

## **Dispatch Christian Reformed Church**

**March 1, 2026      Second Sunday of Lent**

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 – Roy & Stacy DeBey

east – Jared & Andrea Schurr

March 8: west – Ray & Ginger D.; east – Don & Jan K

USHERS: Dennis Rotman and Johnny Schlatter

NURSERY: Don & Jan Koops    March 8 – Kareena & Kacey H.

PIANIST: Sherri Eakin

SPECIAL OFFERING: ReFrame Ministries

OFFERING TOTALS: February 22 – General Fund \$908

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Ray & Ginger D.; March 8 – Bonnie T.

LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Bob K.; Wah – Thelma K.

CARE GROUP A: January – April

### **The Lord's Day**

Our special offering today is for ReFrame Ministries (formerly known as Back to God). from [reframeministries.org](http://reframeministries.org) – “Our vision is that the lives and worldviews of all people around the globe will be transformed by God's gospel message. Relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we create contextual media resources that proclaim the gospel, disciple believers, and strengthen the church throughout the world in ten major languages.”

Today after the service, we will have a roundtable discussion in the fellowship hall to discuss the message Pastor Will has just presented. As you listen to and meditate on it, consider the following questions: (1) What did you hear the Spirit saying to you in the message? (2) So what? (3) Now what? How will it impact you in the weeks and months ahead? Afterwards everyone is welcome to enjoy a potluck lunch together hosted by Care Group A. There will be no small groups today nor this week.

### **The Lord's Week**

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

Tuesday & Wednesday: Classis Rocky Mountain at Cragmor CRC

Wednesday: 12:05 p.m. – Lenten Luncheon

Downs United Methodist Church

6:15 p.m. – GEMS

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – Men's Prayer Breakfast

at Rose Valley Free Methodist Church

### **The Church Family**

The Dispatch CRC extends their expressions of Christian sympathy to Rose Nyhoff, Mike, and the rest of the family at the passing of husband and father K. Merle Nyhoff, who went to be with the Lord Monday, February 23. Visitation will be held at Dispatch CRC Thursday, March 5, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. with the funeral service at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 6, also at Dispatch CRC.

Pastor Will and Elder John Tanis will serve as delegates to the spring meeting of Classis Rocky Mountain on March 3 & 4, at Cragmor CRC, Colorado Springs. Pastor Will and Pastor Shawn Richardson of Luctor CRC will have pulpit exchange next Sunday.

Synod has designated the second Wednesday in March (March 11, 2026) as the Annual Day of Prayer. On this date each year, all CRC congregations are requested to take time to ask for God's blessing upon the world, our nations and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide. Our prayer service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Community Medical Travel Expense Fund Luncheon:

Last year Zion Lutheran Church established a "Medical Travel Expense Fund" to assist families in the entire Downs community with costs associated with traveling outside our immediate area for medical care. On Sunday, March 15, they will be hosting a luncheon for the community to collect for 2026's support. It will be held in the ZLC Fellowship Hall from 11:30 – 1:30. The menu is ham, turkey, potatoes, rolls, salads, vegetables, and dessert.

For help and encouragement after the death of a loved one or friend, join GriefShare. It is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life.

The Downs GriefShare Support Group will meet Sundays at 2:00 PM in the Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 1019 Blunt St., Downs, beginning today. [zlcdowns@ruraltel.net](mailto:zlcdowns@ruraltel.net) 785-454-3733

**Worship Services Cancellation Policy Due to Severe Weather:**

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch or Warning:** The worship service will continue with someone monitoring the weather via cellphone.

**Tornado Warning:** If it is in effect one hour prior to the service, the service will be cancelled. If the service is in progress, it will be dismissed immediately. If a warning has been issued, cover will be taken immediately.

The president and/or the vice-president of the Council will make the decision to cancel services.

Thank you to all who prepared and served lunch at the Lenten luncheon this week.

**Kids Corner Devotions:** Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Self-Control: Say Yes to God," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Discover how practicing self-control can help you be kind, helpful, and filled with joy every day! You will discover fun ways to put others first and show big love in small moments. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like Kids Corner's Lent devotional.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Right before his forty days in the wilderness, Jesus presented himself for baptism. When John objected, Jesus said, "It is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15). We administer baptism—a sign of dying and rising—to mark the beginning of every new life in Christ. Sometime this week, dip your finger in water and reflect on these words often declared during baptisms: "You are sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own." brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**Hiring!** Director of Thrive - The Thrive Director will provide overall direction and leadership for Thrive, ensuring that strategic planning, fiscal management, programming, resource development, staff care and development, achievement of goals, and administrative functions are effectively carried out. The Director will ensure the overall implementation, assessment, and success of Thrive's mandate serving churches in both Canada and the United States. This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Burlington, Ont., or Grand Rapids, Mich. Learn more and apply by March 23 at [crcna.pinpointhq.com](http://crcna.pinpointhq.com)

**Beyond the Headlines: Faith, Community, and the Stories that Shape Us** - Join a new justice education series from Thrive, World Renew, and the Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue. This four-part series explores immigration, food justice, climate justice, and gender justice through a biblical lens—equipping participants to recognize harmful narratives, understand root causes, and take meaningful, faith-informed action. Learn more and register today: [tinyurl.com/yrhe9a6b](http://tinyurl.com/yrhe9a6b)

**2026 Cambodia Discovery Tour** - World Renew invites you on a learning journey to explore Cambodia! Grow in your understanding of World Renew's work from communities already leading change, while experiencing the history, traditions, and culture of Cambodia. Join us from November 6-16, 2026 and come discover what God is doing in Cambodia. Registration is limited. For more information and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/cambodia2026info>

Dr. Alan Strange, President of Mid-America Reformed Seminary, Dyer, IN, will be offering a free evening class series in March on "The Christian and Politics," held Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM. He will address important questions about Christian political engagement, the spirituality of the church, Christian nationalism, and our callings as both church members and citizens. You may watch via livestream on our Facebook and YouTube feeds. Please mark your calendars for Thursday evenings in March! Visit our website at [www.midamerica.edu](http://www.midamerica.edu) for more information.

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship - Psalm 95:6-7

**Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;  
for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.**

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

\*Mutual Greeting

\*Songs - “Come, Holy Ghost”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #232*

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #527*

Prayer of Confession - “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #627*

Assurance of Pardon – Matthew 11:28-30

God’s Will for Us - Mark 12:28-31

\*Song of Response - “You Shall Love the Lord”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #724*

Offerings: 1. General Fund 2. ReFrame Ministries

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Preparation – “Be Still, for the Presence”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #532*

Scripture - Hebrews 4:1-11

Sermon - “Faith Formation - Sabbath Rest”

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response – “You Are Mine” LUYH #430

\*Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

\*Closing Song – “May the Peace of Christ Be with You”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #949*

\*Postlude