

**Dispatch Christian Reformed Church**  
**November 30, 2025**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

Welcome to the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church with Pastor Will Brouwers leading our worship today. 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. Church school classes will be held for ages three through adult following the service.

GREETERS: west – Dennis & Mary Rotman

east – Jared & Andrea Schurr Family

December 7: west – Russell & Linda Groenendyk

east – Ray & Ginger DeBey

USHER: Marion Schlatter

NURSERY: Don & Jan Koops

December 7 – Emma Meyer & Kacee Herredsberg

PIANIST: Sherri Eakin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: December 7 – Mike Nyhoff

OFFERING TOTALS: November 23 – General Fund \$797

SPECIAL OFFERING: December 7 – Dispatch Foundation

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Russell Groenendyk

December 7 – Dennis & Mary Rotman

LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Emma Meyer

Wah – George Eakin

CARE GROUP B: September - December

**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 - **No Meeting Today**

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

Parents of school-age children are asked to meet with Kareena and Kacee Herredsberg after church today to discuss the Christmas Program.

**The Lord's Week**

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

Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. – GEMS

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 Downs United Methodist Church

**The Church Family**

The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, following the worship service. The nominees for elder to provide a fourth elder for the 2026-2028 term are Bob Koops and Marion Schlatter. The nominee to replace Deacon David Draayer is Dale Herredsberg. Agendas for the congregational meeting may be found in your church mailbox. Please note that the following items were accidentally omitted from the Congregation Meeting Agenda that was distributed last Sunday:

17. Update on Ministry – Any Questions or Concerns?
18. Reading of the Concept Minutes
19. Closing Prayer
20. Adjournment

If you cannot attend the congregational meeting, please submit your absentee ballots to Pastor Will or an elder before the meeting. Absentee ballots will be accepted in voting for elder, deacon, and/or the budget. Use one ballot for each item for which you are voting. The ballot for elder should have one name on it. The ballot for deacon should have “yes” or “no” for approval of the nominee. The ballot for the budget should have “yes” or “no” for approval as presented. Place each ballot into a separate envelope and label the envelope with the item for which you are voting (i.e.: elder or deacon or budget). Place the envelopes containing your ballots inside another envelope and write your name on the outside envelope.

## Small Groups Bible Study

We will be beginning a new DVD study series, “Why I Believe” by Chip Ingram which speaks to the tenets of our Christian faith and how to share those beliefs with others. Materials are being distributed to the leaders of each small group. Next Sunday there will be no small groups as we will meet at 3:45 p.m. at the Downs Care & Rehab Center to begin caroling in the Downs area.

## ReFrame Ministries

Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Advent at Home: “O Come, O Come, Immanuel” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). God promises to be with us in every moment—when we are sad, happy, or waiting for better days—and that gives us hope. This Advent, we can celebrate the hope of Jesus, who was born to be our Savior and will one day come again. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.

## Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is the first Sunday in the season of Advent, a time when we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. There are many different ways we can get ready for Christmas—such as listening to music, reading Christmas stories, and lighting Advent candles. How will you practice getting your heart ready? Check out the Advent page of Thrive’s Family Faith Formation toolkit for some ideas: [crcna.org/advent-tools](http://crcna.org/advent-tools) Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

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Services livestreamed on: <https://www.facebook.com/Dispatch-Christian-Reformed-Church-Dispatch-KS-110789837230036>

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

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship - Isaiah 2:3-5

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

**He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.”**

**The law will go out from Zion,**

**the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.**

He will judge between the nations

and will settle disputes for many peoples.

**They will beat their swords into plowshares**

**and their spears into pruning hooks.**

**Nation will not take up sword against nation,**

**nor will they train for war anymore.**

**Come, descendants of Jacob,**

**let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

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

\*Mutual Greeting

\*Songs -

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #61

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” *LUYH* #69

Prayer of Confession – Isaiah 64:1-9

Assurance of Pardon – John 3:16

Advent Reading

\*Song of Response – “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” *LUYH* #56

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Preparation – “O Word of God Incarnate” *LUYH* #757

Scripture - 1 John 4:7-12

Sermon - “Love, Because of the Intense Love of God”

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response – “What Wondrous Love” *LUYH* #164

\*Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26

\*Closing Song –

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” *LUYH* #965

\*Postlude