

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

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 – Ray & Ginger DeBey

east – Don & Jan Koops

March 15: west – Dave & Jennifer Herredsberg Family

east – Dave & Stephanie Draayer

USHERS: Dennis Rotman and Johnny Schlatter

NURSERY: Kareena Herredsberg & Kacee Herredsberg

March 15 – Emma Meyer & Jessa Herredsberg

ORGANIST: Stacy DeBey

SPECIAL OFFERING:

Prayer Day – Zuni Christian Mission School

March 15 – Dordt University

OFFERING TOTALS: March 1 - General Fund \$669

ReFrame Ministries \$330

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: March 15 – Carol Cordel

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Bonnie Tanis

March 15 – Dennis & Mary Rotman

LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Don K.; Wah – Dennis R.

CARE GROUP A: January – April

The Lord's Day

Pastor Shawn Richardson of Luctor Christian Reformed Church, Prairie View, will lead our service today as he and Pastor Will are trading pulpits due to Classis Rocky Mountain last week.

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

Smith Center – 3:15 p.m. at SunPorch (Don Koops 785-346-4033)

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

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

The Lord's Week

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Wednesday: 12:05 p.m. – Lenten Luncheon – St. Mary's Catholic

6:30 p.m. – CRC Annual Day of Prayer Service

Thursday: 6:30 a.m. – Promise Keepers Men's Group

at Roundhouse Coffee, Downs

6:00 p.m. – Downs Small Group at Rose Nyhoff's

(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

The Church Family

Synod has designated the second Wednesday in March 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, nations, and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide. Our prayer service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Our offering during the Prayer Service will be for Zuni Christian Mission School. from their website: "Our mission statement is for students to be planted in biblical truth, and surrounded by God's grace. About 80% of ZCMS students come from non-Christian homes, but still come to learn about God's loving care for His world. Chapel, prayer, biblical study, service opportunities, and discipleship by staff members all contribute to faith development."

The special offering next Sunday is for Dordt University. As an institution of higher education committed to the Reformed Christian perspective, Dordt equips students, alumni, and the broader community to work effectively toward Christ-centered renewal in all aspects of contemporary life.

The K-State extension office, in partnership with High Plains Mental Health Center, is offering training at Zion Lutheran Church in Downs on Tuesday, March 24, from 9 am - 12 pm for those interested in addressing and preventing farm stress and suicide. Included in the meeting will be training to recognize and refer those who are struggling with farm stress and suicidal thoughts, as well as discussion on understanding farm and rural stressors.

The Zion Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School that was going to be held during spring break has been cancelled.

ReFrame Ministries - Kids Corner Devotions: Check out this week's devotion, "Lent: Washing Stinky Feet" at www.kidscorner.net In John 13, Jesus washed his disciples' feet—a humble act of service that surprised everyone. He demonstrated that love is not just about words; it is about doing for others, even in unexpected ways. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net like Kids Corner's "Lent Devotional."

Thrive - Faith Formation Tip - Annual Day of Prayer (March 11, 2026) - On the night of his arrest, Jesus asked his disciples to stay with him, watch, and pray. Prayer is a discipline that requires the dedication of our precious time and attention. It is also a practice through which Jesus invites all disciples to experience sweet communion with him. Wednesday is the CRCNA's Annual Day of Prayer. This week set aside intentional time to pray for your local church, our denomination, and the worldwide communion of saints. In your prayer, ask Jesus to draw you and all believers to himself, that we may be one (John 17:20-23). crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew - Help vulnerable families in the Middle East. As conflict escalates in the Middle East, multiple people have been killed or injured, and many families are facing urgent need after fleeing from their homes. World Renew is preparing to respond in Lebanon through a trusted Christian partner while we continue to monitor the situation across the region. Join us in praying for lasting peace, and please give to support vulnerable families at worldrenew.net/middle-east-conflict or by calling 1-800-552-7972 or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "Middle East Conflict 2026" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI, 49315.

Calvin University - Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation - (Oct. 9-19, 2026) Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

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- Prelude (*Please stand, as you are able.)
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship –
"All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations" (Psalm 22:27-28).
*God's Greeting –
"You are the light of the world ... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14,16).
*Songs – "I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew" LUYH #685
"He Knows My Name" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #339
Prayer of Confession –
Holy God, we confess together that at times we find ourselves standing and staring into the sky, neglecting the commands you have given to us.
Forgive us for not doing what you call us to do.
Lord, give us help when we feel directionless, when we don't know where to start.
Forgive us for not doing what you call us to do.
Father, guide our words when you present opportunity to us.
Forgive us for not doing what you call us to do.
May Jesus Christ be praised by what the Holy Spirit powerfully works within us.
Make us your witnesses to the ends of the earth, we pray. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon – "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8).
God's Will for Us – "Why do you stand looking into heaven?
This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into

heaven” (Acts 1:11).

*Song of Response – “Neither Death nor Life" LUYH #450

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation – “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

Lift Up Your Hearts #334

Scripture – Mark 5:1-20

Sermon – “Go Home"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response – “Come, We that Love the Lord" LUYH #483

*Benediction

*Closing Song – “God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Lift Up Your Hearts #944:1

*Postlude