

HIGHLIGHTS

CARMEL REFORMED CHURCH

“Can’t Wait For Sunday”

November, 2021

Carmel Church,

What comes to mind as you turn your calendar from October to November? Do you think, where did the fall go? Or here comes the Christmas music again. Maybe, what shall I get Pastor Steve for his birthday this year? (I certainly hope this isn’t it!) When I turn the calendar page, my stomach begins to rumble thinking of celebrating Thanksgiving with the ones I love, while eating some pumpkin pie. When we gather around with family and friends, watch football, eat good food, and most importantly recall all of the things God has richly blessed us with.

In nearly every one of Paul’s letters to the various churches in the New Testament, he begins with a greeting and a prayer of thanksgiving. One of my favorite prayers of thanksgiving is found in Philippians.

Phil. 1:3-6 I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

When I read and study this passage, I can’t help but think of the many ways I am grateful for Carmel Church. As Paul was a partner in the gospel with the church in Philippi, I am humbled to be a partner in the gospel with Carmel Church. I am grateful for the fellowship that we share here at Carmel from every part of Northwest Iowa and beyond. The blessing of a church family that walks with you through the highs and the lows. I am thankful for the church that holds to the authority of God’s word over our lives. Carmel church is not quickly swayed by the cultural winds but holds true to God’s eternal word. I am grateful for the gospel that is proclaimed in each of our ministries here at Carmel Church. I am grateful for the strong families and encouraged by the legacies of lasting marriages in our congregation. I give thanks for the strong leaders in our congregation, who humbly serve in a variety of ways. I also give thanks each time I hear a visitor is warmly welcomed. I thank God for the worship and fellowship we share with one another, week in and week out.

God has blessed Carmel Church richly. Let us not forget that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. I pray we continue to be thankful, not just when things are going well or during the holiday season, but always and in everything.

On a personal note, Kayla and I want to extend a special note of thanksgiving to Carmel Church. We are grateful for the many cards, kind words, and gifts of appreciation during Pastor Appreciation Month. We are truly grateful for all of you and continue to covet your prayers as we are expecting baby #5 in May!

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above

Thanks be to God,

Pastor Steve



The Nursery will once again be staffed for the Sunday morning worship service. The nursery will be open for parents at the evening service but WILL NOT have any nursery attendants.

November 7: Hannah Smolders, Whitney Van Essen, Karlee Leusink, Sarah Boogerd.

November 14: Lexy Van Ginkel, Kelly Van Kekerix, Tacey Van Kekerix, Tyke Van Kekerix.

November 21: Rachel Van Roekel, Amanda Borchers, Ella Zwart, Elyse Zwart.

November 24: Amanda Borchers and Kaden.

November 28: Kayla VanWyhe, Kayti Beukelman, Nora Boogerd, Makai Gesink.

December 5: Londa Boogerd, Ruth De Jager, Heidi Boogerd, Jenny Boogerd.

PLEASE find a substitute or trade with some one, if you are unable to be in the nursery.

Please substitute an adult for an adult!

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REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

R - serve on Sunday morning; C - each bring 5 dozen cookies.

November 7 - R-Tom Zwart, Dale Woudstra; Rhonda Sandbulte, Fonda Post, Ronda Leusink, Colleen Bomgaars, Frieda Bartels.

November 14 - R-Marlin Van Voorst, John Leusink; **C-**Lorna Vander Vliet, Mimi Sandbulte, Alice Remmerde, Jo Te Grotenhuis, Erica Robertson.

November 21 - R-Verlyn Van Regenmorter, Doug Van Beek; **C-**Eug. Sandbulte, Kaye Kuyper, Teresa Sandbulte, Hazel Haverhals, Helen Vande Vegte.

November 28 - R-Denny De Jong, Mike Haverhals; **C-**Mary Lou Verburg, Carmen Maassen, Carol Langstraat, Anita Van Ravenhorst, Doree Wolfswinkel.

December 5 - R-Jerry Renes, Hans Smolders; **C-**Cheryl Sandbulte, Amy Rozeboom, Ryan Oostra, Amy McAlpine, Misty Zwart.

We are looking for a few more people who would be willing to serve refreshments. Contact the church office if you can help us out.



Call the church office by noon on Monday, to let us know who your special music will be. If you are unable to have special music the scheduled time, please try to exchange with someone.

