

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
July 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. Visitors are asked to please sign a guest book in an entryway.

GREETERS: west – Bob & Lynn Koops

east – Marion & Melanie Schlatter Family

July 19: west – Dale & Kareena Herredsberg Family

east – Dennis & Mary Rotman

USHERS: Dennis Rotman & Ethan Schlatter

NURSERY: Dale Herredsberg & Ethan Schlatter

July 19 – Don & Jan Koops

ORGANIST: Stacy DeBey

SPECIAL OFFERING: Walk His Way 2026

July 19 – Community Food Bank

OFFERING TOTALS: July 5 – General Fund \$1,130

Benevolence Fund \$303

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: George Eakin

July 26 – Pastor Will Brouwers

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Dennis & Mary Rotman

July 19 – Adrienne Allison

LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Bob Koops

Wah – Thelma Koops

CARE GROUP B: May – August

COOKIES FOR JULY 19: (4 doz. each) Sherri Eakin,

Emma Meyer, Kat Brouwers

The Lord's Day

We have an added special offering for today for Walk His Way 2026. Walk His Way is made up of Smith Center area churches who host a free-to-the-public Christian concert each summer, operating on donations from individuals and sponsors. This year's concert features Christian artists Cochran & Co., Caleb & John, Peter Burton, and Cody Jarvis. The concert will be held at 6:30 pm, Saturday, August 8, at Joy Field in Smith Center.

Today our sermon topic will be the spiritual discipline of fasting. To practice this discipline, everyone at church is welcome to do a food fast beginning Saturday, July 18, at 8:30 AM to Sunday, July 19, at 8:30 AM when we will end our fast together in the fellowship hall with breakfast. The guidelines for the fast are that we give up something to make room for God to work in us. If you are unable for any reason to fast from food, you are still encouraged to participate by fasting from something else. Please let Pastor Will know by Thursday, July 16, at 4 PM if you wish to participate in breaking the fast together, so he can plan for how many people will be joining him for a light breakfast.

Small Groups will meet today.

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

Monday – Thursday: Cadets Colorado Trip

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Thursday: Downs Small Group - NO MEETING

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – Sunday 8:30 a.m. – Fasting

Next Sunday: 8:30 p.m. – Breakfast to End Fasting

The Church Family

Next week, our special offering is for the Downs Community Food Bank which serves families in Downs, Cawker City, and Tipton. There is a greater need for funds this year due to rising food costs, larger numbers of families participating, and rising costs in general. The Food Bank is sponsored by the Downs Ministerial Association and is supported through grants, donations from businesses and individuals, and offerings from the individual churches. This is our church's opportunity to step up and help. This year, the Food Bank has assisted an average of 34 families (88 individuals) monthly, BUT the June distribution had 44 families attend. This may be a temporary increase, but if larger participation continues, we may run out of funds later this year. Thank you for your support of the Downs Community Food bank through donations and volunteering for the monthly distributions.

On Sunday, July 26, we will have a youth-led praise and worship beginning at 6 P.M. followed by a hot dog roast.

On July 28, John Tanis and Mike Nyhoff will be driving a truck to Pennsylvania (John Wah's home) with supplies for the "Safe Place Ministry" in Sierra Leone. The supplies include a large generator, washer and dryer, hospital beds and sheets, lights, and many other medical supplies. John Wah is coordinating a shipping container to be sent later this fall.

There are several other items that are needed for the "Safe Place Ministry" and we are asking for donations before the truck leaves on the 28th. These can be in cash or the actual items. Checks can be made out to Dispatch CRC and designate what it is for in the notes line.

Needs: 3 air conditioners for the clinic's Labor and Delivery Unit (\$900/ea), surgical gloves (individual boxes or cash to buy cases), surgical masks & face shields and sanitizer, new or used wheelchairs, extension cords, extension ladders, microwaves, and small appliances (toasters, blenders, mixers, skillets, etc.) Please contact John or Mike if you have questions.

Thrive – We are hiring! Ministry Consultant - Chaplaincy - The Ministry Consultant for chaplaincy is responsible for enlisting, endorsing, advocating, training, and supporting the Chaplains of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA). This ministry consultant will also participate in the general consulting work of Thrive. This is a full-time, remote position based in Canada or the U.S. Learn more and apply by July 19, 2026, at crcna.pinpointhq.com

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In the Northern Hemisphere this time of year is filled with longer days and sunnier weather, allowing many of us to spend more time outdoors. In Psalm 19, David speaks of the many ways creation displays the glory of God and his creative work. Take some intentional time this week to notice something specific in God's creation and to give God thanks for it. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Join Mid-America Reformed Seminary on October 2–3, at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, for the 2026 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference, *From Believing to Belonging: Hospitality and Evangelism in the Local Church*. Speakers include John Bouwers, Greg Bylsma, Jon Dennis, Alan Strange, Dale Van Dyke, Heather Watkins, and Eric Watkins. Learn more and register at www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Who taught you about Jesus? Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Who Taught You About Jesus?" at www.kidscorner.net Everyone learns about Jesus from someone special — just like Timothy, who heard amazing stories about God from his mom and grandma. Who is someone in your life you can learn from — and what awesome God-story will you explore together next? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like "Family Practices for Family Collection."

Groundwork: Saul and David: Envy, Conflict, and Broken Shalom - As we follow the ups and downs in the life of Saul, we witness firsthand the conflict and broken shalom that results when the deadly sin of envy grips our hearts. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 1 Samuel 18-24 to witness God's sovereignty and see how he continues to work in the lives of his people even through difficult and fraught circumstances. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Volunteer with World Renew Disaster Response Services this fall! Local communities in Florida are still helping homeowners recover from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Could you make a difference in their recovery? Consider repairing hurricane-impacted homes with World Renew Disaster Response Services! With on-site leadership, tools, and materials, we are ready for you. Find fall team dates and site locations at worldrenew.org/get-involved/volunteer to sign up or contact us today.

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(*Please stand, as you are able.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Update from Amy Hoogeveen, Resonate Global Mission

*Call to Worship - Psalm 63:1-5

*God's Greeting – 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Mutual Greeting

*Songs - “My Soul Finds Rest” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #370
“Knowing You”

Prayer of Confession –

God of everlasting love,
we confess that we have been unfaithful
to our covenant with you and with one another.

We have worshiped other gods:

money, power, greed, and convenience.

We have served our own self-interest
instead of serving only you and your people.

We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God,

and bring us back into the fullness

of our covenant with you and one another.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – “He Will Hold Me Fast”

Response to God’s Love - Psalm 37:3-4

*Song of Response - “As the Deer” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #503

Offerings: 1. General Fund 2. Walk His Way 2026

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation – “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”
Lift Up Your Hearts #746

Children's Message – George Eakin

Scripture - Psalm 73:23-28

Sermon - “Faith Formation - Fasting”

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response – “Good to Me” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #620

*Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

*Closing Song – “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

*Postlude