

## **Dispatch Christian Reformed Church**

**April 26, 2026**

### **GEMS Sunday**

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 – Don & Jan Koops

east – Ray & Ginger DeBey

May 3: west – George & Sherri; east – Dave & Jennifer

**USHERS:** Matt Tanis & Bob Koops

**NURSERY:** Kareena Herredsberg & Kacee Herredsberg

May 3 – Emma Meyer & Jessa Herredsberg

**PIANIST:** Emma Meyer

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** Dispatch GEMS

May 3 – Dispatch Vacation Bible School

**OFFERING TOTAL:** April 19 – General Fund \$13,738.42

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** May 3 – George Eakin

**HOSPITALITY COFFEE:** Abigail Schlatter

May 3 – Roy DeBey

**LETTER WRITING:** Hoogeveen – Russell G.; Wah – Bob K.

**CARE GROUP A:** January – April

**CARE GROUP B:** May – August

### **The Lord’s Day**

We welcome Pastor Tom Dykman to our service today along with his wife, Erin. Pastor Tom will be bringing the message this morning and providing an update on Safe Place Ministries in Sierra Leone following the service.

The older Sunday School classes will not meet today.

Small Groups will meet today.

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**

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting at church

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

(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

Friday: Agape Shop – Stacy DeBey

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – Men's Prayer Breakfast - Zion Lutheran Ch.

Annual Church Cleanup Day with Noon Potluck

Agape Shop – Mary Rotman

## **The Church Family**

Council Notes--Received thank yous from the Knight Club, ThereforeGo Ministries, and Dordt University for our recent contributions. Those are all posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for your review. Also posted is a thank you from the Salina Rescue Mission and their 2025 Annual Report of its impact.

The Quarterly Financial Report for our church was reviewed and approved for distribution that you may find in your mailboxes. Building and Grounds reported that Cleanup Day will be next Saturday, May 2, with a potluck dinner at noon. All are encouraged to attend to help with the jobs scheduled for the day.

A draft of the Pastor Evaluation form was distributed for review by the Council.

Discussion was held regarding ministry outreach to single-parent families and others needing encouragement.

Possible options were considered for a ramp leading to the parsonage deck with further input to be provided.

It was mentioned that a generator has been donated by a member of the congregation for John Obey Village.

Dispatch Vacation Bible School will be held May 25 - 29 with the closing program and ice cream social to be held Friday evening, May 29, 7:00 pm. This year's theme is "Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God." The children will be studying verses from the book of Psalms.

Please notice on the May calendar that Small Groups will not meet on May 10 and May 24.

Groundwork 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Groundwork is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary! For more than 15 years now, this radio show and podcast has been digging into the richness of God's Word as the foundation for our lives. Come celebrate God's faithfulness with us! Register online at [reframeministries.org/events](http://reframeministries.org/events)

### **World Renew**

Serve a disaster-impacted community with World Renew DRS. As wildfire and flood recovery continues in California and Washington, you can serve as Jesus' hands and feet by volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS). Spend a week in a disaster-impacted community to repair homes and restore hope for survivors waiting to return home. Contact our Groups Program Manager, Morgan Tibble, at [mtibble@worldrenew.net](mailto:mtibble@worldrenew.net) or 616-315-2530 with questions or to sign up today.

### ***The Banner***

Writers Wanted - *The Banner* is looking to expand its network of news correspondents - freelance writers paid per story to report on assignments from every corner of the Christian Reformed denomination. If you love stories, are curious to ask church leaders about how and why they do things, and are willing to train and learn, our news editor would love to hear from you: [news@thebanner.org](mailto:news@thebanner.org) (If you are an experienced writer, all the better! Just mention that in your email.)

### **Calvin Theological Seminary**

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation - October 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](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu)

Resonate Global Mission is having a special challenge to support missionaries who cannot meet their support. Every gift to this fund, made by Thursday, April 30, will be matched – doubling your impact up to \$275,000.

### **Thrive**

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Abuse often thrives in silence and secrecy. This week educate yourself on what healthy relationships and safe church practices look like. Share a resource with a friend or ministry leader. Awareness is one step toward healing, justice, and prevention. brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

Upcoming Webinar: Reimagining Youth Ministry - Join Thrive Faith Formation Consultant Rick Zomer for a webinar and conversation using Andrew Root's book *The End of Youth Ministry?* as a guide. Together, we will consider why churches might be struggling in youth ministry efforts and explore strategies for moving forward in intergenerational discipleship. Register for the May 5, 3:00 pm webinar here: [tinyurl.com/y6m8crje](http://tinyurl.com/y6m8crje) or the May 14, 6:00 pm webinar here: [tinyurl.com/ds2mrdx7](http://tinyurl.com/ds2mrdx7) or by emailing [thrive@crcna.org](mailto:thrive@crcna.org)

### **ReFrame Ministries**

Kids Corner Devotions: How Do We Care for God's World? Check out this week's kids' devotion, "How Do We Care for God's World?" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Discover how amazing God's world is and why it matters how we treat it. Learn simple ways you can enjoy the outdoors, care for nature, and help keep our world clean and beautiful! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like KC's Earth Day collection.

Groundwork: Understanding the Purpose of God's Law - After emphatically teaching that salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, Paul explores the contrasting paths of legalism and freedom in faith. Join Groundwork as we study Galatians 3-4 to hear Paul's encouragement to stay focused on Christ, to embrace our identity as God's children, and to find our unity as believers in Christ. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship - GEMS Reading Response

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

\*Mutual Greeting

\*Songs - “Ten Thousand Reasons”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #559*

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

Prayer of Confession -

Lord, you are a God who keeps promises. In our prayers and songs we say that we want to be Christians, but then we forget our promises. Our actions do not match up with our words. We say mean things to other people, we hurt their feelings, we think of ourselves first, and, worst of all, we ignore you. Lord, forgive us and hear our prayer for Jesus' sake. Amen

\*Assurance of Pardon – “Jesus Paid It All”

God's Will for Us - Exodus 20:1-17

GEMS Presentation

Offerings: 1. General Fund

2. Dispatch GEMS Fund

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Preparation – “Thy Word”

*Sing! A New Creation #86*

Scripture - Exodus 4:1-17, Mark 5:19-20

Sermon - “What's That in Your Hand?”

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” LUYH #348

\*Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

\*Closing Song – “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #965*

\*Postlude