

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church with Pastor Will Brouwers leading our worship. 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 – Dave & Jennifer Herredsberg Family
east – Dave & Stephanie Draayer

March 22: west – Emma Meyer
east – Dennis & Mary Rotman

USHERS: Dennis Rotman and Johnny Schlatter

NURSERY: Emma Meyer & Jessa Herredsberg

March 22 – Kat Brouwers & Abigail Schlatter

PIANIST: Sherri Eakin

SPECIAL OFFERING: Dordt University

OFFERING TOTALS: March 8 - General Fund \$2,284

Care Group Fund - \$315

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Carol Cordel

March 29 – Lynn Koops

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Dennis & Mary Rotman

March 22 – Adrienne Allison

LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Marianne Schlatter

Wah – Bonnie Tanis

CARE GROUP A: January – April

The Lord's Day

Our special offering 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.

Small Groups will meet today. New members are always welcome. Meeting times and locations are:
Young Families – 3:00 – church loft (Kat B. 231-577-8304)
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. – Elders Meeting

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

at 1st Christian Church

6:15 p.m. – GEMS

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

(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

The Church Family

“Thank you for all the expressions of love and kindness shown to our family the past couple of weeks following Merle's passing. From visits, cards, hugs, and kind words, to meals at home and following the funeral. Thank you to Pastor Will, Linda, and all who served so well when we were all gathered together. We sincerely appreciate our Dispatch family and the outpouring of Christian love as we remember dad's life.” the Merle Nyhoff family

The Downs Small Group is again planning to participate in the Downs Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2026. We will fill a large number of eggs with Bible verses and small prizes. Thanks to the Gideons, we have been able to hand out Bibles as well. We are asking for monetary donations so that we can also give away larger prizes such as pool passes and gift cards. If you are able to contribute, please contact Mike Nyhoff, Bonnie Tanis, or Matt Tanis.

Heartland Worship Center, Agra is hosting an all-day women's conference on Saturday, March 28, with a flyer featuring the speakers and a QR code also on the bulletin board.

Women of the congregation are invited the evening of Friday, March 27, to the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Osborne located at 105 North 3rd St. from 5:30 to 8:30 for a workshop sponsored by Soul Infusion and led by special guests Silvia Ledon and Stephanie Jenkins. Availability is limited for this session. On Saturday from 9 AM to 3 PM, there will be another workshop with registration taking place at 8:30 A.M. and a brunch provided. For more information, contact Tracy Wolters at 785-346-4555 or Robin Bales at 785-476-5396 or see the notice card on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

There will be another area-wide youth rally on Sunday, April 26, from 5:45 to ??? at The Heartland Worship Center in Agra. There will be games, food, and fellowship along with featured speaker Travis Drummond. More information is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Jesus Cried," at www.kidscorner.net Everyone has big feelings, and learning to notice how others feel helps us be kinder friends. Just like Jesus, we can listen, care, and show love when someone is sad or happy. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net like Kids Corner's "Lent Devotional."

Thrive

Faith Formation Tip - The New Testament Gospels all include the account of a woman who interrupts a dinner party and pours out a precious perfume to anoint Jesus (Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8). The disciples are offended at the intrusion. Jesus calls it a fitting tribute to his love, and a preparation for the way he will lay down his life. This week be mindful of incidents that interrupt your plans, or of individuals who intrude on your time and space. See each one as a divinely orchestrated opportunity to reorient your attention to the Savior who poured out his life for you. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

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

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship - Psalm 9:1-2, 11

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and rejoice in you;

I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;

proclaim among the nations what he has done.

*God's Greeting – 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Mutual Greeting

*Songs - "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God" *LUYH* #356

"Good to Me" *LUYH* #620

Prayer of Confession -

Righteous Father, we, who own more than we use,

proclaim more than we experience, and request more than

we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your

salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your

forgiveness, then repeat our errors.

We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on

your power, but only in hard times. We have become

confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring

us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through

Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and

the life of love, now and always. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – "You Are My King" *LUYH* #360

God's Will for Us - Psalm 107:1-3

*Song of Response - "Give Thanks" *LUYH* #358

Offerings: 1. General Fund

2. Dordt University Spring Fund Drive

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation – "Ancient Words" *LUYH* #762

Children's Message - Carol Cordel

Scripture - 1 Peter 1:1-9

Sermon - "Faith Formation - Gratitude"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response – "There Is a Redeemer" LUYH #833

*Benediction– Numbers 6:24-26

*Closing Song – "We Receive Your Blessing" *LUYH* #947

*Postlude