

## Dispatch Christian Reformed Church

April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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. Church school classes will be held for all ages following the service.

GREETERS: west – Ray & Ginger DeBey

east – Roy & Stacy DeBey

April 13: west – John & Terril; east – Don & Jan

USHERS: Dave Herredsberg & Roy DeBey

NURSERY: Bob Koops April 13 – Lynn Koops

PIANIST: Sherri Eakin

OFFERING TOTAL: March 30 – General Fund \$2,369

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Dennis & Mary; April 13 – Russell

LETTER WRITING: Hoogveen – Levi; Wah – Pastor Will

CARE GROUP B: January – April

### 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

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – Agape Shop Cleanup

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Wednesday: 12:05 p.m. – Lenten Luncheon - Dispatch CRC hosts  
at First Christian Church, Downs

7:00 p.m. – Ora et Labora; lesson 3, serve – Emma

7:00 p.m. – Cadets; snacks – Ginger DeBey

Thursday: 6:30 a.m. – Promise Keepers Men's Group

at Roundhouse Coffee & Cafe, Downs

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

(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

## The Church Family

Easter Egg Hunt - The Downs Small Group will again be filling 100+ eggs and representing Dispatch CRC at the Downs Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19. In addition to small religious "trinkets" in the eggs, a few summer passes to the swimming pool and food gift cards are given as extra prizes. If you would be willing to donate for the purchase of these prizes, please contact Mike Nyhoff, Bonnie Tanis, or Jayne Vanderiet in the next couple of weeks. The Egg Hunt will be held at the Downs Care & Rehab Center from 10:00 - 10:30 AM for age groups 0-2, 3-6, and 7-10. Anyone interested in helping that day is welcome.

### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: Lent: God's Will Be Done.** Check out this week's kids' devotion "Lent: God's Will Be Done." at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) What do you do when it is hard to obey God? Discover how Jesus prayed for strength and trusted God's plan in tough times. Learn how to follow his example and seek God's help when obedience feels hard! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

**Groundwork: What Jesus Taught in His Final Days** - As Jesus' time on earth brought him closer to the cross, he wanted his disciples, and now us, to understand some important lessons. Join Groundwork as we explore Mark 9:30-37, Mark 10:13-40, Luke 12:35-40, Matthew 24:36-51, and Matthew 25:31-45 to learn what it means to be a watchful servant as we wait for the day when Jesus will return. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### Resonate Global Mission

**Double Your Gift to Resonate Global Mission** - Resonate Global Mission has a great opportunity for your giving to God's mission through the Christian Reformed Church! Now through April 30, any amount you give for our special campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a generous donor! Learn more at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double)

**The Annual *Banner* Appeal is underway!** The 2025 appeal for *The Banner*, the CRC's award-winning monthly magazine, has started. *The Banner* is delivered free in print and online, and this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going, please give online now at: [TheBanner.org/Give](http://TheBanner.org/Give)

### **Thrive**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Katherine Wolf, coauthor of *Hope Heals*, said, "Before Jesus worked all things together for good, he wept over all the things that were not good. He made himself vulnerable to every kind of hurt to guarantee that we would never be alone in our pain. He offered us solidarity within his sovereignty." What are you, or the people in other parts of the world, weeping about right now? What can we do to be reminded that Jesus weeps with us? Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### **World Renew**

**Help Myanmar Earthquake Survivors.** On March 28, two powerful earthquakes struck central Myanmar, leaving devastation in their wake. World Renew is working to bring emergency assistance to those affected by this disaster. With your support, we can bring hope and relief to people already struggling with poverty, displacement, and limited healthcare access in Myanmar. Please join us in prayer and donate to help earthquake survivors at [worldrenew.net/myanmar-earthquake-response](http://worldrenew.net/myanmar-earthquake-response), by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "Myanmar Earthquake 2025" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

### **CRC Heritage Fund**

**Resources for Giving in a Will** - Did you know cash is not always the best way to give to CRC Ministries? You may be able to increase your potential impact— and experience significant tax benefits — by giving stock, real estate, or other non-cash assets. Email: [plannedgiving@crcna.org](mailto:plannedgiving@crcna.org) or call Josh Remer, CRCNA Planned Giving Advisor, at 616-223-5885. Learn more at [crcna.org/heritagefund](http://crcna.org/heritagefund)

### **Calvin University**

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece** - (October 13 - 24, 2025) Travel by motor coach (six days) and cruise ship (four days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu)

### **CRC Communications**

**40 Days of Prayer for Synod** – You are invited into 40 days of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2025. Echoing the Emmaus Road theme from Gather events, we hope to "Journey with Jesus" as we ask for God's guidance, with prayers written by a wide variety of CRC contributors. Learn more and sign up at [crcna.org/synod/prayer](http://crcna.org/synod/prayer) for either daily scripture and prayers or a week's worth of scripture and prayers that will be emailed to you. The 40 days of prayer will begin on Sunday, May 4.

### **Other**

**The Awakening** is a one-week worship arts summer camp at Hope College. Close to 400 high school students have come from seventeen states to grow their hearts deeper toward God and develop their worship arts gifts of all things musical, visual arts, dance, sound tech, and preaching. The camp is from June 8 (pm) to June 13 (noon). Most students say it was the best week of their lives. Learn more at [hope.edu/awakening](http://hope.edu/awakening)

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(\*Please stand as you are able.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship - Exodus 34:6-7

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

\*Songs -

“O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #672*

“By Grace We Have Been Saved”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #675*

Prayer of Confession - Psalm 51

Assurance of Pardon – “Not What My Hands Have Done”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #624*

God's Will for Us - Ephesians 4:32

\*Song of Response – “Marvelous Grace”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #696*

\*The Apostles' Creed

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Preparation – “Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #745*

Scripture - Matthew 6:14-15

Sermon - “Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins.”

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response – “Before the Throne of God Above”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #682*

\*Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26

\*Closing Song – “Amazing Grace”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #691*

\*Postlude