

# HIGHLIGHTS

CARMEL REFORMED CHURCH

*“Can’t Wait For Sunday”*

**June, 2022**

Brothers and Sisters of Carmel,

Over the last several months we have been studying the book of James. I pray that you have learned as much as I have from our study. The central message of James is simply to get off the fence. If you are going to proclaim to follow Jesus, live like it; and then he fleshes out how we are to live in this world. James’ desire is for you to live out your faith by rejecting the ways of the world and running after Jesus. The problem is that we often want the love of the world AND be a friend of Christ. When we have divided loves, we lose both. When we love the world, we are an enemy of God, and how quickly we realize the world builds us up so it can tear us down. The message of James mirrors the passage found in 1 John 1:5-7.

*This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

When we seek after God, we step into the light. The darkness of the world, the power of the devil, and the earthly passions of our flesh have no power in the light. Have you ever turned on a bright light in a dark room? The darkness is no longer. It cannot overcome the light. The same is with God. We often hold tightly to the things of this world, while proclaiming to walk in the light. But to truly walk in the light, we must surrender and submit fully to God. Submitting to Him in all areas of our lives, not just some. God desires all of you, not just the surface. He wants to walk and transform the inner most parts of our lives so that he might lift us up, not tear us down like the world. Walking in the light requires confession and vulnerability. How often do you lay bare before the Lord and loving brothers and sisters, the parts of life that are found in darkness? The Bible is clear that if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Do you know Jesus? Have you surrendered your life to him? Do you proclaim Jesus as Lord? Let us walk in the light! Live your life so the preacher doesn’t have to lie at your funeral. Live your faith, day by day in the light. The blessings of walking in the light are true fellowship with one another and cleansing from God. Did you know that you don’t have the ability or power to master sin? Not only does Jesus have the power over sin and death but invites you to step into the light and receive the gift of life and freedom. Satan’s plan is to isolate you and keep you from exposing your sin through fear and shame. The prison of fear and shame is one of the most powerful tools of the enemy. Don’t allow the lies of Satan to stop you from realizing the truth of freedom in Christ.

My prayer for Carmel Church is for you to walk in the light, having fellowship with one another and being cleansed from your sin through the blood of Christ. I love you all and pray for you often. No matter what the future holds, we know who holds the future.

May the Lord Bless you,  
Pastor Steve



We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of William Riphagen who passed away on April 29, at the age of 87 years. Bill and his wife Lavonne made their home in Rock Valley.

Bill was raised in Carmel. He served in the Army from 1955-1957. Throughout his life he lived in several different area communities. He was a farmer, owner and operator of Carmel Store, janitor at Newkirk school, manager at Memorial Funeral Home, furniture mover at Furniture Mart, janitor at Central Ref. Church, and a bus driver.

Bill will be remembered as being a part of the Carmel Quartet for many years. He also served on the Consistory of Carmel Church in the past.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Lavonne. Five children: Jim, Cheryl, Brad, Mary Brown and Joel; 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.



At the May Elders' meeting they received the membership of Melissa Wynia from Centerpoint Church of Sioux Center.

Melissa has been married to Steve Wynia for a year and they make their home in Rock Valley where Melissa is the 6th grade science and social studies teacher at Rock Valley Middle School.

She grew up in Sioux Center and is the daughter of Michele Van Middendorp. She has a brother, Micah who will be a senior at Unity Christian in the fall.

As a teacher she loves kids and building relationships with people. In the summer she enjoys being outdoors and all year you can find her enjoying the company of their 3 dogs.

Welcome to Carmel Church Melissa!!

## CARMEL VBS KICKOFF

SUNDAY, June 5



Join us for the official 2022 Carmel VBS Kickoff event! The evening will include training for our volunteers, a worship service to introduce our theme for the week and to pray over the kids/volunteers, and conclude with a Sneak Peek for the parents and kids to see their rooms and meet their teachers.