Top name is AM; bottom is PM:

- Nov. 7 - Nursery Choir
John Horstman
- Nov. 14 - Virgil Houtkooper
Seth Huizenga
- Nov. 21 - Cherub Choir
Ross Hulstein
- Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Service
Music Committee
- Nov. 28 - Willard Hulstein
Bob Janisch
- Dec. 5 - Brian Klarenbeek
John Kleyer
- Dec. 12 - Alex Koedam
Terry Koedam
- Dec. 19 - Marvin Kruid
Herb Kuyper
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service
Music Committee
- Dec. 26 - Scott Kuyper

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, November 21, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper at our morning worship service. Any shut-ins or those in the Nursing Homes who would like Communion served to them, please contact an elder or the church office.

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Congratulations to Adam and Sarah Nibbelink on the birth of a daughter, Everlee Lou on October 8th. She weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 inches long. She has two big sisters to welcome her to the family. Leah who is 4½ and Alaynna who is 2. Carmel Church grandmother is Melinda Nibbelink. Carmel Church great grandmother is Carol Van Voorst.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Jocelyn Terpstra made profession of faith before the elders on September 13. Jocelyn is a junior at Unity Christian High School. She enjoys hanging out with friends and playing softball in the summer. She works at K-Dogs Pet Lodge outside of Hull and loves taking care of all the dogs. She especially loves her dog, Oakley. She likes attending youth group and spending time with family. Jocelyn is the daughter of Jared and Rachel Terpstra.

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PIGS-IN-THE-BLANKET

The freezer in the Moses Room (next to the kitchen) has been stocked with pigs-in-the-blanket and those yummy pigs will no doubt be flying off the shelves.

The pigs are \$15.00 a dozen. Please do not take pigs from the freezer if they are not paid for. Sign the sheet and place your money in the box on the counter.

We will be making another batch on Thursday, November 4. Any help would be appreciated. We start at 1:00 p.m. and are usually done around 4:00 p.m.

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SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

The search team is currently meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. We continue to search and pray for God's leading as we research, discuss, follow-up, and listen to potential candidates. We keep reminding ourselves that God knows who our next Pastor will be and we just need to follow His leading. The decision as it relates to Carmel's future with the RCA is one of the next steps needed as we move forward in the process.

PLEASE continue to pray for the team as we meet and work towards finding our next Pastor. Thank you!

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"No one has ever become poor from giving."
—Anne Frank

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Monday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. We will be electing two elders and two deacons to serve three year terms on the Consistory. The nominees (in alphabetical order are: Elders - Jerry Noteboom, Henry Sandbulte, Verlyn Van Regenmorter and Mark Van Voorst; Deacons - Mike Bomgaars, Josh Leusink, Ryan Oostra, and Eric Van Roekel. The yearly financial report will also be presented.

The Jr. RCYF will offer free babysitting services that evening. Infants - 3 years old will be cared for in the nursery. Children three and above meet in the Sr. RCYF room for games and movies.

They will also have an ice cream social after the Congregational Meeting. They will be serving bowls of ice cream and your favorite toppings for a freewill donation to Jr. RCYF.

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our Thanksgiving worship service will be held on **Wednesday evening, November 24, at 6:30 p.m.** (Note the time). Pastor Steve will lead us in our service of praise and thanksgiving. Watch the bulletin for a list of causes you may consider for your Thanksgiving offering.

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Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, November 24, 6:30 p.m.—

Thanksgiving Service.

Sunday, December 19, 6:00 p.m.—Sunday

School Christmas Program. (Note time)

Friday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.—Christmas

Eve Service.

Sunday, December 26—Morning Worship as

usual. No Sunday School or RCYF, and

NO evening worship service.

Sunday, January 2—AM and PM Worship as

usual. No Sunday School or RCYF.



The Sr. RCYF will have a Pancake Supper on Wednesday, November 17. They will be serving up stacks of pancakes, sausage, bacon and beverages from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. A freewill donation for Sr. RCYF would be appreciated. Invite your family and friends and enjoy those delicious pancakes before our other Wonderful Wednesday activities.

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Over the last 15 years Carmel families have packed around 1,500 shoe boxes for children in Jesus Name. Imagine how sweet it is to be able to bring smiles to the faces of kids

— especially those who have never gotten a gift in their life. Even greater is to be able to share with them the hope of eternal life in Christ.

Take an ordinary **regular size** shoe box (**no oversized boxes, please**), fill it with toys and other presents, and you have an extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope.

Don't have a shoe box? No problem. Pick up a red and green GO box (preprinted decorative Gospel Opportunity boxes) from the table in the Fellowship Hall. They are now sturdier and slightly larger boxes than in the past.

Brochures on how to pack a shoe box gift are on the table in the Fellowship Hall and on the Coffee Station. **Carefully read & follow the instructions. Be sure to take note of things not to include.**

Filled boxes can be brought to the table in the Fellowship Hall any time **through November 19. Remember to include a \$9.00 donation per box** to cover shipping and other project costs. If you use the Follow Your Box feature, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!

