time, hybrid position can work from either Grand Rapids, Mich., or Burlington, Ont. Apply at [crcna.pinpointhq.com](http://crcna.pinpointhq.com)

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(\*Please stand as you are able.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship - Matthew 11:28-30

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

\*Songs - "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #123

"My Soul Finds Rest" LUYH #370

Prayer of Confession -

God, we confess that too often we refuse to Sabbath.

We refuse to slow down and spend time with you.

Our lives are too hurried, too big and important

to give you more than an hour or two.

Forgive us our self-focus and our needs

that drive our existence.

Slow us down.

Forgive us.

Restore to us the joy of spending time with you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon - Jeremiah 31:3-6

God's Will for Us - Exodus 20:1-17

\*Song of Response - "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #737

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Preparation - "Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #754

Scripture - Genesis 1:26-2:3

Sermon - "What Is Sabbath?"

Prayer of Application

"Behold the Lamb" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #840:1

Communion

\*"Behold the Lamb" LUYH #840:4

\*Benediction - Matthew 28:18-20

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

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #965

\*Postlude