6:00 p.m.—Teacher/Helper training

6:30 p.m.—VBS Kickoff Service

7:30 p.m.—Sneak Peek

### Some other needs for VBS are as follows:

- **Volunteers** to help set up the tent and tables and chairs on Saturday, June 4. Please let Jolene Horstman or the church office know if you can help. We need to know if we will have enough help.
- **Volunteers** to help with parking in the morning before VBS begins and in the afternoon when they are done for the day. Contact Dan Fedders.
- **Snacks:** Volunteers to bring teacher & helper snacks for VBS can sign up at the link below or at the Coffee Station in the Fellowship Hall. <https://signup.com/go/NexvtZr>
- **People to Pray!** Your prayers are what help make a successful VBS. You don't have to sign up, just put VBS on your prayer list and pray for all those involved. Especially the kids.

Emily Meendering - 712-441-0931

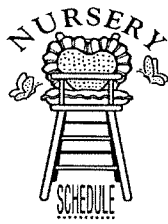
Stephanie Schelling - 712-541-5021

Becky Ochsendorf - 712-441-5168

Jolene Horstman - 712-441-6280

Jennifer Prins - 712-449-5141

Taylor Wolfswinkel - 712-441-3392



**June 5:** Ashley Laackmann, Kiley Landman, Grace Van Roekel, Hannah Van Roekel.

**June 12:** Amy McAlpine Nikki Melton, Nancy Boogerd, Nora Boogerd.

**June 19:** Becky Ochsendorf, Kristi Segar, Sarah Boogerd, Jennie Boogerd.

**June 26:** Hannah Smolders, Whitney Van Essen, Lane Van Kekerix, Kavri Van Kekerix.

**July 3:** Lexy Van Ginkel, Kelly Van Kekerix, Ella Zwart, Elyse Zwart.

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.

**June 5 - R-**Mike Haverhals, Dale Woudstra; **C-**Doree Wolfswinkel, Cheryl Sandbulte, Amy Rozeboom, Ryan Oostra, Amy McAlpine.

**June 12 - R-**John Leusink, Verlyn Van Regenmorter; **C-**Misty Zwart, Tonia Woudstra, Sarah Nibbelink, Shelly Sandbulte, Rachel Terpstra.

**June 19 - R-**Doug Van Beek, Denny De Jong; **C-**Clarice Van Maanen, Donna Renes, Sue Noteboom, Sherri Wolfswinkel, Glenda Van Meeteren.

**June 26 - R-**Jerry Renes, Hans Smolders; **C-**Cheryl Lange, Rachel Van Roekel, Sandi Vonk, Hannah Smolders, Lin De Jong.

**July 3 - R-**Mike Haverhals, Dale Woudstra; **C-**Rhonda Sandbulte, Fonda Post, Ronda Leusink, Colleen Bomgaars, Frieda Bartels.

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### THE LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, June 5, by the Grace of God, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Any shut-ins or Nursing Home residents who would like communion served to them, please contact an elder or the church office.



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.

Special music schedule is for the morning worship service.

- June 5 - Loren Punt
- June 12 - Tony Rau
- June 19 - Herb Remmerde
- June 26 - Brian Renes
- July 3 - Janet Renes
- July 10 - Jerry Renes
- July 17 - Lavonne Riphagen
- July 24 - Chad Robertson
- July 31 - Sean Robinson

We will no longer have ministry in music as part of our evening worship service. We will however still have ministry in music during our morning service. As in the past families of Carmel Church will be listed to find ministry in music on a particular Sunday. We go through our membership list alphabetically, so please take note of the special music list in the newsletter each month, to see if you are on the list. If you are having difficulty in finding someone to do ministry in music, the church office has a list of Carmel members who are willing to do ministry in music. Please make every effort to find someone for ministry in music when it is your turn.

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### URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

Do you enjoy that cookie and cup of coffee after the worship service?? Well we are in need of more people who would be willing to serve refreshments. Right now we only have 8 couples who are willing to serve refreshments. This means they must serve every 4 weeks. We have over 200 families in Carmel Church. Wouldn't it be great if we had so many willing to serve that you only had to serve every 6 months?? Please step up and volunteer your time so we can continue providing refreshments on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office if you can help us out.

**TRANSFER**

The membership of Blake and Genae Zomer and son Wyatt has been transferred to the First Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley. May God bless them in their new church home.

