

**MAY 28, 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: #756 *"Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory"*  
#757 *"My Country, 'Tis Of Thee"*

Invocation

Special Music: *Art Van Ravenhorst*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: #480 *"Have Thine Own Way Lord"*  
(Offering for the General Fund)  
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Philemon

Message: **"Shoulda, Woulda, Coulda"**

Special Music: *What Sin?*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn: #272 *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*  
(Offering for Missionary Support)

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Nora Bohl*

(\*please stand if you are able)

**NO EVENING SERVICE**

*Today, Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the Holy Spirit's establishment of the church—the body of Christ that still embraces and empowers all. Welcome! Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the morning worship service.*

A warm welcome to Stacey Jasper as he leads our morning service.

**Special thanks** to Art Van Ravenhorst on his ministry of music.

**We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at our morning 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**

**Nursery Attendants:** Nikki H., Alyssa, Sara, Heidi. **Door Attendant:** Willard. **Ushers:** Luke (M); Adam (NE); Eric O. (SW). **Audio:** Josh. **Video:** Chad. **Power Point:** Lanae. **After Service Greeters:** Dan (M), Mark (NE), Tom (SW).

**THIS WEEK**

**Saturday, June 3**

**Set up tent and tables and chairs for VBS.** We need to know if we will have enough help, so please contact Taylor Wolfswinkel.

**NEXT SUNDAY, June 4**

**VBS KICKOFF SUNDAY EVENING**

**Nursery Attendants:** Ashley Laackmann, Kiley Landman, Elyse Zwart, Kinlee Wolfswinkel. **Door Attendant:** Regan Ronning. **Ushers:** Brad Beukelman (M); Dan Buyert (NE); Greg De Wit (SW). **Audio:** Warren Vonk. **Video:** Dale Woudstra. **Power Point:** Tonia Woudstra. **Refreshments:** Jared Terpstra, Becky Ochsendorf. **Cookies:** Anita Van Ravenhorst, Doree

Wolfswinkel, Cheryl Sandbulte, Amy Rozeboom, Amy McAlpine. **Special Offering:** Cemetery Fund.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **Uphold in Prayer**

*Sandi Vonk* is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

*Leon Wichers* is recovering from a stroke and receiving therapy.

*Arlyn Keizer* is recovering from neck and spine surgery.

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

*Kyle Van Ginkel* serving in the Army.

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

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 Amistad Cristiana Congregation and the ministry of Pastor Eddy Olguin.

Happy Birthday to *Harold Vander Vliet* who will celebrate his 82nd birthday on Friday, June 2.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who offered their condolences and support during this difficult time. Your presence, kind words, and gestures of sympathy in the loss of a father and grandfather have provided us with comfort and strength. Your thoughtfulness and care have touched our hearts deeply, reminding us of the power of love and community. We are immensely grateful for the prayers, messages, and acts of kindness that you shared with us. Your words of encouragement and understanding have been a source of great comfort reminding us that we are not alone in our sorrow.

— Tony & Abby Madsen and Family

The white cross decorated with poppies displayed today is a reminder of Memorial Day, a day set aside to pay tribute to those who died in military service to our country. Ever since the first World War, the poppy has served as the memorial flower for the American War dead and a symbol of hope for all veterans of military service. So, as you celebrate this holiday, please take time to remember and appreciate their sacrifice.

The church office will be closed on Monday for the Memorial Day holiday.

Copies of the June *HIGHLIGHTS* are on the Coffee Station for those who would like a hard copy.

The coat racks will be put away for the season. Any coats left on the racks will be hung up on the main coat rack. Please check to see if anything belongs to you. Any unclaimed items will be given to charity June 2. Please also take a look at the lost and found tables. Any items left over will be given to charity June 2.

**VBS directors are getting worried!** VBS still has many needs to fill. Please pray for VBS and the directors. Consider volunteering and helping out where you can. VBS needs volunteers to help with 6th grade on Wednesday and Friday, bring snacks, and volunteers to help set up the tents outside for VBS on Saturday, June 3. If you are willing to help serve ice cream contact Taylor Wolfswinkel.

Quick update on the streaming at Carmel Reformed Church. We have started to use YouTube for some of our streaming at Carmel. We would like to let you know that we will continue to Facebook and YouTube. In the next couple of weeks please give any feedback to your likes or dislikes to this new platform of viewing. The website can be found by typing in Carmel Reformed Church on the YouTube website.

All are welcome to join us on Memorial Day, May 29 for a Pancake Breakfast at the American Reformed Church in Hull serving from 7:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Freewill donation with proceeds going towards Rocky Mountain High and Power Connection Youth Group Trips.

RiseFest 2023 is only a couple weeks away! Experience two day of great music, messages of hope, fun activities for the whole family, engaging seminars, delicious food, and more. Don't miss *Crowder, We The Kingdom, Cory Asbury, Cain, Anne Wilson, Ben Fuller, Dordt Worship, Eagle Brook, Cochren & Co., Maggi Thorne, and Rob Roozeboom*. Visit [riseministries.com](http://riseministries.com) for more information and to purchase tickets.

## **KEEPERS OF THE KINGDOM!**

- ◆ **Helper** for 6th grade on Wednesday and Friday. Contact Kortney Haan to help.
- ◆ **Volunteers** to help set up the tent on Saturday, June 3. Contact Taylor Wolfswinkel or Kortney Haan.
- ◆ **VBS needs volunteers to sign up for snacks for the teachers.** Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/XYNHDpU> or write your name on the sheet on the coffee table.

### **VBS Kickoff — Sunday evening, June 5**

*Join us for the official 2023 Carmel VBS Kickoff event! The evening will include training for our volunteers, a worship service to introduce our theme for the week and 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/Helpers Training (meet in the Fellowship Hall)

**6:30 p.m.**—VBS Kickoff Service (Parents/Kids, Volunteers, Church members)

**7:30 p.m.**—Sneak Peek (Parents/Kids meet teachers and see rooms)

**GENERAL FUND GIVING:** Offering: \$7,461.90

Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$252,841.92