

**Dispatch Christian Reformed Church**  
**December 21, 2025**  
**Fourth 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 – John & Terril Koops  
                  east – Bob & Lynn Koops  
Christmas: west – George & Sherri Eakin  
                  east – Marion & Melanie Schlatter Family  
December 28: west – Emma Meyer  
                  east – Marianne Schlatter  
USHERS: Matt Tanis & Dave Herredsberg  
NURSERY: Sherri Eakin & Kat Brouwers  
                  Christmas – Lynn Koops  
                  December 28 – Bob Koops & Dennis Rotman  
PIANIST: Emma Meyer  
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Will Brouwers  
SPECIAL OFFERING: Christmas – Salina Rescue Mission  
OFFERING TOTALS: December 14 – General Fund \$2,478  
HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Melanie Schlatter  
                  Christmas – Roy DeBey  
                  December 28 – Bonnie Tanis  
LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Thelma Koops,  
                  Wah – Don Koops  
CARE GROUP B: September – December

**The Lord's Day**

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

Small Groups today:

Young Families – 3:00 – loft  
                  (Kat Brouwers 231-577-8304)  
Lebanon – 5:30 (Melanie Schlatter 785-620-7066)  
The Smith Center and Dispatch groups will not meet.

**The Lord's Week**

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Program  
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Worship Service  
Next Sunday: no Church School classes

Small Groups: Lebanon & Smith Center plan to meet

**The Church Family**

The 2026 offering envelopes are available to be picked up on a table in Fellowship Hall.

Our Christmas Day offering is for the Salina Rescue Mission. Friends of the Mission have offered a \$100,000 Matching Challenge for proceeds received by December 31. The need for shelter and meals these last days of 2025 is urgent. The deacons ask that you please consider this in your giving.

A family game night will be hosted by Care Group B after the New Year's Eve service. There will also be a "contest" with a prize awarded for the best soup provided. You do not have to sign up to enter - just bring your soup. Hopefully we will have a variety of soups to try out. Bring your friends, family, games, and snacks.

**World Renew**

**Help families affected by the Pacific Northwest flooding.** Beginning December 8, heavy nonstop rains have led to record flooding in western and central parts of Washington state, killing at least one person and forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate due to profound damage to homes and communities. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is preparing a response to help flood survivors, including in communities already recovering from severe flooding in 2021. To help flood survivors, please join us in prayer and donate at [worldrenew.net/northwest](http://worldrenew.net/northwest), by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "Pacific Northwest Floods 2025" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315

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

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship - Isaiah 60:1-3

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

\*Mutual Greeting

\*Songs - “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” LUYH #81:1, 4-5

Special Music - Christians Family

Prayer of Confession -

**“Jesus, I've forgotten the words  
that You have spoken.**

**Promises that burned within my heart  
have now grown dim.**

**With a doubting heart,**

**I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.**

**Forgive me for my unbelief.**

**Renew the fire again.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy on me.”**

Assurance of Pardon – Jeremiah 31:3-6

God's Will for Us - Matthew 11:28-30

\*Song of Response - “Imagine” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #72

\*The Nicene Creed

Advent Reading

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

\*Prayer of Preparation – “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” LUYH#747

Children's Message - Pastor Will Brouwers

Scripture - Romans 8:31-39

Sermon - “More than Conquerors, Because of God's Love”

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response – “In Christ Alone” LUYH #770

\*Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

\*Closing Song – “Neither Death nor Life” (2x) LUYH #450

\*Postlude

**Celebrating the Greatest Gift** - As we exchange gifts at Christmas, we celebrate Jesus, God's great gift to us. Will you add a child or family living in poverty to your Christmas giving today? Your donation to World Renew helps people around the world improve their lives and find home in their heart for Jesus. Please give generously online at [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts)

**ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner Devotions:** Check out this week's kids' devotion, “Advent at Home: Away in the Manger” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Jesus knows what it feels like to be human, just like you. This means He understands when you are tired, hurt, or having a hard day. He loves you so much and always knows how to comfort and care for you! Explore all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), including the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.

**Groundwork: The Light of the World Among Us** - Together, let us explore the moment Isaiah's anticipation of light turns to the reality of the light of the world among us. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20, John 8:12, Ephesians 5:8-9, and Revelation 22:5 to discuss Jesus Christ's birth, life, and the hope he brings, uncovering the profound meaning of Christ's light shining in our world and how we live as children of light. Subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com)

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** – It is almost Christmas Day! How many different ways can you think of to say “Merry Christmas!” to people who know the story of Christmas and to people who do not know the story? How might you say “Merry Christmas!” to God this week in a way that reflects love back to our Creator? Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)