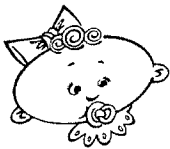
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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Nibbelink (Lindsay Bonney) who were united in marriage on May 21, in Milford. The newlyweds are making their home in Hull. Lindsay works at Orange City Area Health as the Specialty Clinic Receptionist. Caleb is works for Farmers Coop Society in Alcester. Caleb is the son of Carmel member Melinda Nibbelink and the grandson of Carol Van Voorst.

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**NEW ARRIVALS**



We rejoice with Cole and Dennica Rozeboom on the birth of a daughter, Hennlie Mikhael, on April 17. Hennlie is the couple's first child. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19½ inches long. Carmel Church grandparents are Kelly and Gina Rozeboom.

We rejoice with Pastor Steve and Kayla VanWyhe on the birth of a daughter, Nora Vivian, on April 28. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19¼ inches long. Nora has two big brothers and 2 big sisters to welcome her to the family: Carter who is 7, Gracelyn who is 6, Kyah who is 4½, and Jaxton who is 2.



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**BAPTISM**

On May 22 we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism with Ezra Geane Leloux, son of Luke and Millie Leloux. Ezra was born on February 19th.



We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Betty Sandbulte who passed away on May 25, at the age of 87. Betty had been residing of Crown Pointe for several years. Betty moved to the Carmel area with her family as a child and has been a member of Carmel Church since then. Betty was married to Delmar Sandbulte for 60 years. They made their home on the Sandbulte farm southwest of Carmel and raised their family of 9 children there. Delmar passed away in 2013.

Betty was a church organist for many years. Retiring in 2015. With her love for music, she also enjoyed playing piano for activities at Crown Pointe.

Betty is survived by her 9 children: Alan & Cheryl Sandbulte, Nora & Dave Bohl, Vince & Sue Sandbulte, Owen & Teresa Sandbulte, Jo & Rod Moget, Harv & Trish Sandbulte, Henry & Rhonda Sandbulte (all Carmel members) Sid & Deb Sandbulte, Jerry & Candy Sandbulte. Twenty-four grandchildren of which the following are also Carmel members: Becky & Mitchell Banks family, Brooke & Keith Byker family, Amber and Mitch Nettinga, Mitchell Sandbulte, Zach and Dylan Moget, Sadie & Jacob Sandbulte, Sarah Fedders, Eric and Austin Sandbulte. Twenty-nine great grandchildren, and also Carmel sister-in-law Carol Van Voorst.

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**GOSPEL MUSIC IN THE PARK**

Hope Haven will be hosting Gospel Music in the Park on June 17 and 18, 2022, at Central Park in Sioux Center. This event will feature multiple groups and soloists performing gospel music. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the sunshine and music in the park! Visit [www.hopehaven.org](http://www.hopehaven.org) for more information.



There is something about camp! Camp is a powerful experience! If you take youth outside their comfort zone and place them in an environ-

ment that is active and passionate about their relationship with Christ, then change happens.

Below is a list of Carmel members heading to camp this summer.

June 13 - 17—**Charlotte Leusink** is attending Day Camp; **Virginia Leusink** is attending Wilderness Camp; **Faithe Van Maanen** is attending Lodge Camp.

June 20 - 24—**Wyatt Leusink and Tekoah Vanden Brink** are attending Guys Only Camp; **Attyson Prins and Hezekiah Vanden Brink** are attending Lodge Camp; **Josie Schelling** is attending Saddle Up Camp; **Carter VanWyhe** is attending Day Camp.

July 18 - 22—**Ben Haverhals, Jacob Haverhals, and Aiden Madsen** are attending Lodge Camp.

August 1 - 5—**Karlee Leusink** is attending Wilderness Camp; **Ashton Madsen** is attending Lodge Camp; **Addalee Madsen and Braylee Schelling** are attending Day Camp.

August 8 - 12—**Paul Leusink** is attending Day Camp.

Keep all our campers in your prayers as they participate in a potentially life changing experience!

