

HIGHLIGHTS

CARMEL REFORMED CHURCH

“Can’t Wait For Sunday”

November, 2022

A GOOD CONTAGION

Thanksgiving is key in Christian prayer, but often our requests outweigh our thanks. By contrast, 85% of prayers in the Jewish prayerbook are blessings of thanks, according to Rabbi Evan Moffic. Noting that the Hebrew word for a Jewish person — *Yehudah* — means “one who is grateful,” he states, “Gratitude is at the core of how Jews pray.”

Someone once asked Moffic if he might know about a blessing he’d overheard at a restaurant. After a man proposed to his girlfriend and she said yes, he walked quietly to a corner, put on a yarmulke (a sacred Jewish head covering worn in prayer) and spoke a blessing. His fiancé teared up. The rabbi said the prayer was surely this: “Blessed are you, O God, sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us and for enabling us to reach this joy-filled moment.”

Why was this person so interested? “I am planning to propose to my girlfriend,” he shared with Moffic, “and I want to say this prayer with her.”

Unbeknown to the newly engaged pair, their gratitude transformed another couple’s life. When we give thanks to God, not only is our faith strengthened but our thanksgiving may inspire others. Gratitude is contagious!

—Heidi Hyland Mann

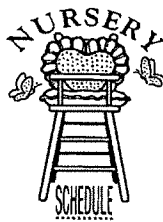
THE COMPANY YOU KEEP

At a concert, a Christian musician talked about growing up in the South, saying his accent was a giveaway. Then he described his relationship with Jesus, noting that he spends lots of time in God’s Word. By “hanging out with Jesus,” he said, he has “picked up Jesus’ accent.” Just as people know he’s from the South because of how his voice sounds, they know he follows Christ through his actions and words.

Proverbs 13:20 emphasizes that the company you keep can greatly influence you, for better or worse. Imagine the impact we can have on other people by hanging out with Jesus more!

Dear God, we invite you into our daily lives. Hang out in our hearts and minds so that when people see and hear us, they’ll know whose we are. Amen.

—Julie Lee



November 6: Ruth De Jager, Danica DeMeester, Karlee Leusink, Alydia Sandbulte.

November 13: Lynna De Wit, Nikki Hulstein, Makai Gesink, Taya Gesink.

November 20: Alyssa Kuyper, Ashley Laackmann, Tyke Van Kekerix, Kaylen Wolfswinkel.

November 27: Kiley Landman, Amy McAlpine, Nora Boogerd, Josie Bomgaars.

December 4: Nikki Van Meeteren, Becky Ochsendorf, Heidi Boogerd, Lane Van Kekerix.

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 6 - R-Verlyn Van Regenmorter, Mitch Banks; **C-**Alice Remmerde, Erica Robertson, Eug. Sandbulte, Kaye Kuyper, Teresa Sandbulte.

November 13-R-Mike Haverhals, Gene Sandbulte; **C-**Hazel Haverhals, Helen Vande Vegte, Mary Lou Verburg, Carmen Maassen, Carol Langstraat.

November 20 - R-Dan Buyert, Jack Soodsma; **C-**Anita Van Ravenhorst, Doree Wolfswinkel, Cheryl Sandbulte, Amy Rozeboom, Ryan Oostra.

November 27 - R-Doug Van Beek, Chad Robertson; **C-**Amy McAlpine, Misty Zwart, Sarah Nibbelink, Linda Altena, Shelly Sandbulte.

December 4-R-Denny De Jong, Randi Sayles; **C-**Rachel Terpstra, Clarice Van Maanen, Donna Renes, Sue Noteboom, Sherri Wolfswinkel.

December 11 - R-Jerry Renes, Tony Rau; **C-**Glenda Van Meeteren, Cheryl Lange, Rachel Van Roekel, Sandi Vonk, Hannah Smolders.

December 18 - R-Hans Smolders, Jared Terpstra; **C-**Lin De Jong, Rhonda Sandbulte, Fonda Post, Ronda Leusink, Colleen Bomgaars.

December 25 - R-John Leusink, Becky Ochsendorf; **C-**Frieda Bartels, Mimi Sandbulte, Erica Robertson, Eug. Sandbulte, Kaye Kuyper.



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.

