

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
January 4, 2026

Welcome to the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church. 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 – Dale & Karena Herredsberg Family
east – Mike Nyhoff

January 11: west – Don & Jan; east – Dennis & Mary

USHERS: Bob Koops & Ethan Schlatter

NURSERY: Dale Herredsberg & Ethan Schlatter

January 11 – Don & Jan Koops

ORGANIST: Stacy DeBey

SPECIAL OFFERING: Benevolence Fund

OFFERING TOTALS: December 28 – General Fund \$29,767

Special Offering (Dispatch GEMS) \$1,000

Special Offering (Dispatch Cadets) \$1,000

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Lynn Koops

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Ray & Ginger DeBey

January 11 – Mike Nyhoff

LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Dennis R.; Wah – Mike N.

CARE GROUP A: January – April

The Lord's Day

Elder John Tanis will lead our service today as Council approved time off for Pastor Will from December 29 to January 5.

Church School classes will resume today.

3:00 - Care Group A will be leading the service at the Downs Care & Rehab today. All are invited to attend.

Small Groups will meet today. New members are always welcome. Meeting times and locations are:

Smith Center – **3:15** p.m. at SunPorch (Don K. 785-346-4033)
Dispatch – 5:00 p.m. – loft (Stacy DeBey)
Lebanon – 5:30 p.m. (Melanie Schlatter 785-620-7066)

The Lord's Week

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – Agape Shop Cleanup
7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee at Barb DeBey's

Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. – GEMS

Thursday: 6:30 a.m. – Promise Keepers Men's Group
at Roundhouse Coffee & Cafe, Downs
6:00 p.m. – Downs Small Group at Merle Nyhoff's
(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

Friday: Agape Shop – Stacy DeBey

Saturday: Agape Shop – Sherri Eakin

The Church Family

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

The American Red Cross blood drive will be held Wednesday, January 7, 9:00-3:00 at the Veteran's Building, 123 West Main in Osborne. 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 can also donate with a signed parental consent form that can be obtained by going to the website www.bloodgiveslife.org

With blood supplies at a critical shortage, you are encouraged to make an appointment to donate by contacting Don Koops at 785-346-4033, or registering online with the Red Cross [@REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG](http://REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG) or calling 1-800-GIVE-LIVE. Appointments will receive priority, although walk-ins the day of the visit are also welcome. Refreshments of hamburgers and root beer floats will be served to each donor.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Epiphany (January 6) reminds us that Jesus was revealed to the Magi, who were considered outsiders and seekers. This week ask God to show you someone who might feel like an outsider or seeker. How can you reflect Christ's light and love to them? Sometimes the simplest act—an invitation, a kind word, a prayer—can be a guiding light in a weary world. crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Love: God's Most Powerful Gift" at www.kidscorner.net You were made to love and be loved—God made you special and gave you a heart that can share kindness, hope, and joy with others. When you choose love every day, you show strength, shine like Jesus, and make the world a brighter place! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's "The Bible in One Year Plan."

Groundwork: God's Covenants and Our Salvation - At times, we experience tension when trying to discern the relationship between God's grace and our works in relation to our salvation. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 12:1-3, Genesis 15:1-18, Genesis 17:1-11, Matthew 26:26-29, and Hebrews 8:6-13 to let God's covenants provide a deeper understanding of how he works, his gift of grace, and what he expects from us as his people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Go deeper in faith through a trip with Resonate. Come on a journey with Resonate Global Mission—starting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, through Guatemala, and ending in Costa Rica as we visit stops along the route of people on the move. Together we will learn from their faith, hear their stories and connect them to our own, and learn to better love our neighbors as ourselves. The trip is April 17-28, 2026 with an application deadline of January 31, 2026. Learn more and let us know you are interested at www.resonateglobalmission.org/move

SNOW POLICY

The president of Council is responsible for canceling church in the event of snow, ice, or other inclement weather.

Cancellations should be made one hour prior to church to provide adequate warning to the members who live farther away from church. The president will inform the minister and other elders. The elders and the minister shall assist in contacting the church members as coordinated by the president, as well as an announcement being placed on Dispatch Prays.

The president will also contact radio stations KDNS in Glen Elder and KHSV in Beloit to announce the cancellation.

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Prelude (*Please stand, as you are able.)
Welcome and Announcements

MEETING GOD

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 95:6,7
***Opening Hymn:** "Now with Joyful Exaltation" *LUYH* #512:1,2,4
***Invocation:** In Whose name is our help?
***Congregational Response:** "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."
***Prayer for God's Greeting**

RENEWAL

Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:6,7
Hymn of Confession: "God, Be Merciful to Me" *LUYH* #623:1-4
Prayer of Confession
God's Rule of Thankful Obedience: 1 Corinthians 13
***Hymn of Dedication:** "Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart"
Lift Up Your Hearts #618:1,3,5

THANKSGIVING

Congregational Prayer
Offerings: 1. General Fund 2. Benevolence Fund
***Song of Thanks:**
"What Shall I Render to the LORD" *LUYH* #871:1,2,4,5

INSTRUCTION FROM GOD'S WORD

Children's Message: Lynn Koops
Prayer for God's Blessing on the Word
Scripture: Matthew 27:45-56
Text: Matthew 27:46

Message: "THE CRY FROM THE CROSS AND HELL"
by Rev. Art Verboon, Edmonton, AB

Applicatory Prayer
***Song of Response:** "What Wondrous Love" *LUYH* #164:1-3

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

***Word of Exhortation:** Hebrews 13:15-17
***Benediction:** Hebrews 13:20,21
***Doxology:** "What Wondrous Love" verse 4
***Postlude**