Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
November 15, 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 – Don & Jan Koops
east – Ray & Ginger DeBey
Nov. 22: west –Draayers; east – Dave & Jennifer H.
USHERS: Bob Koops & Matt Tanis
NURSERY: Abigail Schlatter & Lynn Koops Nov. 22 – Sherri
PIANIST: Sherri Eakin
SPECIAL OFFERING: Dordt University
OFFERINGS TOTALS: November 8 – General Fund $20,508.03
World Renew/World Hunger $50
Safe Place Outreach - John Tanis Trip $200
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: George Eakin Nov. 29 – Carol C.
HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Melanie Schlatter Nov. 22 – Bonnie
LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Ray D.; Wah – Pastor Will B.
CARE GROUP A: September – December

The Lord's Day

We welcome Pastor Rick Ebbers, pastor/church planter from Longmont, CO, as he leads our service today.

Today's special offering is for Dordt University in Sioux Center, IA. 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:
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

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Elders Meeting
Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. – GEMS
Thursday: 6:00 p.m. – Downs Small Group at Rose Nyhoff's
(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)
Next Sunday: 4:00 p.m. – Community Thanksgiving Service
Small Groups will not meet.

The Church Family

Next Sunday Alan Waldecker from Esbon will lead our worship service. Alan and his family have been recent visitors in our congregation.

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at the Downs United Methodist Church. Pastor Hunter Spencer of the 1st Christian Church will give the message. A soup supper will follow. We are encouraged to attend.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Faith5 framework is a simple five-step faith formation practice that your family or household can do together. First, share your highs and lows of the day. Then read a Bible verse or story together. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows, pray for one another's highs and lows, and bless one another. Try this practice with your family, spouse, or roommates this week. Check out Faith5.org for more. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew

You are invited to join World Renew for the launch of this year's "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence" campaign. This global virtual gathering will take place on Tuesday, November 24, at 8:00 AM. World Renew's 2026 theme, "Courageous Faith! Ensure Justice, Protect Survivors, and End Impunity" calls us to stand with others around the world working to end gender-based violence. Through prayer, Scripture, stories from around the world, and practical actions, we will explore how courageous faith can help us build communities where all people can flourish in dignity. Please register to attend this event: worldrenew.net/events

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Check out this week's kids' devotion, "What Does It Mean to be Holy?" at www.kidscorner.net This week, we talk about how holiness is God's amazing gift to help us shine God's light wherever we go. We do not have to be perfect to be holy. We just have to keep trying, loving, and trusting God. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

Groundwork: Prayer and Human Need - Jesus teaches and invites us to pray about our needs, to ask God for healing, protection, or provision. But what happens when an answer does not come? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 6:5-8; Matthew 7:7-12; Mark 11:22-25; 2 Kings 19:14-16, 19; and 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 to explore what Scripture teaches about praying for our human needs and why we can approach God with honesty, confidence, and trust. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Calvin Theological Seminary

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 2 - 12, 2027) - Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

World Renew

World Renew Kenya Discovery Tour - Explore the heart of Kenya through an unforgettable journey to engage with both culture and creation from February 26 - March 8, 2027. Connect with World Renew partners working alongside local communities, hear stories of resilience and hope, and experience the beauty of Africa's wildlife through a safari adventure. Learn more and register online: bit.ly/kenya2027info

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Prelude (*Please stand, as you are able.)
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship - Psalm 113:1-3
*God's Greeting – 2 Corinthians 13:14
*Mutual Greeting
*Song – "One People, Here, We Gather" LUYH #243
"The Church's One Foundation" *LUYH* #251
Prayer of Confession –

Gathering Lord, you have called us to be united in one Lord, one faith, and one birth.
Yet, we confess that we have fractured your church with division. We have created and allowed schisms to tear us asunder. We have created and allowed heresies to distress the Church, your Bride.
We are tired from this long ordeal.
Only you, Triune God, can make us whole.
Give us a vision of your perfect union
so that we too may be one.
We pray this, in the name of Jesus Christ,
our only foundation. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – "Your Mercy Flows" LUYH #700
Response to God's Love - Matthew 16:24-25
*Song of Response - "They'll Know We Are Christians" LUYH #256
Offerings: 1. General Fund
2. Dordt University
Congregational Prayer
*Song of Preparation – "Spirit of the Living God" LUYH #749
Children's Message – George Eakin
Scripture - Ephesians 4:1-4
Sermon - "A Life Worthy of Your Calling"
Prayer of Application
*Song of Response – "The Servant Song" LUYH #309
*Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26
*Closing Song – "We Are Called to Be God's People"
*Postlude