

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church

January 18, 2026

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

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 – Jared & Andrea Schurr Family

east – Ray & Ginger DeBey

January 25: west – Dennis & Mary Rotman

east – Dave & Jennifer Herredsberg Family

USHERS: Bob Koops & Ethan Schlatter

NURSERY: Kareena Herredsberg & Kacee Herredsberg

January 25 – Emma Meyer & Jessa Herredsberg

PIANIST: Emma Meyer

SPECIAL OFFERING: Heart Choices Pregnancy & Parenting

January 25 – Dispatch Cadets

OFFERING TOTALS: Dec. 31 Crossroads Prison Ministries \$240

January 4 – General Fund \$1,235; Benevolence Fund \$327

January 11 - General Fund \$2,711

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: George Eakin

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Dennis & Mary Rotman

January 25 – Adrienne Allison

LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Roy DeBey

Wah – Dave Draayer

CARE GROUP A: January – April

The Lord's Day

We will have AED training after church this morning.

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

Smith Center – 3:15 p.m. at SunPorch **NO MEETING TODAY**

Dispatch – 5:00 p.m. – loft (Stacy DeBey)

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

The Lord's Week

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Elders Meeting

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)

The Church Family

Dispatch CRC volunteers (minimum of three) are needed for the food bank distribution on Monday, January 26. The food bank is located at the Downs United Methodist Church from approximately 3:30 – 6:30. Please contact Bob Koops, if you can help.

Council meeting notes: Received a note from Chad Young of the Salina Rescue Mission expressing their appreciation for our offering of \$2,800 taken for their ongoing ministry. There was also a letter received from New Roots in Sioux Falls, South Dakota detailing their work with the immigrant community. The letter is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for those desiring more information.

The church's year-end financial report was reviewed and approved with a year-end General Fund balance reported of \$154,383.93. Copies of the report are available in the mailboxes and foyers.

Approved Abi Schlatter as a teacher for the 6-8th grades and high school classes and as a GEMS counselor.

Pastor Will reported that he has accepted appointment to the Classis Finance Committee. He has been meeting with area ministerial alliances regarding stress on the farm with a community meeting to be held on March 24, in Osborne. More details to follow.

The Worship Committee reports that five copies of the *Sing! Hymnal* produced by Keith and Kristyn Getty are being purchased for use in our services.

The new small group study "Why I Believe" has begun. Additional workbooks are on order, now that they are available. If you would like a copy of the book that the DVD or broadcast on You Tube covers each week, see Don Koops today. Suggestions for the next small group study series would be appreciated and can be referred to Worship Committee members Pastor Will, Barb DeBey, Russell or Linda Groenendyk, or Don Koops.

Next week we will be recognizing Cadet Sunday. Cadet leaders are helping boys grow more Christlike in all areas of life in over 400 churches across North America, as well as numerous churches around the world. Our offering next Sunday will go to our local Dispatch Cadets, helping them with materials, activities, and support while allowing Cadets to grow into a life of "Living for Jesus."

Once again the library has new books! If you haven't visited in a while, you will find adult fiction and nonfiction as well as some children's and young adult books! Come see what you've been missing!

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

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Because we are called to honor and uphold the sanctity of every human life—from the womb to the tomb—we invite you on this Sanctity of Human Life Sunday to put this calling into action. Consider volunteering your time at a local pregnancy center or elder care home as a tangible expression of your commitment to life. As you serve, reflect on how the experience deepens your understanding and strengthens your role as an advocate for the dignity and value of every human life. Take time to write down how this experience has shaped your heart and perspective. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Resonate Global Mission

Young Adult Opportunity with Resonate - Are you around 16-20-years-old? Speak some Spanish? Interested in getting a taste of ministry in Central America? Join an unforgettable two-week journey with Resonate Global Mission—travel through Guatemala and El Salvador where you will dive into real-life mission work, get to know Central American young people, experience God's love, and discover how God might be calling you to make a difference now and in the future. The trip is July 1-15, 2026 and the application deadline is February 28, 2026. Learn more at www.resonateglobalmission.org/encounter

Calvin University

The January Series at Calvin University returns on January 19. Join us in-person or online. Speaker lineup and registration (for online viewing) can be found at www.calvin.edu/january

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Goodness: Are You a Good Person? Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Goodness: Are You a Good Person?" at www.kidscorner.net Want to know what it really means to be good? When we let God fill our hearts with love, kindness, and patience, we can grow "good fruit" and make the world a brighter, better place. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like KC's "The Bible in One Year Plan."

Job Opening! Director of ReFrame Ministries - The Director of ReFrame Ministries will provide executive leadership and vision for the agency. This role involves strategically planning and implementing policies and decisions. Additionally, the director will ensure that all organizational activities comply with established bylaws and frameworks, effectively supporting the mission of ReFrame Ministries, the denominational strategic ministry plan, and the mission of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA). This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Burlington, Ont., or Grand Rapids, MI. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

Job Opening! ReFrame Advancement Director - The ReFrame Advancement Director will give leadership to ReFrame Ministries' donor relations and communications teams by providing vision, strategic direction, and initiatives to advance the mission of the ministry. This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Burlington, Ont., or Grand Rapids, MI. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

Celebrating 75 Years of *Today* - For 75 years, *Today* has been part of the daily rhythms of faith for readers around the world, and we thank God for the ways these devotions continue to point people to Christ. ReFrame Ministries invites you to a special virtual Direct Connect on Thursday, January 29, at 11:00 am as we celebrate this milestone, reflect on God's faithfulness, and look ahead to what God is still doing through *Today*. Register at reframeministries.org/events A recording will be shared with all who sign up.

Groundwork: Did Paul and James agree on salvation? Paul emphasizes salvation by grace, but James teaches the importance of our works. Do our works contribute to our righteousness? Join Groundwork as we study James 1:1-8, James 2:14-26, Colossians 3:5-10, and 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 to compare what we learn from James to what Paul teaches about the relationship between God's grace and our works, and then consider what it means for our daily lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

2026 Guatemala Discovery Tour - World Renew invites you to experience Guatemala from the inside through the 2026 Discovery Tour, a learning journey alongside communities already leading change. Join us from March 14-22, 2026 to hear powerful stories of transformation and experience Guatemala's rich culture and hospitality. Come discover what God is doing in Guatemala! Registration closes January 31, 2026. For more information and to register, visit: bit.ly/guatemala2026info

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(*Please stand, as you are able.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship - Psalm 139:13-18

For you created my inmost being;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you
because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
 your works are wonderful,
 I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you
 when I was made in the secret place,
 when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed body;
 all the days ordained for me
 were written in your book
 before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
 How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them,
 they would outnumber the grains of sand—
 when I awake, I am still with you.

*God's Greeting – 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Mutual Greeting

*Songs - "See, What a Morning"

Lift Up Your Hearts #181

"Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Lift Up Your Hearts #796

Sanctity of Human Life Prayer

Prayer of Confession - "Nearer, Still Nearer"

Lift Up Your Hearts #659

Assurance of Pardon – Psalm 65

Ministry Update - GEMS

Offerings:

1. General Fund

2. Heart Choices Pregnancy & Parenting Resource Center

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation – "How Firm a Foundation"

Lift Up Your Hearts #427

Children's Message: George Eakin

Scripture -1 John 3

Sermon - "God Question: Am I loved? Do I matter?"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response – "May the Peace of Christ Be with You"

Lift Up Your Hearts #949

*Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

*Closing Song – "Song of Hope"

Lift Up Your Hearts #941

*Postlude