- Nov. 6 - Owen Sandbulte
- Nov. 13 - Rick Sandbulte
- Nov. 20 - Cherub Choir
- Nov. 27 - Rodney Sandbulte
- Dec. 4 - Shawn Sandbulte
- Dec. 11 - Steve Sandbulte
- Dec. 18 - Praise Team
- Dec. 25 - Praise Team

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SEEKING OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

After several decades of service to Carmel Reformed Church, Jane De Boer has decided to retire at the end of the year. We are going to miss Jane in the office and we will have a celebration of Jane's years of service to Carmel Reformed Church with more details to come.

The consistory is starting the process of searching for a replacement. Key job responsibilities of this position will include but are not limited to:

- Preparation of the weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, educational manual, etc.
- Helping facilitate communication to the congregation including answering phones, sending prayer concern emails, assisting in event registrations, etc.
- Maintain and update the church directory. Assist the pastoral staff, consistory, and all church organizations in various tasks as requested.

This is a full-time position with some flexibility in hours for the right applicant. If you or someone you know might be interested in applying for the office administrator position at Carmel Reformed Church or you have questions about the position, we encourage you to contact Dave Dibbet by phone or text at (712) 441-4328.

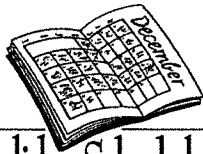
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Monday, November 21, 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 - Dan Fedders, Henry Sandbulte, Shawn Sandbulte and Verlyn Van Regenmorter; Deacons - Mike Bomgaars, Ross Hulstein, Nate Landman, and Josh Leusink. 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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Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, November 23, 6:30 p.m.— Thanksgiving service.

Sunday, December 18, 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Christmas Program. (Note time)

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day morning worship service. No Sunday School, RCYF or evening worship service.

Sunday, January 1—Morning worship service as usual. No Sunday School, RCYF or evening service.

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The Sunday School mission project this year is Setting Anchors, a new local non-profit who support Foster families. 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. The Sunday School's goal is to raise \$3,000.00 for this mission project to affirm and support foster families in the task of caring for foster children in their homes. Won't you help them reach their goal??



THE LORD'S SUPPER

On November 20, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. 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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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our Thanksgiving worship service will be held on Wednesday evening, November 23, at 6:30 p.m. (Note the time). Pastor Rog Voskuil 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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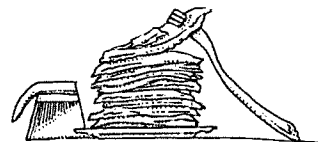
PIGS-IN-THE-BLANKET

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 3. 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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Pancake Supper

The Sr. RCYF will have a Pancake Supper on Wednesday, November 16. 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 Wednesday Night activities.

CADETS NEWS

The Cadet BEC Foods Fundraising items will be delivered on Wednesday, November 9. Please watch your bulletin for details on where to pick up your items.

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CARMEL GEMS

Thank you to everyone who bought cards, books and t-shirts for our fundraiser this year! We appreciate your support!!

This year we are blessed to have 33 beautiful GEMS walk through the doors at Carmel on the 1st and 3rd Monday night of each month. 33 girls from 7 different schools!!

A couple years ago Counselor Mary Lou agreed to be part of the team emphasizing on prayer and encouragement, through notes sent in the mail! The GEMS girls loved getting these special notes and it made a difference in each of the girls. Now we have **9 Prayer Friends**. Each GEM has a special prayer friend who is/has been praying, encouraging and sharing God's love with them throughout the GEMS year. Seeing the girls light up when they have received a note of encouragement and letting them know they are loved is so important! "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.

We are challenging all GEMS girls to participate in packing a box for Operation Christmas Child! Please take a picture of GEM and share it with the group!

November 7, 2022 LOVE MERCY - Serve one another humbly in love. Galatians 5:13

December 5, 2022 Christmas Celebration

Thank You for praying for Carmel GEMS and the entire Sisterhood of Carmel GEMS!

