

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

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 – John & Terril Koops

east – Don & Jan Koops

April 20: west – Marion & Melanie Schlatter Family

east – Dale & Kareena Herredsberg Family

USHERS: Dave Herredsberg & Roy DeBey

NURSERY: Lynn Koops

April 20 – Don Koops

PIANIST: Emma Meyer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Mike Nyhoff

SPECIAL OFFERING: Good Friday – Christian Care Fund

April 20 – Gideons International

OFFERING TOTALS: April 6 – General Fund \$7,758

John-Obie Village Transportation –

out-of-state deposit \$1,000

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Russell Groenendyk

LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Ray DeBey

Wah – Emma Meyer

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 **No Meeting Today**

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

Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. – GEMS

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

(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

Friday: 12:05 p.m. – Lenten Luncheon - at Downs UM Church

6:30 p.m. – Good Friday Communion Service

Next Sunday: 6:45 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service in Tanis Hills

10:00 a.m. – Easter Worship Service

No Small Groups today nor this week.

The Church Family

Our offering on Good Friday is for the Christian Care Fund. The Christian Care Fund Committee is made up of people and/or ministers from the Downs area churches. The committee's purpose is to help provide immediate, temporary help for people in the Downs city limits and children attending USD #272. Most often help is given for utilities, Christmas items for children, and school supplies, if needed. There is an application form available at the Downs Carnegie Library and the Downs City Office. The Christian Care Fund is generously funded through area churches, businesses, and organizations from Downs, Cawker City, and Glen Elder. They strive to coordinate with the Ministerial Alliance and the Agape Shop to meet the needs of area people. It is blessing to have this available in our area.

Easter Sunrise Service is planned for 6:45 AM in the Tanis Hills six miles north of Downs. A continental breakfast will be served at the church afterwards. Donations of cinnamon rolls, muffins, or breads for the breakfast would be appreciated. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the church.

Volunteers from Dispatch CRC are needed for the Monday, April 28, food bank distribution. It will be from 4 to 6 PM. Let Bob Koops know, if you can please help.

Ora et Labora plans to have a cleaning evening at the church starting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30. This is open to anyone, woman or man, to get started on the annual cleaning of the church.

Dispatch VBS is being planned for May 26 - May 30. This year's theme is "True North - Trusting Jesus in the Wild World." Registration is open to youth who will enter Kindergarten next year through youth who just completed 5th grade. Volunteers are needed for group leaders and learning station helpers. Contact Mary Rotman for more information or to volunteer. To register students for VBS, please follow this link: <https://vbspro.events/p/505e0e>

Council notes--Council expresses their appreciation to Kat Brouwers for coordinating and leading the recent Women's Craft Party, enjoyed by women of the community and church.

Council noted the important ministry work of the Cadet and GEMS counselors and their ongoing need for more individuals to assist these organizations. Please, consider how you might be able to serve in this way.

The condition of the church van was discussed with the possibility of a replacement van considered.

A monetary gift of \$500 was contributed to Maria Hebert's mission trip later this summer. Further donations can be made to the church to be forwarded on, as contributions are still needed.

An offering was approved to be scheduled June 15 for the McCallen, Texas church plant.

Several letters from Tessa Black, former foster child of Russell and Linda Groenendyk, can be viewed on the table by the bulletin board. She would enjoy hearing back. If you would like to correspond with her, there is a return address.

World Renew continues to respond to the weather disasters in our country and world over the past few years. They continue to be in need of contributions and workers. More details are available on the pamphlet displayed on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

The church visitors, Pastor Rick Ebbers and Mark Quist, were not able to meet with the Council for a time of encouragement, but they are tentatively planning to be here in August.

Las Cantreras Mexican Grill, 322 S Main, Smith Center, will be donating a portion of all sales on Wednesday, April 16, to Heart Choices Pregnancy and Parenting Resource Center. The restaurant hours are 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Please, stop by and enjoy a great meal while supporting services to mothers and babies.

ThereforeGo Ministries is thankful for our partnership with them in providing faith-forming experiences like SERVE to help students form a personal relationship with God. They appreciate our offering of \$381.

ReFrame Ministries

Lent: Jesus Loves Me. Check out this week's Kids Corner devotion "Lent: Jesus Loves Me." at www.kidscorner.net What does it mean to love like Jesus? Even while on the cross and in his deepest suffering, Jesus prayed for forgiveness for those who hurt him and extended love to a criminal who asked to be remembered (Luke 23:39-43). Check out all the great content like KC's Lent and Easter Collection at kidscorner.net

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Palm Sunday - Today we remember that Jesus rode into Jerusalem as the crowds sang, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" Imagine being there in the crowd that day. What would you be thinking about or feeling? What could you do today or this week to help bring Jesus' kingdom of peace here on earth right now? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

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Prelude (*Please stand as you are able.)

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship - Matthew 21:1-11

**“The King of Glory Comes”

*God's Greeting - 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Songs - “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #145

 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” LUYH #146

Prayer of Confession -

O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty
has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your
kingdom, treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy
by our secret and our known sins. For our treason you died,
Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again.

Draw us closer to you in this holy week,
that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears,
and our hearts, the wonder of your grace.

By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline,
let us be loyal and loving servants of the King.

Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon - Psalm 118

God's Will for Us - Psalm 118:29

*Song of Response – “Give Thanks” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #358

*The Apostles' Creed

Preparatory

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation – “Speak, O Lord” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #755

Children's Message – Mike Nyhoff

Scripture - 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Sermon - “Believe in the Resurrection of the Body.”

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response – “We Are People on a Journey” LUYH #142

*Benediction - Matthew 28:18-20

*Closing Song – “There Is a Redeemer” LUYH #833

*Postlude