



*Sunday School*  
**CELEBRATION**

Carmel Church

May 1, 2022

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*Carmel's mission is to further Christ's Kingdom  
through loving God and loving others.*

**MORNING WORSHIP (10:00)**

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome and Mission Update: *Nate Landman*

Teacher Recognition: *Tom Zwart*

1st Grade: John 3:16

Kindergarten: Isaiah 43:1b

Preschool: Philippians 4:13

Tiny Tots: Psalm 46:10

Songs by TinyTots - 1st grade: *"My Lighthouse"*  
*"Jesus Strong and Kind"*

Hymn: **#738** *"Jesus Loves Me"*

(Offering for the General Fund)

(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

6th Grade: Old Testament Books of the Bible

5th Grade: New Testament Books of the Bible

4th Grade: Psalm 23

3rd Grade: Galatians 5:22

2nd Grade: Acts 16:31

Songs by 2nd - 6th Grade: *"Tomorrow, and Forever"*  
*"I Will Go"*

Congregational Prayer

Senior Bible Presentation

11th & 12th Grade

10th Grade: 10 Commandments

9th Grade: Prayer

Hymn: *"Just As I Am"*

(Offering for Sunday School)

Message

8th Grade: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #1

7th Grade: Romans 10:9-10

Songs by Preschool - 8th Grade: *"Good God Almighty"*  
*"House of the Lord"*

\*Benediction

Postlude:

**EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)**

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship: Matthew 22:37-39 (Responsively on screen)

\*Hymn: **#52** *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

\*Invocation

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#95 (vs 1, 2, 6)** *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 14:1

Message: **"Life's Greatest Aim"**

\*Hymn: **#81** *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

(\*Please stand if you are able)

***"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing  
and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" (Revelation  
5:13 NIV). Welcome to worship! Please join us for refreshments  
in the Fellowship Hall before the morning worship service.***

**This evening** we welcome retired Pastor Dan Haggar, as he leads our 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.

### **TODAY**

11:30 a.m.—**Sr. RCYF BBQ Dinner Fundraiser.** They will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, chips and drink for a freewill donation. Cake will be served in honor of our high school graduates.

6:30 p.m.—**Sr. RCYF**

**Nursery Attendants:** Kayti B., Londa B., Marcus V.V., Kaylen W. **Door Attendant:** Ron. **Ushers:** Austin (M); Brad (NE); Dan (SW). **Audio:** Scott. **Video:** Dale. **Power Point:** Tonia. **Refreshments:** Denny De Jong, Mike Haverhals.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Thursday, May 5**

7:00 p.m.—**National Day of Prayer Service** at Lebanon CRC. We will be participating in a joint service of worship and prayer with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Lebanon CRC and Peace Lutheran.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, May 8**

**Nursery Attendants:** Amanda Borchers, Brooke Byker, Railee White, Brynn Van Voorst. **Door Attendant:** Wayne Te Grotenhuis. **Ushers:** Eric Ochsendorf (M); Alex Koedam (NE); Adam Nibbelink (SW). **Audio:** Dan Fedders. **Video:** Laura Van Ravenswaay. **Power Point:** Lanae Van Meeteren. **Refreshments:** Jerry Renes, Hans Smolders. **Cookies:** Lin De Jong, Rhonda Sandbulte, Fonda Post, Ronda Leusink, Colleen Bomgaars. **Special Music:** Lenore Prins (am). **Special Offering:** Property Fund

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **Uphold in Prayer**

*Betty Sandbulte* has been placed on Hospice Care.

*Dave Vander Zwaag* receiving Chemo treatments.

*Derek Vande Zandschulp* fighting a staph infection.

*VBS Directors* as they continue to prepare for VBS.

*Taylor Vonk* taking basic training with the National Guard.

*Kyle Van Ginkel* serving in the Army.

Keep the *Search Team* and the search process in your prayers.

**Praying for our local congregations:** This week please be in prayer for God’s blessing for the Christ Community Congregation and the ministry of Pastors Randy Widbin and Carlos Perez.

We rejoice with *Pastor Steve and Kayla VanWyhe* on the birth of a daughter, Nora Vivian.

We extend our sympathy to *Lavonne Riphagen* on the death of her husband, Bill. May God grant the family comfort and peace.

Happy Birthday to *Leon Wichers* who will celebrate his 82nd birthday on Monday, May 2.

“I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and phone calls, visits, food and cards during my surgery and recovery.”

Stan Prins

Copies of the May *HIGHLIGHTS* are on the Coffee Station. Pick one up if you’d like a hard copy of the newsletter.

The mailboxes have been rearranged to accommodate membership changes. Please be sure it is your box before removing the contents. Your box is above your name.

A new Phone Directory is in your mailbox. If there are any errors, please let the church office know.

Summer is getting closer and that’s when all the fun at church camp takes place. Sign up soon, because some of the camps may already be full. Remember Carmel pays for 1/2 the registration.

<b><u>GENERAL FUND GIVING:</u></b> Offering 4-24-22: \$7,577.00 Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$217,522.95
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Help us honor Carmel's graduating Seniors. We have set up gift bags for each of the senior students who are connected to the Carmel Church family. We encourage you to fill these bags with cards, notes of encouragement or small gifts. The bags are set up near the sanctuary doors. The bags will be set out through Sunday, May 15. The bags will then be delivered to the graduating seniors. Thank you for your support!

## Some VBS needs for Zoomerang

### ◆ Teachers Needed:

- 3 - Kindergarten teachers
- 1 - 1st Grade teacher
- 2 - 2nd Grade teachers
- 1 - 3rd Grade teacher
- 1 - 4th Grade AM teacher
- 1 - 5th Grade teacher
- 2 - 6th Grade teachers, 1 AM teacher

### ◆ Helpers Needed:

- 2 - Preschool helpers
- 2 - Kindergarten helpers, 1 M, W, F helper
- 1 - 3rd grade helper
- 1 - 5th grade helper
- 2 - 8th grade helpers (ceramics)

**Sign up at:** <https://vbspro.events/p/events/carmel> to volunteer or contact Emily Meendering, 712-441-0931.

- ◆ **People to Pray!** Your prayers are what help make a successful VBS. You don't have to sign up, just put VBS along with the Directors, Teachers, Helpers, Volunteers and especially the Kids on your prayer list and start praying for VBS today!
- ◆ **Craft Tent** is looking for donations of any of these containers: large and small Pringles cans with lids, Plastic frosting containers with lids. Donations can be left in the container by the mailboxes.
- ◆ **Hamburger** for the picnic on Wednesday. Please contact the church office or Glenda Van Meeteren.

## Sermon Outline **LIFE'S GREATEST AIM** 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 14:1

Introduction: How would you fill in the blank: "My greatest aim in life is \_\_\_\_\_?" Your greatest aim reveals the basis for making life decisions. Today's Living Bible translates 1 Cor. 14:1 "*Make love your aim...*"

### **THE PRIORITY OF LOVE** (vv. 1-3)

All We **Speak** Without Love Is Ineffective

All We **Know** Without Love is Incomplete

All We **Believe** Without Love is Insufficient

All We **Give** Without Love is Insignificant

### **THE PRACTICE OF LOVE** (vv. 4-7)

Love Is More Than an Emotion

Love is tested by adversity  
Love is a choice

Love Is Action

Love Neutralizes Resentment and Anger

### **THE PERMANENCE OF LOVE** (vv. 8-13)

Love Is Superior Because It Is Eternal

Love Is Commanded (John 13:34-35)

Conclusion: Love is to be our greatest aim and is the primary characteristic of a mature believer. We need the power and presence of Jesus to love like this.

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

John 13:34-35