

September 26, 2021

**MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)**

Prelude: *Nora Bohl*

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Worship Songs: *“House of the Lord”*  
*“10,000 Reasons”*

\*Invocation

Ministry in Music: *Scott Fischer*

Mission Update

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: #403 *“He’s Everything to Me”*  
(Offering for the General Fund)  
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Galatians 2:11-21

Message: **“Relax”**

Closing Song: *“Goodness of God”*  
(Offering for Missionary Support)

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Nora Bohl*

*Song sheets, for those who are unable to see the screen for the worship songs, are on the bulletin tables or ask an usher for one.*

**EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)**

Prelude: *Nora Bohl*

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Hymns: #395 *“Love Lifted Me”*  
#348 *“He Touched Me”*

\*Invocation

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn: #360 *“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”*

Scripture: II Samuel 9

Message: **“A Servant’s Heart and A King’s Grace”**

\*Hymn: #84 *“Grace Greater than Our Sin”*

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Nora Bohl*

(\*Please stand if you are able)

*As our Creator designed green leaves to turn fiery yellow, orange, and red, may today’s worship rekindle your faith with the fires of the Holy Spirit. Welcome! Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the morning worship service.*

**Guest Register:** During the first offering this morning, please sign and pass the “Guest” Register down the row. Once it reaches the end and members and guests have signed, please pass it back to the center.

**A warm welcome to** Sam Ashmore, Campus Pastor at Dordt University, who will lead our morning worship service.

**A warm welcome to** Mark Van Voorst, who will lead our evening worship service.

**Special thanks to** Scott Fischer for his ministry in music this morning.

## TODAY

10:45 a.m.—**Sunday School**

Tiny Tots - 1st grade meet in the music room.  
2nd - 6th grade meet in the sanctuary.

10:45 a.m.—**Sunday School Guide** class in the Library.

6:30 p.m.—**Jr. RCYF**

6:30 p.m.—**Sr. RCYF**

**Nursery:** Ruth D.J., Danica D.M., Akenna S., Kavri V.K. **Door Attendant:** Regan. **Ushers:** Adam (M); Eric O. (NE); Trevor (SW). **Refreshments:** Jerry Renes, Hans Smolders.

## THIS WEEK

**Monday, September 27**

9:00 a.m.—**Women's Bible Study.** *"God of Deliverance"*.

**Wednesday, September 29**

7:00 p.m.—**LFC.** Kindergarten - 6th Grade.

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls & boys Bible Study.

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Bible Study with Pastor Steve.

7:00 p.m.—**Women's Bible Study** *"Get Out of Your Head"* will meet in the library.

**NEXT SUNDAY, October 3**

Communion. **Nursery:** Lynna DeWit, Jackie Huizenga, Gabe Lerma, Taya Gesink. **Door Attendant:** Austin Sandbulte. **Ushers:** Nick Van Regenmorter (M); Matt Segar (NE); Eric Van Meeteren (SW). **Refreshments:** Tom Zwart, Dale Woudstra. **Cookies:** Amy Rozeboom, Ryan Oostra, Amy McAlpine, Misty Zwart, Gabi Luevano. **Special Music:** Leon Franken (am); Tyler Franken (pm). **Special Offering:** Christian Care Fund.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Uphold in Prayer**

*Keith Kooi* had by-pass surgery on Monday in Sioux Falls.

*Colleen Bomgaars* recovering at home from hip replacement and leg repair surgery.

*Bob Janisch* has several appointments this week as they determine the next steps for his recovery.

*Glenn Rozeboom* remains in the Sioux Center Hospital.

*Alyssa Kuyper* saw a Neurologist on Thursday and the tumor is benign.

They will continue to observe it.

*Kyle Van Ginkel* taking Basic Training at Ft. Benning, GA.

**Praying for our local congregations:** This week please be in prayer for God's blessing for the Covenant Christian Reformed Congregation and the ministry of Pastor Joel Kok.

**Please help us to help you:** When you have an illness, accident, upcoming surgery, birth or death in the family, or other needs, please notify one of the elders or the church office.