NEWS FROM CARMEL GEMS

Thank You to all those who supported our fundraiser this fall! The GEMS sold Eileen's Cookie Dough, Cards, Popcorn and Pampered Chef! Your support financially and your prayers for these beautiful girls from 7 different schools is so very much appreciated!

What's coming up this month for the GEMS??

Monday, November 1 - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. for 2nd - 6th Grade. Theme: "I am Loved!" Your fundraiser orders will be handed out.

November 15 - NO GEMS Carmel's Congregational Meeting

November 25 - Happy Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 4 - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Carmel Church for 2nd - 8th Grade. Theme: "I am a world changer/mission/fun day!" Don't miss this!!

Monday, December 6 - Christmas Party 6:00-8:30 p.m.

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CADETS NEWS

The Cadet Fundraising items will be delivered on Wednesday, November 10. Please watch your bulletin for details on where to pick up your items.

The Cadets will not meet on November 15 due to the Congregational Meeting. They will be meeting the following week, November 22 instead. Mark it on your calendar.

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The Sunday School mission project this year is Royal Family Kids Camp. Children from a history of abuse and neglect, living in the foster care system are given the opportunity to attend a week at camp in the summer and are treated like royalty. The week is also designed to change their lives. Your mission offerings can help touch the lives of these children. The second Sunday of each month the S. S. offering goes to the mission project.



On August 25, Carmel mourned the loss of Florence Sandbulte who passed away at the age of 89 years. Florence's family moved to the Carmel area when she was 12 and they joined the Carmel Church. She loved music and began playing

the organ and piano at church when she was 16 years old and continued playing for services until the time of her death. She also directed the Carmel choir for many years and accompanied the Carmel Quartet.

Florence was married to Kenny Sandbulte for nearly 60 years. He passed away in 2010. They were blessed with 12 children.

When her children grew older Florence began working at the Sioux Center Community Hospital as a nurses aid and surgical tech. She remained at this job for 35 years.

Florence is survived by her 12 children which include Carmel members Lauren Sandbulte and his family, Vicki and Glenn Vander Lugt and their family and Shawn and Jami Sandbulte and their family. She is also survived by 46 grandchildren which include Carmel members Mark and Sara Sandbulte and their family, Ross and Nikki Hulstein and their family, and Barry and Kelli Van Kekerix and their family. She is also survived by 66 great grandchildren, one great, great grandchild, a sister, Betty Sandbulte and sister-in-law, Carol Van Voorst who are also Carmel members.

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Bible Quiz

Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

- A. the king of Aram; Elijah
- B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah
- C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
- D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah



Answer: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10.)

TRANSFER

The membership of Dan and Shannon Bloemendaal and children Addisyn, Eli and Gracie, has been transferred to First Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley. May God bless them in their new church home.

Puzzle!

Complete each friend pair from the Bible, using the verses as hints. Then write the circled letters in order on the blanks below to complete Proverbs 17:17.

David & _____ (C) _____	2 Samuel 15:37
King Agrippa & (C) _____	Acts 25:13
Naomi & (C) _____	Ruth 1:22
Paul & _____ (C) _____	Acts 16:25
Joshua & _____ (C) _____	Numbers 14:6
Peter & _____ (C) _____	Luke 5:8-10
Job & (C) _____	Job 2:11
Elijah & _____ (C) _____	2 Kings 2:1-14
Zophar & _____ (C) _____	Job 2:11
Jonathan & _____ (C) _____	1 Samuel 18:1
Peter & _____ (C) _____	Luke 5:8-10
Jesus & _____ (C) _____	John 11:20
Jesus & _____ (C) _____	John 11:5
Timothy & _____ (C) _____	2 Timothy 1:1
Jesus & _____ (C) _____	John 11:5
Mary & _____ (C) _____	Luke 1:39-40
Job & _____ (C) _____	Job 2:11
Aaron & _____ (C) _____	Exodus 4:27

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PROVERBS 17:17a

Answer: Hushai, Festus, Ruth, Silas, Caleb, John, Bildad, Elisha, Job, David, James, Mary, Martha, Paul, Lazarus, Elizabeth, Eliphaz, Moses; A friend loves at all times.



Deacon's Corner – NOVEMBER

Painting: The Painting project is nearly finished. Thank you for your patience as we completed this project.

Audio/Video Building Improvement Goal: We have reached our goal of \$150,000.00 for the Audio/Video Building Improvements. Thank you for your generous donations to this project. Thank you for your continued support with your tithes and offerings for Carmel Church.