Serving Him Together
Kristi Van Voorst - Club Coordinator

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BAPTISM

On October 9, we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for Hennlie Mikhael Rozeboom. Hennlie is the daughter of Cole and Dennica Rozeboom and was born on April 17.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For 16 years Carmel has been collecting boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Unfortunately last year was the second lowest number of boxes we've collected over the years. We'd like to challenge each family in Carmel to pack a box this year. Won't you fill a box this year and bring smiles to the faces of kids — especially those who have never gotten a gift in their life. And even better yet is to be able to share with them the good news of Jesus. At the distribution center each shoebox has a greatest gift Gospel Booklet placed in it. When you donate \$10 with each box you are helping send the gospel to the ends of the earth without leaving home!!

Take an ordinary **regular size** shoe box (**no oversized boxes please, as they do not fit in the packing crates**) 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. We have 175 boxes on hand. **Wouldn't it be great if we could fill all those boxes and bless 175 kids!!**

Need ideas of what to put in the box?? Pick up a sheet from the table in the Fellowship Hall that has lots of ideas of what to pack in the box. (Also included is a list of items **not** to include.

Also on the table that's new this year are sheets entitled "Let's Be Friends" and "All About Me" that your child or grandchild can fill out about themselves and include in the box.

Brochures on how to pack a shoe box gift are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. **Carefully read and follow the instructions.**

Filled boxes can be brought to the table in the Fellowship Hall any time through November 18. **Remember to include a \$10 donation per box** to cover shipping and other project costs (such as providing the Gospel Booklets for each box). If you use the Follow Your Box feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!

Let's see how many boxes we can fill this year and help spread the gospel around the world.

UPDATE THE ONLINE DIRECTORY

It's been well over a year since we updated our online directory for our 125th anniversary celebration. In that time there have been many changes to the directory. Many babies were born, couples got married, new families joined, and kids are growing up. So it's time to update the pictures in the online directory.

If you need to update your picture or need to add your picture, please do so soon, so our new members can put a face with a name and get to know who is who in our congregation.

If you are a new member, you will be receiving information soon on how to get your picture in the online directory.

If you need assistance in updating your photo, please contact the church office.

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KATELYN'S FUND AUCTION

Katelyn's Fund Orphan Ministry (one of Carmel's Mission Partners) will hold their annual fundraising auction on Friday, November 4th at New Life Reformed Church in Sioux Center. A meal will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The Auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

100% of the donations received go directly to the care of the orphan! To donate online, fill out a donation form at <https://katelynsfund.org/our-events/auction>.

Childcare and activities are provided. Questions? Contact Wade or Alissa Kroeze at 712-441-0540.

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TAKING AWE BREAKS

Many of us are juggling so many things that we are run by our lives rather than living them as gifts from God. What if we could learn to stop for a moment many times a day? What if in those moments we could decide to notice the sheer miracle of being alive? We would then be taking awe breaks instead of coffee breaks.

—Gunilla Norris, *Weavings*, July/August 2008

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"I can't be a Christian on my own. I need a community. I need the church."

—Rachel Held Evans

GRATITUDE GALORE

If you've ever kept a gratitude journal, you know they're fairly easy to fill. Edward King, an English bishop known for working with the poor, may not have had a fancy journal. But these words evoke such a list: "I will thank God ... for the glory of the thunder, for the mystery of music, the singing of birds and the laughter of children. ... for the awe of the sunset, the beauty of flowers, the smile of friendship and the look of love ... for the leaves on the trees in spring and autumn, for the witness of the leafless trees through the winter, teaching us that death is sleep and not destruction, for the sweetness of flowers and the scent of hay. Truly, oh Lord, the earth is full of thy riches!"

King concludes: "And yet how much more I will thank and praise God for the strength of my body enabling me to work, for the refreshment of sleep, for my daily bread, for the days of painless health, for the gift of my mind and the gift of my conscience, for his loving guidance of my mind ever since it first began to think, and of my heart ever since it first began to love."

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ENOUGH FOR TODAY

Happiness is like manna; it is to be gathered in grains and enjoyed every day. It will not keep; it cannot be accumulated; nor have we got to go out of ourselves or into remote places to gather it, since it is rained down from heaven, at our very doors.

—Tyron Edwards

WOMEN OF CARMEL

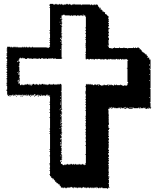


Save these dates!!