Nomination ballots for Elders and Deacons are in your mailbox. All communicant members of Carmel are eligible to nominate. Please prayerfully consider this matter and return your completed ballot to the box in the narthex by Sunday, October 10.

If you would like a specific subject placed on the agenda at our Annual Congregational Meeting in November, please submit your request to a consistory member before the October 11 Consistory meeting. Only items placed on the agenda are eligible for action by the congregation.

Ballots for CWM (Carmel Women's Ministries) officers are in your mailbox. Place your completed ballots in the box (marked CWM Ballots) on the Coffee Station by Sunday, October 10.

Articles for the *HIGHLIGHTS* are due TODAY.

Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday. By God's Grace, we will celebrate the Sacrament together. Any shut-ins or those in the nursing homes who would like communion served to them, please contact an elder or the church office.

"We want to say 'Thank You!' to Carmel Church for supporting our Jr. RCYF group and helping us make our sub fundraiser a success! These funds will help us with the different activities and trip we have planned as well as some of our mission projects. We appreciate the support of Casey's Bakery, Smithfield, and Agropur for their donations." —Jr. RCYF

PLEASE empty your church mailbox if it's been some time since you've done so.

As your Consistory we want to keep you informed of what is happening in the RCA and how we in Carmel respond to the situation throughout the denomination. While some congregations in the area have decided to leave the RCA, we feel the best approach has been to wait for decisions from the upcoming General Synod. We have heard that many congregations are also taking this approach. The meeting of General Synod will take place in October. In the meantime, the affiliation committee has been actively studying options and talking with leaders of other groups and churches. We as a Consistory will give you an update at our annual Congregational Meeting in November. We trust that will provide clarity and hopefulness as together we endeavor to remain faithful to God's unique calling for Carmel Church.

As the RCA General Synod will be meeting Oct. 14-19, we would like to encourage you to join us for a Season of Prayer for the future of the Reformed Church in America and for those who will be gathering at General Synod. A daily prayer guide for the month and through the General Synod meetings is in your church mailbox. Please join us in this season of prayer!!

### **FIREPROOF YOUR MARRIAGE**

Whether you have been married 5 days or 50 years, your marriage is a growing and changing relationship. Unfortunately today, about 50% of married couples end up growing apart and divorcing rather than growing together and thriving in their marriage.

"Fireproof your Marriage" is a Bible study designed for couples to "love better, to love first, and love for a lifetime." You are invited to join us for seven weeks of focusing on growing your marriage (six Bible study lessons and one fun night).

We will meet in the Jr. RCYF room from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesday nights beginning on October 6.

Participant guide books cost \$8 ( please do not let cost hinder you from attending, however) Please sign up at the Marriage Ministry table or contact the church office.

Please be mindful of the painting going on in church and let the church office know if you will be in church for meetings, etc.

Saturday, October 2: Experience Art in the Prairie on Saturday, October 2, from 3-4 p.m. at the Dordt University Prairie. Arts in the Prairie is an interactive event where Dordt departments such as the Environmental Studies department, the Art department, the Theatre department, the English department, and various musicians all come together to set up booths and/or activities in Dordt's prairie for community members and Dordt students alike.

Saturday, October 2: On Saturday, October 2, *sounding* light, a professional choir from the Omaha area conducted by Tom Trenney, will perform at Dordt University at 7:00 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Also featured will be a performance by Dordt University's Concert Choir, conducted by Ryan Smit. They will together present a concert titled "...and so we go on..." with music to help us make sense of the uncertainty around us while also looking forward with hope.

Justice for All is having their Annual Meeting and Fall Auction on Thursday, October 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. There will be an update about the ministry, short business meeting, and a live auction with Mark Zomer and Doug Kooima. Enjoy a meal and fellowship while supporting Justice for All ministry. Thursday October, 28, 5:30 p.m. at Parkview Event Center. Don't miss out!

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING:**

Offering 9-19-21: \$7,474.50

Weekly Offering Goal: \$8,323.76

Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$365,375.85

Fiscal YTD General Fund offering goal: \$391,216.32