

January 15, 2023

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

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: *Nora Bohl*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Worship Hymns: #30 “*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*”
#51 “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*”

Invocation

Ministry in Music: *Art Van Ravenhorst*

Installation of Deacon

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: #668 “*The Church's One Foundation (Vs. 1-3)*”
(Offering for the General Fund)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: John 6:1-15

Message: “**How Jesus Stretches Our Faith**”

Closing Hymn: #36 “*To God Be The Glory*”
(Offering for Ukrainian Family)

*Benediction

Postlude: *Nora Bohl*

(please stand if you are able)

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Nora Bohl*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Hymn: #50 “*God is so Good*”

Unison Reading #58 “*Almighty God*”

Hymn: #59 “*Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart*”

Invocation

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #705 “*Send the Light*”

Scripture: Matthew 2:11-18

Message: “**The Promised King**”

Closing Hymn: #361 “*A Child Of The King*”

*Benediction

Postlude: *Nora Bohl*

(Please stand if you are able)

Welcome to worship — We gather in Jesus' name to answer God's call: “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God” (Micah 6:8). Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the morning worship service.

A warm welcome to Pastor Daniel Haggar as he leads our morning service; and to Pastor Ross Van Kley as he leads our evening worship service.

Special thanks to *Art Van Ravenhorst* for his ministry in music.

This morning *Ross Hulstein* will be ordained and installed into the office of deacon.

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

10:45 a.m.—**Sunday School.**

Tiny Tots-First grade meet in the music room.

2nd-6th grade meet in the sanctuary.

Lesson: “*God Delivered His People*” Exodus 5-12

Sunday School Guide Class meets in the library.

11:45 a.m.—**Jane’s Retirement Dinner**

6:30 p.m.—**Jr. & Sr. RCYF**

8:00 p.m.—**Homebuilders** Host: Van Essen

Nursery Attendants: Danica D., Lynna D.W., Morgan T., Karlee

L. **Door Attendant:** Leon. **Ushers:** Eric O. (M), Alex K. (NE),

Adam N. (SW). **Audio:** Warren. **Video:** Chad. **Power Point:**

Barb. **After Service Greeters:** Dan (M), Jerry (NE), Shawn (SW)

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 16

7:00 p.m.—**GEMS & CADETS**

Wednesday, January 18

7:00 p.m.—**Wednesday Night Activities** for K-12th Grade.

Lesson: “*God Creates The Universe*”

Prayer Meeting

8:00 p.m.—**Search Team Meeting**

NEXT SUNDAY, January 22

Baptism. **Nursery Attendants:** Nikki Hulstein, Alyssa Kuyper,

Nora Boogerd, Hannah Van Roekel. **Door Attendant:** Regan

Ronning. **Ushers:** Kendrick Van Kekerix (M), Trevor Pieper

(NE), Matt Segar (SW). **Audio:** Scott De Jong. **Video:** Enrique

Luevano. **Power Point:** Chad Wynia. **Refreshments:** Doug

Van Beek, Jack Soodsma. **Cookies:** Allison Leusink, Shelly

Sandbulte, Rachel Terpstra, Clarice Van Maanen, Donna Renes.

Special Offering: Missionary Support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Dave Vander Zwaag is in the hospital having testing done for cancer.

Clarice Van Maanen is in a rehab unit in Sioux Falls following a stroke.

Pastor Rog Voskuil is recovering from heart surgery.

Marlin Van Voorst is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Loren Punt is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Fonda Post receiving monthly chemo treatments for Non Hodgkins Lymphoma.

The Takalo families and Mishchenko siblings as they adjust to living in our community.

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 Bridge of Hope Congregation.

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.

Jo Overman has moved to Crown Point.

Happy Birthday to *Les Te Grotenhuis* who is celebrating his 91st birthday on Wednesday.

Happy Birthday to *Lavonne Riphagen* who is celebrating her 89th birthday on Wednesday.

The following officers were elected at the January Consistory Meeting; Mark Van Voorst -Vice President; Jerry Noteboom-Clerk; Shawn Sandbulte -Worship & Music; Tom Zwart-Education; Shawn Sandbulte -Youth; Dan Fedders-Pulpit Supply; Harold Van Essen-Hospitality; Tony Madsen -Chairman of Deacons; Mike Bomgaars-General Fund; Eric Van Roekel-Mission Fund; Ross Hulstein-Property and Cemetery Funds; Ryan Oostra-Christian Care Fund; Monty Prins -Outreach, Building and Transportation Funds.

After Sunday School today, there is a retirement dinner for Jane De Boer. Please help us say a big thank you for serving as Secretary for Carmel Reformed Church for 34 years.

There has been a printing error for some of the Carmel Women’s Ministries books, if you have a book with missing pages there are some new copies on the Coffee Station.

The special offering (2nd offering) for January 29, will go to the Property Fund.

A Community Impact Fundraiser for Dave Vander Zwaag is January 23 at Pizza Ranch in Sioux Center from 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Women's Life will be offering two Bible Studies beginning this month. *"Take Courage"*, a study of Haggai will be on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. beginning January 23. This 7 week study will help you stay motivated despite opposition and courageously invest your life in God's purposes, trusting Him for results. Contact the church office or Misty Zwart to reserve a book. *"The Women of Easter"* is a 3 session monthly study on January 25, February 22, and March 29 at 7:00 p.m. This study requires no book and has no homework—simply join us to learn more about the women who played a part in the Easter Story. Come to one, two or all three—Your Choice!!

Pigs-in-the-blanket are available in the freezer in the Moses Room. They are **\$15 per dozen**. Sign the sheet on the counter and put your money in the box. Please do not take pigs unless they are paid for.

22:6 Group has frozen sweet corn available in the Moses Room. If you would like to purchase some please sign the sheet on the counter and place your money in the box. Bags are \$8 a piece. Checks can be made out to Carmel Church with 22:6 in the memo.

The SHARE group for widows and widowers will meet on Thursday, January 19 at 12:00 NOON at Paul Lutheran Church. The menu is hot ham and cheese sandwiches with sides. We will enjoy a sing-a-long for fellowship time. Be sure to bring \$5 to help cover expenses. Call Deanna Tiedeman (712-439-2229) with any questions. PLEASE take note of the time change to NOON.

LifeWise Academy Boyden is growing! 72 2nd-6th graders are now hearing the gospel during school hours!! If you have students in these grades, or know someone with a student(s) in grades 2-6, encourage them to check out www.lifewiseacademy.org/boydenhullia to sign up or learn more. Enroll now to begin classes February 3!

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering 1-1-23: \$13,743.33
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$85,398.92

Sermon Outline
How Jesus Stretches Our Faith
John 6:1-15

Introduction: The miracle of the feeding of the 5000 reveals the compassion of Jesus and his recognition of our physical needs. This miracle is a sign and an opportunity to stretch the faith of his disciples.

I. Faith Does Not Measure the Size of the Challenge

"Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"

A. God Tests Our Faith Because We Need Them

B. God Sends Challenges That Are Greater Than Our Abilities

II. Faith Does Not Weigh by the Amount of Resource

"Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted."

A. Little In The Hands of Jesus is Much

B. "When...Then" Syndrome

C. God May Reduce Our Resources to Magnify His Greatness

III. Faith Does Not Calculate by the Cost

"Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."

A. Every Challenge Faced with Faith Can Bring an Increase

B. To Gain What is Most Valuable Somethings Must be Lost
(Matthew 16:24)

Conclusion: The crowd wants to force Jesus to be their king so they could be secure and have food. But they fail to see that Jesus *Himself* is their food. Jesus does something in the natural realm to point to a spiritual reality.