Dispatch Christian Reformed Church September 7, 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 – Russell & Linda Groenendyk

east – Ray & Ginger DeBey

September 14: west – John & Terril Koops

east - Roy & Stacy DeBey

USHERS: Bob Koops & Ellie Herredsberg

NURSERY: Don & Jan Koops

September 14 – Emma Meyer & Kacee Herredsberg

PIANIST: Lynn Koops

SPECIAL OFFERING: September 14 – Christian Care Fund

OFFERING TOTALS: August 24 – General Fund \$989

August 31 - \$5,713

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: September 14 – Carol Cordel

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Roy DeBey

September 14 – Bonnie Tanis

LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Ray DeBey,

 $Wah-Pastor\ Will\ Brouwers$

CARE GROUP B: September - December

The Lord's Day

Pastor Will is gone for continuing education. Elder Don Koops will lead our service today.

Today 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 next Sunday.

The Profession of Faith and Membership Class will NOT meet today.

Small Groups will NOT meet today.

The Lord's Week

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

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

at Roundhouse Coffee, Downs

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

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The Church Family

The KnightClub committee wishes to extend a hearty appreciation to the Dispatch congregation in the gift of \$1500 to further our mission to the students of Lakeside High School! We are also grateful for all of you who came out on a beautiful Sunday night to share a meal with us. We look forward to another year of serving and building community!

The American Red Cross blood drive will be held Tuesday, September 9, at The Veteran's Building, 123 West Main in Osborne from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Donors are needed who are in generally good health, weigh a minimum of 110 lbs., and are 17 years of age or older. Please consider giving a little more than an hour of your day by donating to help others in need of life-saving blood supplies. Those who are 16 years old may also donate with a signed parental consent form that can be obtained by going to the website: www.bloodgiveslife.org

With blood supplies experiencing a critical shortage nationwide, you are encouraged to make an appointment to donate by contacting Don Koops at 782-346-4033, or by registering online with the Red Cross @REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG or calling 1-800-GIVE-LIVE. Walk-ins the day of the visit are also welcome, however appointments will receive priority. Refreshments of hamburgers and root beer floats will be served that day.

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!

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.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Praying for Our Enemies - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Praying for Our Enemies" at www.kidscorner.net In Matthew 5, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount. He wanted people to know how to treat one another and show love the way he loves. He even wants us to show love and kindness to those we think of as our enemies because God cares about and provides for everyone. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the classic "Liz and Friends" podcast!

Groundwork: Living as Citizens of God's Kingdom Now – We have learned that Jesus brought God's kingdom near -- so near, in fact, it is within us. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, Romans 14:17, Micah 4:1-5, Matthew 25:35-40, Philippians 2:5-8, Acts 2:42-47, Revelation 11:15, and 1 Corinthians 15:58 to learn what it means and looks like for us to live in God's kingdom here and now, even when we cannot fully see it. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - A new school season has begun. The rhythms and activities of a new school year can make it challenging to include space for God in your everyday family life. One way you can do that is by reviewing the "highs and lows" of your day, giving thanks for God's many blessings and asking for God's presence in the midst of hard situations. See "Everyday Family Faith" (FaithAliveResources.org) for more ways to make time for God with your family. 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 - Psalm 78: 1-4

*Songs – "He Leadeth Me" Lift Up Your Hearts #440 "Earth and All Stars" LUYH #271:1,2,4-6

*God's Greeting - Jude 1 & 2

Call to Confession - from Psalm 139

"O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely, O Lord. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Prayer of Confession

Song of Praise – "Goodness of God"

God's Will for Us – "The Ten Commandments" LUYH #722

Words of Assurance - 1 John 1:9

Hymn of Response – "How Shall the Young Direct Their Way" LUYH#720

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund

*"Ancient Words" Lift Up Your Hearts #762

Scripture Passages: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 & 8:5-14,17-18

Contemporary Testimony – "Our World Belongs to God" No. 47 Serving the Lord in whom all things hold together, we support sound education in our communities, and we foster schools and teaching in which God's truth shines in all learning. All students, without regard to abilities, race, or wealth, bear God's image and deserve an education that helps them use their gifts fully.

Message: "Training Our Children in God's Ways"

by Rev. John Kuperus, Sussex CRC, Sussex, N.J.

Prayer of Application

*Hymn in Response to God's Word – "Tell Your Children" *LUYH* #314

*Benediction – Ephesians 3: 17b-20

*Doxology – "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" LUYH#938

*Postlude