

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
October 18, 2026

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

GREETERS: west – Mike Nyhoff
east – George & Sherri Eakin

October 25: west – Emma Meyer
east – Matt Tanis

USHERS: Dave Herredsberg

NURSERY: Dale Herredsberg & Ethan Schlatter

October 25 – Don & Jan Koops

PIANIST: Emma Meyer

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Lynn Koops November 1 – Mike Nyhoff

SPECIAL OFFERING: RGM – Amy Hoogeveen

OFFERING TOTALS: October 11 – General Fund \$481

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Ray & Ginger DeBey

October 25 – Roy DeBey

LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Bonnie Tanis

Wah – Marianne Schlatter

CARE GROUP A: September – December

The Lord’s Day

Welcome to Pastor Gary Brouwers of Peace CRC, Cedar Rapids, IA, who will lead our worship service today.

This morning we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. All those who are members in good standing of an evangelical Christian church are invited to join us in this celebration.

Our special offering is for Amy Hoogeveen who teaches through Resonate Global Mission at Nicaragua Christian Academy in Managua, Nicaragua. Dispatch CRC helps to support Amy through offerings and letter writing.

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. – Fellowship Hall (Stacy DeBey)

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

The Lord’s Week

Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. – GEMS

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

at Roundhouse Coffee, Downs

Friday: Agape Shop – Stephanie Draayer

Saturday: Agape Shop – Jan Koops

The Church Family

Dr. Dave Rozema, Professor of Philosophy at The University of Nebraska, Kearney, will lead our worship service next Sunday while Pastor Will is on continuing education leave.

We rejoice that Eddie and Emma Nortje and Ben Rosenthal met with Council and were affirmed into full membership in the Dispatch CRC. They were welcomed into our fellowship last Sunday.

"Thank you to everyone who showed up to support the West Africa mission and to those who planned and ran the fundraiser. Thanks to your generosity, the mission is now fully funded for the upcoming year! God is good!" - Matt Tanis

Mark your calendars! Invite your friends! The annual Dispatch church bazaar is scheduled for Friday, November 6. Supper, including hot creamed chicken sandwiches and homemade pie, is served from 5:30 - 6:45. The auction begins at 7:00.

The ladies of the church are invited to an evening of fellowship at the Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026, 6:00 pm. A salad supper will be served. Guest speakers will Chloe Harris and Ryann Hockman, “FFA Leadership Workshop in Washinton D.C.” and their roles in Lakeside High School FFA and the Northwest District FFA.

CRC Planned Giving

It is Estate Planning Week! Many people think they have to be wealthy to need an estate plan. Truth is, everyone should plan ahead regardless of financial status. October 19-25 is National Estate Planning Awareness Week. It is a time to focus on protecting assets, providing for loved ones, and creating a legacy. If you already have a plan, take this week to review and make sure it is up to date. To learn more about estate planning and planned giving, visit: crcna.org/planned-giving.

Council Meeting Notes 10/13/2026

- Note of thanks received from the Schoen family for help with memorial service for Doreen Alward and the meal.
- Deacons report that \$10,500 was raised by Dispatch CRC for Matt Tanis (Resonate Global Mission), Monies received from other sources fulfilled his needs for his mission to Africa.
- Deacons report a General Fund balance of \$130,858.58.
- Deacons report that money was given toward a benevolent need.
- Elder George Eakin reported on his Classis Rocky Mountain visit at Katy, TX October 9-10.
- The December date for communion will be December 6.
- Pastor Will reported on visits made and activities attended as well as sermon preparation.
- GEMS reported that 23 girls attended their kickoff event.
- Cadets reported that fifteen boys attended their kickoff event.
- It was noted that John Tanis is going to Sierra Leone to work for two weeks in December. It was moved and supported to support John in the amount of \$3,000 to assist in airfare and lodging while there. Money will be taken from the Jewell CRC funds.

Pulpit Supply 2026 Schedule:

- November 1 & 8 - Pastor Will
- November 15 - Pastor Rick Ebbers
- November 22 - Alan Waldecker
- November 26 (Thanksgiving) - Pastor Gary Brouwers
- November 29 - Pastor Gary Brouwers
- December 6 - Pastor Will
- December 13 - Alan Waldecker
- December 20 - Pastor Will
- December 25 - Pastor Will (praise and worship)
- December 27 - Alan Waldecker (Pastor Will on vacation)
- December 31 - Pastor Will (praise and worship}

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - From Psalm 65:8: “The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.” Make this passage your morning and evening prayer this week. During the day, look for God’s “wonders” and point them out to the people with whom you share life. 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 89:1-4

*God’s Greeting –2 Corinthians 13:14

*Songs - “Family of God” *Celebration Hymnal* #419

“O How I Love Jesus” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #676

Prayer of Confession - God’s love endures forever; our own love is frail and fleeting.

But out of God’s unending love, we are offered grace and forgiveness.

Let us confess our lack of love, bold in the certainty that God’s love is bigger than our sins.

Loving God, you have commanded us to love one another.

Through Your Son, You have shown what this love looks like, as He knelt to wash the feet

of His disciples, as He laid down His own life out of love.

We confess that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We do not lay down our pride in service of the other; but instead we treat people as objects who might be of service to us.

Yet, we expect unconditional love from our friends and family and partners.

When their love is imperfect, even as our love is imperfect, we grow angry and bitter.

Help us to forgive one another for our imperfect love, even as You forgive us.

Help us to love, and to love well, for in loving this world You have created, we live in love for You. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon –John 3:16-17

God’s Will for Us - John 15:12-13

*Song of Response – “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” *LUYH* #299

Offering: 1. General Fund

2. Resonate Global Missions – Amy Hoogveen

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation – “Ancient Words” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #762

Children’s Message – Lynn Koops

Scripture - 1 Corinthians 13

Sermon - “The Greatest is Love”

Prayer of Application

“Behold the Lamb”

Lift Up Your Hearts #840 V1

Communion-

“Behold the Lamb”

Lift Up Your Hearts #840 V2-4

*Benediction– Numbers 6:24-26

*Closing Song – “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

Lift Up Your Hearts #936

*Postlude

