

**Dispatch Christian Reformed Church  
December 14, 2025 Third 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.

GREETERS: west – Dave & Jennifer Herredsberg Family  
east – Roy & Stacy DeBey

December 21: west – John & Terril Koops  
east – Bob & Lynn Koops

USHERS: Matt Tanis & Dave Herredsberg

NURSERY: Kareena Herredsberg & Emma Meyer  
December 21 – Sherri Eakin & Kat Brouwers

PIANIST: Lynn Koops

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: December 21 – Pastor Will

OFFERING TOTALS: December 7 – General Fund \$1,833  
Dispatch Foundation \$90

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Adrienne Allison  
December 21 – Melanie Schlatter

LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Dale H., Wah – Bob K.  
CARE GROUP B: September - December

**The Lord's Day**

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated during this morning's service. Visitors who are members in good standing of an evangelical Christian church are invited to join us.

Church School classes will not be held today so that the children can practice for the Christmas Eve Program.

Everyone is invited to go Christmas caroling in Smith Center this afternoon meeting at 4:00 at the east end of the south building of SunPorch. We will first go caroling in the other buildings there, then to the Smith Center Health & Rehabilitation Center, and to a few other individuals. Then we will meet again at SunPorch for caroling in the south building and to enjoy Christmas treats there.

There will be no small groups today nor this week.

**The Lord's Week**

Wednesday: 6-8:00 p.m. – GEMS Caroling & Christmas Party

Next Sunday: Small Groups –

Young Families and Lebanon plan to meet.

Smith Center and Dispatch will not meet.

**The Church Family**

The AED demonstration scheduled for today has been postponed to a later date.

Council notes: Officers elected for 2026 are: president - George Eakin, vice-president - John Tanis, clerk - Don Koops, and secretary of deacons - Ray DeBey.

A thank you was received from The Grace Brethren Church in Portis for our prayer support and participation in the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association training on November 8. On Sunday, December 21, those interested are invited to meet at 6:30 PM at The Bible Baptist Church located at 131 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> in Osborne to review and give further study of the materials from the training meeting and to have a time of encouragement and prayer for our respective communities.

Council approved time off for Pastor Will from December 29 to January 5.

Results of voting at the congregational meeting are: Marion Schlatter was elected as elder. Dale Herredsberg was approved as deacon. The budget passed with 23 yes votes, three no, and one abstention. The special offering schedule was approved as presented. Missionary support was approved as proposed with support for Amy Hoogeveen, Resonate Global Mission (two offerings, prayer, and letter writing) and Johnobie Village - Safe Place Ministry (prayer and letter writing).

Matters discussed at the congregational meeting concerning setting minimum amounts for special offerings, the elimination of budget line items for Cadets and GEMS, and the possibility of procuring another church van were discussed and referred to the deacons for further review.

Pastor Tom and Erin Dykman wish to thank the congregation for the anniversary blessings. They also ask for our prayers for the trip to Johnobie and this year's ministry. He leaves December 16, and goes counting on our continuing prayer support.

"Friends in Christ, thank you for your recent gift of \$538. Your church's generous support enables us to support doctors and nurses who are living out their calling to make Jesus Christ known in the world.

As we move through this Advent season, we anxiously anticipate celebrating the birth of Christ. It is that same Savior born so many years ago who remains at the center of everything we do at the Luke Society. The generosity of Dispatch CRC enables us to play a small role through our calling to use holistic health to reach all nations with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your church's gift which enables that message of Light to go forth throughout the world."

Dordt University expresses their sincere appreciation for the recent offering of #334 contributed to support their mission. This commitment to nurturing the spiritual growth and academic excellence makes a significant impact on the lives of the students, playing a vital role in equipping them with the knowledge and faith they need to serve God.

### **ReFrame Ministries**

**Groundwork: Out of Darkness and into the Light** - Turning on a light changes everything. What changes can we anticipate when Jesus brings His light to our world? Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 2:2-5, John 8:12-19, and John 12:44-50 to discover the significant effects we can expect the presence of the Light of the World to bring in our lives and our world. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship - Psalm 100

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

**Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

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

\*Mutual Greeting

\*Songs - "Joy to the World" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #92

"Angels We Have Heard On High" *LUYH* #82

Prayer of Confession - Isaiah 64:1-9

Assurance of Pardon – "You Are My Hiding Place" *LUYH* #412

God's Will for Us - John 15:9-14

\*Song of Response - "Jesus, Name Above All Names" *SNC* #114

Advent Reading

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

\*Prayer of Preparation – "Speak, O Lord" *LUYH* #755

Scripture - Isaiah 54:1-10

Sermon - "Rejoice, Because of God's Love for Us!"

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response – "How Great Our Joy" *LUYH* #90

Communion

\*Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

\*Closing Song – "Go Now in Peace" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #950

\*Postlude