## RISEFEST

June 10-11  
Sheldon, IA

Tickets are **only \$48 for the whole weekend (\$45.50 for groups of 10 or more)**. Kids 10 and under are free. Ticket prices **increase to \$53 on June 1!**

This year's lineup includes TobyMac, for King & Country, Mac Powell, Unspoken, Terrian, Ben Fuller, Micah Tyler, Austin French, Sunnybrook Worship, Dordt Worship, and speakers, Megan Fate Marshman, Rob Roozeboom, and Dr. Micah Parker. We'll also have fun activities for the whole family, delicious food, engaging seminars, ministry outreach, and much more. Get your **tickets** today!

We still need **hundreds of volunteers** to help make **RiseFest 2022 possible!** Please prayerfully consider joining our team. We would love your help!

Here's our greatest needs:

- Parking
- Tear Down
- Equipment load in and load-out
- Youth Tent
- Merch tent
- Prayer Tent - we need several fluent Spanish speakers!

If you volunteer for 4 hours, you'll get a **FREE RiseFest t-shirt** and a **ticket to the festival** (good all weekend long!). **Registration closes May 31!**

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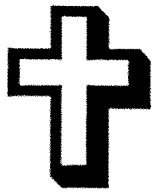
## 22:6

Proverbs 22:6 *“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it”*

22:6 is a group of Carmel Church families coming together to support Christian Education tuition. Carmel's diversity is spread out to several different communities and six different Christian Schools. This new group of families and any other Carmel families who may be interested in Christian Education are planning a fundraiser.

22:6 plans to kick off the school year in August by selling bagged frozen sweet corn. Be on the lookout for a sweet corn fundraising flyer in your church mailbox in the next week or two. Additional order forms will also be available on the Coffee Station.

If you have any questions about the 22:6 group or wish to be a part of this group, contact Eric Van Roekel, 712-449-5064.



## Deacons Corner — June

**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.

**Adoption Fund** – For those considering an adoption please consider inquiring as to whether you will qualify for the Carmel Reformed Church Adoption Assistance Fund. This fund makes available up to \$1,500 to assist active Carmel Reformed Church members with adoption costs. See any deacon for details and a copy of the application form. All requests will require consistory approval.

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### CARMEL CHURCH PICNIC

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in June is Picnic Day in Carmel Church. To many long-time members this has always been known as the Sunday School picnic. This year the picnic will look a bit different. As the Sunday School year concluded in May with our Sunday School Celebration Day on May 1, the Sunday School department will no longer be in charge of the picnic. It will be a day of worship, fun and fellowship out in the tent for everyone to enjoy our “CHURCH PICNIC”!

The day will begin with coffee and cookies at 9:30 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. we will gather in the tent in the parking lot for our morning worship service. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs as a limited number of benches will be available to sit on. The usual picnic stage will be replaced with a podium for the pastor to preach from.

After the worship service everyone is encouraged to stay and enjoy the rest of the day. There will be food, fellowship and fun. There will not be an evening worship service.

The CWM (Carmel Women’s Ministries) will be serving those yummy Carmel taverns, chips, pies and beverages. This will be available after the worship service and throughout the afternoon. The canteen will have pop, ice cream, cantaloupe, watermelon and candy available after the worship service and throughout the afternoon as well.

Watch your bulletin in the coming weeks for information on the cost of the food and activities. There may be a fee for some things or a freewill donation. This is still being decided.

There will be a number of things for the kids and adults to enjoy throughout the afternoon. There will be a fishing pond with prizes, several Bouncy Houses, a Kiddie train, and a Bean Bag Tournament.

Mark June 26 on your calendar and plan to enjoy a great day of worship, fun, food and fellowship at the “CHURCH PICNIC”!

#### **Volunteers Needed**

So that everyone can enjoy the “CHURCH PICNIC” we need some willing volunteers to man the canteen throughout the day. If you can help us out for a half-hour time slot, please sign up on the sheet at the Coffee Station in the coming weeks. We will also need Bean Bag games. If you have one, we can use that day, please sign the sheet on the Coffee Station as well.

