

**Dispatch Christian Reformed Church**  
**July 14, 2024**

Welcome to the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church and our worship with Pastor Will Brouwers. 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 over a cup of coffee. Visitors are asked to please sign a guest book in an entryway.

**GREETERS:** west – Russell & Linda Groenendyk  
east – Bob & Lynn Koops

July 21: west – Dennis & Mary; east – Jared & Andrea

**USHERS:** Dennis Rotman & Don Koops

**NURSERY:** Abi Schlatter July 21 – Sherri Eakin

**ORGANIST:** Stacy DeBey

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** July 21 – Food Bank

**OFFERING TOTAL:** July 7 – General Fund \$1,200.31

Benevolent Fund - \$219.04

Johnobie Village - \$2,465.00 (Cornerstone Church – Pella, IA)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** Mike Nyhoff July 28 – Lynn K.

**HOSPITALITY COFFEE:** Russell Groenendyk; July 21 – Bonnie

**LETTER WRITING:** John Wah Project – John Tanis

**CARE GROUP B:** May – August

**The Lord’s Day**

Ora et Labora will meet after the service.

Small Groups will meet today. New members are always welcome. Meeting times and locations are:

Smith Center – 4:00 p.m. at SunPorch

(Don Koops 785-346-4033)

Dispatch – 5:00 p.m. – loft (Mary Rotman 785-545-7405)

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

**The Lord’s Week**

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Elders Meeting

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study at Dispatch CRC

Thursday: 5:30 p.m. – Downs Small Group at Merle Nyhoff’s  
(Mike Nyhoff 785-545-5285)

**The Church Family**

Due to recent and devastating flooding, the Rock Valley (Iowa) Christian School has lost virtually everything. With this in mind, the Ora et Labora Society has decided to make a monetary donation that may be used towards the purchase of new library books. There is a donation box in Fellowship Hall that will be there this week and the next if you would like to contribute. If writing a check, make it to Ora et Labora and we will send one check to the school. Thank you for considering this need.

On July 8, which was appropriately also Kacee Herredsberg’s birthday, the Heart Choices sonogram machine was installed in Smith Center.

The Technology Committee (Mary Rotman, John Tanis, Mike Nyhoff & George Eakin) is looking for volunteers to assist with the sound and slides on Sunday mornings. No experience or special knowledge is required. Training is provided. If you are interested in helping, contact a committee member.

from Calvinist Cadet Corps:

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your congregation's recent gift of \$87.50. The Calvinist Cadet Corps relies on the financial support of churches to develop our ministry materials, which are then used in over 450 churches in North America and by Cadet clubs around the world. Our mission is to help boys grow more Christlike in all areas of life. Your gift will allow Christian men to build relationships with boys, mentoring them towards a lifetime of living for Jesus.

The Calvinist Cadet Corps is an independent ministry and does not receive funding from any denomination. We are thankful for the monies and prayers your congregation has offered for us, and we pray that God allows us to use these in ways which will further His kingdom. May God richly bless the ministry that your Cadet club provides to the boys in your community. Thank you for your support.

Helping boys to grow more Christlike,  
Steve Bootsma, Executive Director

### Council Notes:

- Classis Rocky Mt. will meet in a "hybrid" session on October 11-12 in both Boulder, CO (Colorado & Kansas churches) and in Houston, TX (all Texas churches). The two locations will be linked through video. The examination of Pastor Will occurs at that meeting.
- Due to decisions at Synod this year, minister, elder, and deacon delegates are required to sign the denomination's "Covenant for Office Bearers." This will occur at the spring Classis Rocky Mt. meetings. As a result of another synod decision on "gravamen" (grievance), anyone who holds a gravamen cannot be in a denominational position. Therefore, Classis's Stated Clerk, Kelly Vander Woude, must step down and Pastor Shawn Richardson (Luctor CRC) will fill that position.
- Pastor Will was granted Continuing Education leave to study "death, dying, and grief" from September 9-15 in Indiana.
- General Fund balance is \$134,931.67.
- Council approved donating \$200 to the "Back to School Fund" that assists local students with necessary school materials.
- The Building & Grounds Committee is completing repairs and painting in the parsonage basement and is almost ready for carpet.
- Thank you to the Roundhouse Coffee & Café for hosting the Praise & Worship service on June 30.

The Downs Food Bank ministry is sponsored by the Downs Ministerial Association and serves families and individuals from Downs, Cawker City, and Tipton. This year the Food Bank is assisting an average of 25 households (60 individuals) each month. The Food Bank relies on donations of money and food donations from churches, businesses, and individuals. They have been fortunate to also receive grants from local charities. Dispatch CRC has always been very generous donating and assisting during the monthly distributions. Our July 21 special offering will be taken for the work of the Food Bank. They thank you for your support.

### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: Light for Your Path** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Make devotions a habit. Pick a time and try to be consistent. Before bed is an excellent time for this, but it can be anytime during the day. Spending time with God's Word and in prayer is the lamp for your path you need! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

**Groundwork: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit** - Scripture helps us to better understand the nature of each person of the Trinity and the awesome phenomena of their unity as One. Join Groundwork as we study Deuteronomy 1:31, Psalm 103, Matthew 6:9-14, 25-34, John 1:1-3, Hebrews 4:15-16, Philippians 2:5-8, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Genesis 1:2, and John 14:16-17 to discuss the unique attributes and work of each person of our triune God. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - In the sacrament of The Lord's Supper we remember both the great sacrifice and the wonderful gift of Jesus' death and resurrection. Think and talk about how you might more fully enter into both the sorrow and the joy as you celebrate communion. Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

### World Renew

**Iowa Floods Update** - After heavy rain and river flooding in northwestern Iowa in June 2024, the first team of World Renew DRS volunteers arrived in Hawarden on July 8. The team is working for ten days, helping flood survivors shovel out mud and remove waterlogged wallboard and flooring from some of the most damaged homes. Next, World Renew DRS will be onsite in Hawarden to meet potential partners and offer our services to help homeowners recover. Please continue to pray for flood survivors in Iowa. Volunteer with World Renew DRS at [worldrenew.net/volunteer](http://worldrenew.net/volunteer) Donate at [worldrenew.net/springstorms2024](http://worldrenew.net/springstorms2024) or call 800-552-7972. Thank you!

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(\*Please stand as you are able.)

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship - 1 John 3:1-2

See what great love the Father has lavished on us,  
that we should be called children of God!

**And that is what we are!**

The reason the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.

Dear friends, now we are children of God,  
and what we will be has not yet been made known.

**But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.**

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

\*Songs - "My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #443

"Holy Spirit"

Prayer of Confession – "Not What My Hands Have Done"

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #624:1

Assurance of Pardon – "Not What My Hands Have Done" vs. 2-3

God's Will for Us - John 13:34-35

\*Song of Response – "You Shall Love the Lord" LUYH #724

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Preparation – "O Word of God Incarnate" LUYH #757

Children's Message – Mike Nyhoff

Scripture - 1 Corinthians 13

Sermon - "Life in the Spirit - The Fruit of Love"

Prayer of Application

\*Closing Song – "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go" LUYH #457

\*Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26

\*Doxology – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"