December 8 - Christmas
Bunco at the North Place

December 14 - Matthew
West Christmas Concert
in Sioux Falls

More details coming soon!



Deacons Corner — November

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.

JFA 2023 SERVICE AND LEARNING TRIPS

JUSTICE FOR ALL is very excited to announce dates for upcoming 2023 Service and Learning Trips! Please prayerfully consider joining us on one of these trips. The trips are designed to be an opportunity to use our hands and feet to bless others through work projects, but also to learn and experience a different culture than our own and see what God is doing through the incredible ministry partners serving in these communities. The sites/dates are: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez MX – Jan 20-27; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson MS – Feb 3-10; JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – Feb 11-17; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – Mar 3-10; Grace Reigns, Hildale UT – Mar 24-31. There is more information about each project on the JFA website (www.jfa-nwiowa.org). If you would like to sign up or want more information on any of these opportunities, please contact Nick LeLoux at JFA at 712-476-2804, nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org.

BE-ATTITUDES

- Be understanding of your enemies.
- Be loyal to your friends.
- Be strong enough to face the world each day.
- Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.
- Be generous to those who need your help.
- Be frugal with what you need for yourself.
- Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.
- Be open enough to believe in miracles.
- Be willing to share your joys.
- Be eager to share the sorrows of others.
- Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.
- Be a follower when you are shrouded by uncertainty.
- Be the first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.
- Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.
- Be loving to those who love you.
- Be loving to those who don't love you, they may change.
- Be yourself, above all.

—Author Unknown



NOVEMBER

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

AREA MEN'S EVENT

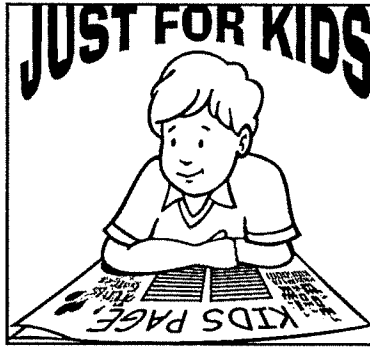
IT STARTS WITH YOU

Men, plan to attend the area men's event on Thursday, November 3, 7:00 p.m. It will be held at The Triple Box, 4758 Ironwood Ave, Orange City. The theme for the evening is **"It Starts With You!"** The featured speaker will be Kris Korver, Northwestern College Men's Basketball Coach.

- ◆ Come for a night of encouragement
- ◆ Have a powerful Worship time together
- ◆ Hear about the Mendistry Ministry
- ◆ Be challenged by a speaker to walk closer with God

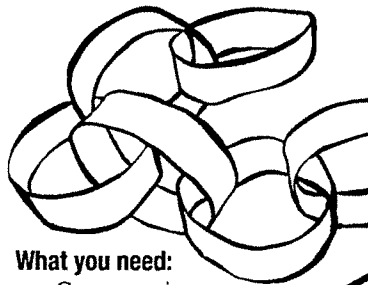
The event is sponsored by Mendistry and area churches. Men, invite your friends and don't miss this great evening planned for you. Remember "It Starts With You!"

"When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude." —G.K. Chesterton



Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.

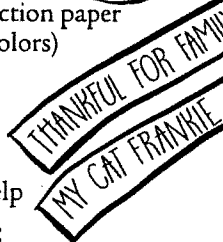


What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.



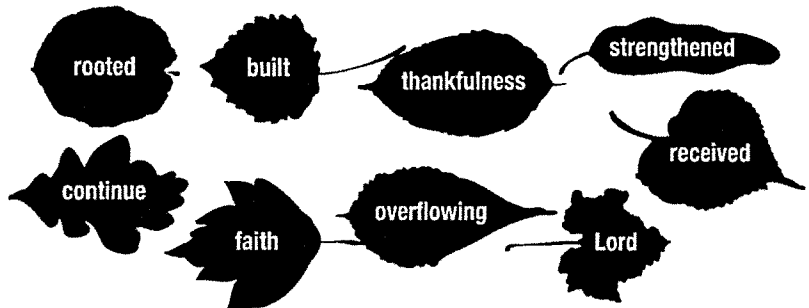
PUZZLE



Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves. What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____,

_____ to live your lives in him, _____ and

_____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you

were taught, and _____ with _____.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answers: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness