

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church

April 12, 2026

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. Church School classes will be held for all ages at that time. Visitors are asked to please sign a guest book in an entryway.

GREETERS: west – Jared & Andrea Schurr Family

east – Roy & Stacy DeBey

April 19: west – Bob & Lynn Koops

east – Abigail Schlatter

USHERS: Matt Tanis & Bob Koops

NURSERY: Dale Herredsberg & Ethan Schlatter

April 19 – Don & Jan Koops

PIANIST: Lynn Koops

OFFERING TOTAL: Good Friday - Christian Care Fund \$328

April 5 – General Fund \$2,075;

Gideons International \$580; Benevolence Fund \$200

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Carol Cordel

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Bonnie Tanis

April 19 – Mike Nyhoff

LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Pastor Will Brouwers; Wah – George Eakin

CARE GROUP A: January – April

The Lord's Day

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; lunch – Ray DeBey

Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. – GEMS

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. – Downs Small Group at Rose Nyhoff's (Mike N. 785-545-5285)

Friday: Agape Shop – Marianne Schlatter

Saturday: Agape Shop – Bonnie Tanis

The Church Family

Pastor Will will be on continuing education leave beginning tomorrow, the 13th, through April 19. Elder Marion Schlatter will lead next Sunday's service. If you have a specific need this week, please contact an elder.

Don't miss out on an opportunity to double your gift to God's mission! Resonate Global Mission is working to help your church spread the gospel. You can help provide hope and transform lives - and double your gift - by giving to our special campaign at www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double Any amount you give will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$275,000!

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Go Outside and Learn about God." at www.kidscorner.net Come explore God's amazing world like Job did and discover how animals, plants, and stars can teach us about how wise and powerful God is! Grab a friend or family member and go on a fun outdoor adventure with snacks, games, and even a backyard campout to thank God and learn more about Him. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like KC's Earth Day collection.

Groundwork: "Salvation through Jesus Christ Alone" - As the Christian faith spread, the Apostle Paul often wrote letters to churches he planted to help clarify and solidify his teachings. Join Groundwork as we begin a study of his letter to the church in Galatia by studying Galatians 1. Together, we will study Paul's teaching about salvation and let it continue to encourage our faith and strengthen our commitment to Christ today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The practice of gratitude, rooted in recognizing and responding to God's constant goodness, moves us to respond fully to God's generosity. Each day this week, take some time to write down one thing for which you are grateful. At the end of the week, share your list with your family or friends in celebration of God's goodness and provision in your life. For more ways to practice gratitude, see crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/gratitude. brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

The Banner

The Annual *Banner* Appeal - The 2026 funding drive for *The Banner*, the CRC's award-winning magazine, has started. *The Banner* is delivered free in print and online, and your giving to this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going, please give online now at: TheBanner.org/Give

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(*Please stand, as you are able.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship - Psalm 46:1-10

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

**God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

**The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.**

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

**He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”**

**The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*Song - “God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”
Lift Up Your Hearts #432

*God's Greeting – 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Mutual Greeting

*Songs - “Come Away from Rush and Hurry” LUYH #527
“Like a River Glorious” LUYH #699

Prayer of Confession –

**You asked for my hands,
that you might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,
for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.
You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them, for I did not want to see.
You asked for my life,
that you might work through me.
I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—
only when it is convenient for me to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.
Father, forgive me,
renew me, send me out as a usable instrument,
that I might take seriously
the meaning of your cross. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon – “Good to Me” LUYH #620

God's Will for Us - Psalm 37:1-9

*Song of Response - “You Are My Hiding Place” LUYH #412

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation – “Spirit of the Living God” LUYH #749

Children's Message – Carol Cordel

Scripture - 1 Kings 19:1-9a

Sermon - “Faith Formation - Retreat”

Prayer of Application

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

*Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

*Closing Song – “You, O Lord, Are a Shield About Me”

Lift Up Your Hearts #382

*Postlude