Outreach Fund – The Outreach Fund is available to assist Carmel Reformed Church members participation in mission projects/trip by providing financial assistance for registration and travel expenses. This does not include normally scheduled JR/SR youth group trips. The fund will reimburse ½ of travel and registration costs up to \$500.00 per individual per calendar year. Please contact the Outreach Fund deacon Monty Prins, or one of the other deacons for an application form.

Christian Care – The Christian Care Fund is available to assist with financial needs for those who are encountering difficult circumstances and are struggling to cover their basic financial needs. Please see the Christian Care Fund deacon, Marlin Sandbulte, if you are in need of assistance.

Join Us for a.....Focus on the Family Date Night Event

Who: All Couples ... young & old

What: Date Night with Pastor & Comedian Ted Cunningham (Focus on the Family)

Why: An evening of fun & laughter ... who doesn't need more of that in their relationship?

When: February 25, 2022 5:45 p.m.

Where: Carmel Reformed Church

Timeline: Check in: 5:45 p.m. Meal: 6:00 – 6:45p.m. *Dessert served during intermission
Speaker: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50.00 per couple including meal *Financial assistance is available (contact Tom Zwart)

Meal: Catered Meal by Beyer Catering (includes Dessert)

Registration opens **November 7** online at: <https://focusonmarriedatenight.rsvpify.com>

Registration forms will also be available on the Coffee Station and can be turned in to Misty Zwart or Laurie Buyert or the church office.

Questions: Contact Tom & Misty Zwart or Dan & Laurie Buyert

SEATING IS LIMITED!

FOR LAUGHS (OR GROANS!) AROUND YOUR TABLE

Knock knock. Who's there? Arthur. Arthur who? Arthur any leftovers?

Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive? It had 24 carrots.

My family said no more Thanksgiving jokes ... but I said I couldn't just quit cold turkey.



November

- 1 - Mrs. Linda Valentine
- 2 - Addalee Madsen
Elyse Zwart
- 3- Hannah Van Roekel
The Greg De Wit's
- 5 - Mitch Nettinga
Mrs. Evy De Jong
- 6 - Waylon Van Ginkel
The Arnold Hulshof's
- 7 - Warren Vonk
Eddie Vander Weide
The John Kleyer's
The Orlin Oostra's
- 8 - Eric Van Roekel
- 9 - Ken Verburg
- 10 - Mrs. Jennifer De Jong
The Dave Bohl's
- 12 - Mrs. Tami Ronning
Mrs. Henrietta Farmer
- 13 - Avery Laackmann
Mrs. Kristi Segar
- 14 - The Wilbur Van Grootheest's
- 15 - Danny DeMeester
Kinlee Wolfswinkel
Mark Sandbulte
- 16 - Brianna Fedders
Mrs. Jolene Horstman
- 18 - Maggie Kleyer
Daniel Borchers
- 19 - Pastor Steve VanWyhe
Mrs. Nikki Bomgaars
Scott Kuyper
Russ Vande Vegte
- 20 - Aniya Robertson
- 21 - Logan Renes
- 22 - Solomon Tea
Jaxon Klein
Nick Van Regenmorter
- 23 - Kierra Wolfswinkel
- 24 - Mrs. Lori Kleyer
Mrs. Vicki Fischer
- 25 - Derek Vande Zandschulp
The Barry Van Kekerix's
- 26 - Taya Sandbulte
Ella Zwart
Ross Hulstein
The Enrique Luevano's
- 27 - Mrs. Breena Leusink
- 28 - James Hooyer
Jill Sandbulte
Mrs. Twila Renes
Loren Hooyer
- 29 - Harper Van Meeteren
- 30 - Kyah VanWyhe
Steve Rozeboom
Mrs. Sue Sandbulte

CARMEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SUPPER

THURSDAY, November 11 5:45 p.m.
At Carmel Reformed Church

Everyone is welcome to join us for the Carmel Historical Society Membership Drive Supper on Thursday, November 11, 5:45 p.m. at Carmel Reformed Church. There will be a freewill donation for the meal which will be followed by a presentation by the Historical Society and a tour of the Carmel Store. So that we can have a count for the meal, please sign up at the Coffee Station in the Fellowship Hall by November 7. For more information about the Historical Group visit their Facebook page: Carmel, Iowa Historical Group.

THANKFULNESS IN ACTION

To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch heaven. —Johannes Gaertner

JUST FOR KIDS



PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.

PUZZLE

GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

e o r j
 7 2 4 1 6 3 i
 w y l a s
 3 5 2 4 6 a

p y r a
 1 4 2 3

continually,

e g v i
 4 1 3 2

in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

h n t a s k
 2 4 1 3 6 5

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answers: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks, pray, give, thanks, pray, give, thanks