

## **Dispatch Christian Reformed Church**

**August 31, 2025**

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. Visitors are asked to please sign a guest book in an entryway.

GREETERS: west – Don & Jan Koops

east – Bob & Lynn Koops

September 7: west – Russell & Linda Groenendyk; east – Ray & Ginger DeBey

USHERS: Roy DeBey & Ethan Schlatter

NURSERY: Dale Herredsberg & Ethan Schlatter     September 7 – Don & Jan Koops

ORGANIST: Stacy DeBey

PIANIST: Aida Herredsberg

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Lynn Koops     September 14 – Carol Cordel

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Melanie Schlatter     September 7 – Roy DeBey

LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Levi Allison, Wah – Jared Schurr

CARE GROUP B: September - December

### **The Lord’s Day**

Care Group B will meet in Fellowship Hall today after church.

The Profession of Faith and Membership Class will meet after the worship service.

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 (Stacy DeBey 785-412-0155)

Lebanon – 5:30 p.m. (Melanie Schlatter 785-620-7066)

### **The Lord’s Week**

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

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

(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – Men's Prayer Breakfast at Zion Lutheran Church, Downs

9:30 a.m. – Ladies Brunch

Next Sunday: Profession of Faith Class

Church School Potluck

Small Groups will not meet on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **The Church Family**

Pastor Will will be on vacation next Sunday. Elder Don Koops will lead our service.

Ladies, you are all invited to gather for brunch Saturday, September 6, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Marianne Schlatter will present a program on her trip to Turkey. Don’t miss it!

Our GEMS group is looking for volunteers to provide meals this season. If you would like to support the girls and leaders in this way, please check the fellowship hall for a sign up. Your help is a huge blessing—thank you!

Council notes:

--Church visitors, Pastor Rick Ebbers from The Journey CRC in Longmont, CO and Pastor Mark Quist from Crestview CRC in Boulder, CO, expressed appreciation for the opportunity and joy of meeting with the Council to share ministry thoughts and encouragement together.

--It was reported that Synod had approved our overture supporting the importance of ongoing care for the pastor's spouse. Discussion was held as to ways we could possibly encourage the pastor and his wife in the future.

--The list of Sunday School teachers for the 2025-2026 church year of Pastor Will, Mary Rotman, Marion Schlatter, Bob Koops, and Don Koops was approved.

--The AED device donated to the church is to be installed with training to be done at a later date.

--Notice was received that the Agape Shop in Downs is needing workers to follow through when assigned to work or find a replacement to take their place, if those scheduled cannot fill their turn. New workers would also be appreciated.

--Safe Church procedures for those working with the youth were reviewed and will be introduced and implemented as the new church ministry year begins.

Next Sunday, we will have a potluck to kick off the new church school year. There will be activities for the youth. Church School classes will begin on September 14.

Dordt University appreciates the faithful support of Dispatch CRC and the \$287.50 given under the Synodical Ministry Share program. “Ministry Shares are vitally important to Dordt University in bridging the gap between tuition and the full cost of education. Please remember Dordt University in your...prayers as we seek to continue to provide quality Christian higher education from a distinctly Reformed perspective.”

The Missions Committee is asking for your prayer support to seek God's will in the potential area-wide Billy Graham Evangelical Association Outreach Event. There will be an initial meeting with the director of the association, Sam Hardy, on September 25, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. We ask that everyone participate by praying. For those interested in attending the meeting, please see the letter posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. This is only in the planning stages, so please pray for God's will and direction. You may also contact the Missions Committee (Levi Allison and Ray DeBey) for further information.

### **Thrive**

**Get Involved with Generation Spark** - Generation Spark offers hands-on coaching, practical strategies, and extensive support to help all generations form meaningful relationships that result in sustained, lifelong faith. Thrive, the CRC's congregational support agency, invites you to learn more about what it might look like for your church to invest in intergeneration mentoring! An informational webinar is offered on September 11, 10:30am. Register here: [shorturl.at/d7DEO](http://shorturl.at/d7DEO)

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus replied, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matt. 22:37-39, NIV). How can you show love to God through loving your neighbors this week? Whether it be in helping someone in your building carry groceries, bringing flowers to someone on your street, or buying a special treat for someone in your broader community, find a way to extend an act of love to one of your neighbors. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### **ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner Devotions: Praying for Someone Else** - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Praying for Someone Else” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Prayer is a special way to show love to others. When you pray for someone, you are helping them and growing closer to God at the same time! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the classic “Liz and Friends” podcast!

**Groundwork: Jesus' Kingdom Parables** - Jesus often used parables to teach his followers about the kingdom of God. Join Groundwork as we dig into Matthew 13, Matthew 20:1-16, Matthew 22:1-14, Luke 17:20-21, and Matthew 25:1-13 to learn from Jesus what God’s kingdom looks like, what its values are, and how the people of his kingdom behave. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### **Calvin University**

**Calvin on the Road Events** - Calvin University is turning 150, and we are bringing the celebration to you! Throughout the anniversary year, Calvin will be visiting 30 cities across the USA and Canada. We would love to see you! For a full list of locations and dates, visit [calvin.edu/150](http://calvin.edu/150)

### **The Banner**

**Support The Banner Magazine** - The Banner’s annual fundraising campaign continues! More than just an award-winning magazine, The Banner is a journalistic ministry dedicated to informing, inspiring, and connecting our CRC community. Available to you in both print and online, this vital resource is made possible by the generous support of individuals like you. Help meet the ambitious \$500,000 goal for the 2025 campaign by giving today! [thebanner.org/donate](http://thebanner.org/donate)

### **World Renew**

**Hope Beyond the Headlines** - Media outlets often move on quickly after covering the initial impacts of conflict, natural disasters, and other devastating events — leaving behind stories of loss, displacement, and communities struggling with hunger, poverty, and hopelessness. Yet God’s promise in Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that He has plans for a hope and a future. World Renew, together with our Christian partners and as a member of the Integral Alliance, continues to walk alongside communities long after the cameras are gone—helping restore hope and rebuild lives. Now participating in the third Neglected Crises campaign, World Renew is calling for collective action to support people affected by long-term, complex, and overlooked crises—in Madagascar, Sudan, Haiti, and beyond. Your gift can help extend God’s hope to places where suffering persists long after public attention fades. Learn more or give today at: [worldrenew.net/global-food-crisis](http://worldrenew.net/global-food-crisis)

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(\*Please stand, as you are able.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship - Psalm 150

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

\*Songs -

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #521

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #348

Prayer of Confession - “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

*Sing! A New Creation* #49

Assurance of Pardon – Micah 7:18-20

God’s Will for Us - Romans 12:1-2

\*Song of Response – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #175

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Preparation – “Spirit of the Living God”

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #749

Children's Message – Lynn Koops

Scripture - John 4:1-42

Sermon - “Come, and See! Part 3”

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response – “Be Thou My Vision”

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #859

\*Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26

\*Closing Song – “May God”

\*Postlude