*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.* —Helen Keller



## JUNE

- 1 - The Rod Van Ravenswaay's
- 2 - Brynn Van Voorst  
Josh Joffer  
Harold Vander Vliet  
The Jared Terpstra's
- 3 - Slayden Sandbulte  
Brian Frangenberg  
Mike Bomgaars
- 4 - Josie Bomgaars  
Austin Hofman  
Mrs. Cheryl Lange  
Mrs. Jane De Boer
- 5 - The Herb Kuyper's
- 6 - Mrs. Monica Kuyper  
Vince Sandbulte  
The Zach Boneschans
- 7 - Brennyn Beukelman  
The Tim Bomgaars'
- 8 - Kendra Van Meeteren
- 9 - Addison Van Voorst  
Dexter Hooyer  
Alyssa Kuyper  
Phil Hooyer
- 10 - Tom Zwart
- 11 - Mike Klein
- 12 - Elizabeth Meendering  
Mrs. Edan Bomgaars
- 13 - Seth Huizenga  
The Mark Sandbulte's  
The Scott Kuyper's  
The Dan Buyert's
- 14 - Kelly Rozeboom  
The Trevor Pieper's
- 15 - Mrs. Sarah Nibbelink  
Justin Lange  
Regan Ronning
- 16 - Averi Huizenga  
Addisyn Huizenga  
Brett Segar  
The Lloyd De Jong's
- 17 - Mrs. Dorothy Van Voorst  
The Ken Verburg's
- 18 - Brody Rozeboom  
Ava Van Roekel  
Dylan Rozeboom
- 19 - Mrs. Rhonda Sandbulte  
The Daniel Borchers'
- 20 - Sofie De Jong
- 21 - Jackson Roland  
Mrs. Clarice Van Maanen
- 22 - Derek Hooyer  
Virgil Houtkooper  
The Milt Van Ravenswaay's
- 23 - The Jerry Noteboom's
- 24 - Bennett Landman  
Mrs. Judy Hooyer  
Larry Vander Weide
- 25 - Henry A. Wolfswinkel  
Mrs. Cindy Franken  
The Colyn Oostenink's  
The Chad Wynia's  
The Henry J. Wolfswinkel's
- 26 - Taylor Vonk  
Jacob Albert  
Mrs. Amber Nettinga  
Lenore Prins
- 28 - Carson Vanden Brink  
Trevor Pieper  
The Harv Sandbulte's
- 29 - Kaden Borchers  
Jocelyn Terpstra  
Mrs. Kasi Boneschans  
Trey Sandbulte  
Mrs. Becky Banks  
Mrs. Barb Van Grootheest  
Mrs. Jo Overman
- 30 - Andrea Sandbulte  
Tim Gesink

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**Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)** is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the First Reformed Church in Orange City, June 24-26. TEC is an interdenominational three day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit [www.TriStateTEC.org](http://www.TriStateTEC.org) or email [TriStateTEC@gmail.com](mailto:TriStateTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.



## Popcorn POWER

Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.

**What you need:**

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

**What you do:**

1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake to mix ingredients.
3. Microwave for 1½ or 2 minutes (or use the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before removing and opening it.
4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?

# PUZZLE

## A POWERFUL CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

*Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.*

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“But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ comes on you; and you will be my \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**ACTS 1:8, NIV**

Answer: power, spirit, witnesses, earth



# June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	2	3	4 Set-up for VBS
5 Communion 9:30-AM Worship 6:00- Teacher training 6:30-VBS Kick-off 7:30-Sneak Peek	6 9:00 am - 3:00 pm VBS	7 9:00 am - 3:00 pm VBS	8 9:00 am - 3:00 pm VBS 7:00 pm Search Team Meeting	9 9:00 am - 3:00 pm VBS 6:30 pm VBS Program	10 9:00 am - 1:00 pm VBS 1:30 pm Clean Church	11
12 9:30-AM Worship 12:00-Church Reserved 6:30-PM Worship	13 6:30 pm Elders' Meeting 7:30 pm Consistory Meeting	14	15 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	16	17	18
19 9:30-AM Worship 6:30-PM Worship	20	21	22 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group 7:00 pm Search Team Meeting	23	24	25
26 CHURCH PICNIC 9:30-Coffee Fellowship 10:00-AM Worship Picnic Fun and Fellowship the rest of the day NO evening service	27	28	29	30		

