

September 17, 2023

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

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: *Sandi Vonk*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Worship Hymns: #30 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Invocation

Moment in Missions: *Youth Front*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: #689 *"How Firm A Foundation"*

(Offering for the General Fund)

(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Acts 1:1-4

Message: **"A Devoted People"**

Closing Hymn: #2 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

(Offering for Christian Care Fund)

*Benediction

Postlude: *Sandi Vonk*

(*please stand if you are able)

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Sandi Vonk*

Welcome

Worship Hymns: #574 *"Does Jesus Care?"*

#532 *"Little Is Much When God Is In It"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading from the Bible: #1242 *"A Kingdom of
Priests"*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: #507 *"Love Divine All Love Excelling"*

Scripture: Genesis 50: 15-21; Romans 14:1-13

Message: **"Boundless Forgiveness"**

Sharing of God's Peace: Matthew 18:21-35

Closing Hymn: #785 *"God Be With You" (v. 1)*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Sandi Vonk*

(*Please stand if you are able)

*In the words of the Israelites: "The Lord is ... the reason of
[our] song, because he has saved [us]" (Exodus 15:2, CEV). Wel-
come to worship! Please join us for refreshments after the morning
worship service.*

A warm welcome to Pastor Mark De Younge as he leads our morning service and Pastor Bill Loeffke as he leads our evening 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

10:45 a.m. — **Sunday School**

Preschool-1st grade meet in the music room

2nd-6th grade meet in the sanctuary

Lesson: “*God Gave the People the Land*”

Sunday School Guide Class meets in the library.

6:30 p.m.— **Sr. & Jr. RCYF**

8:00 p.m.—**Homebuilders**

Hosts: The Haverhals

Nursery Attendants: Danica, Lynna, Aniya, Alydia. **Door Attendant:** Matt. **Ushers:** Adam (M); Austin (NE); Luke (SW). **Audio:** Dan. **Video:** Enrique. **Power Point:** Eric. **After Service Greeters:** Jerry (M), Mark (NE), Tom (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, September 18

9:00 a.m.— “*As For Me*” Bible Study

6:00 p.m. - **GEMS meet at Pizza Hut!**

8:00 p.m. Pick up your GEM at Fields of Fun!

If you need a ride from and back to Carmel please contact Kristi Van Voorst or Rachel Van Roekel.

****Please bring your registration and dues!****

7:00 p.m.—**Cadets**

Wednesday, September 20

5:00—7:00 p.m.—**50’s Night Celebration**

Hosted by: Sr. RCYF

7:00 p.m.—**Prayer Meeting**

7:00 p.m.—**Wednesday Night Activities**

Lesson: “*The Hearts of Man*”

7:00 p.m.— “*Seamless*” Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY, September 24

Nursery Attendants: Nikki Hulstein, Alyssa Kuyper, Ava Sandbulte, Kylee Sandbulte. **Door Attendant:** Wayne Te Grotenhuis. **Ushers:** Kendrick Van Keckerix (M); Brad Beukelman (NE); Orlin Oostra (SW). **Refreshments:** Matt Smolders, Jack Soodsma.

Cookies: Carol Langstraat, Allison Leusink, Ronda Leusink, Carman Maassen, Amy McAlpine. **Special Music:** Josh Vanden Top. **Special Offering:** Missionary Support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Janice Luevano will be having aortic (heart) surgery on Thursday, September 21 at St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester.

Russ Vande Vegte is recovering from surgery at home and doing physical therapy.

Herb Remmerde is in Rock Valley Hospital and is doing physical therapy.

Carrie Van Voorst was transferred to Fellowship Village in Inwood, IA on hospice care.

Paisley Davelaar got to go home on Tuesday, September 12 and will continue to heal at home.

Arlyn Keizer is recovering from cataract and cornea surgery. He has a check up on his eye on Monday, September 18.

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 Lebanon Christian Reformed Congregation and Pastor Bob Drenten.

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.

Congratulations to *Charles and Lindsay Kor* on the birth of a daughter, *Blakely Jean Kor*, born on Wednesday, September 13.

Happy Birthday to *Evelyn Klaahsen* as she celebrates her 81st birthday on Tuesday, September 19.

“Dear Carmel family, thank you for all the love and support for our family. It has been great to have you guys to lean on in the midst of our loss. We love you all. Thanks for all the prayers and gifts.”

—Ross & Stacy Hoekstra, Avett, Zola, Malakai

Articles for the *HIGHLIGHTS* are due next Sunday, September 24.

Ballots for CWM (Carmel Women’s Ministries) officers are in your mailbox. Place your completed ballots in the box marked CWM Ballots on the Coffee Station by Sunday, October 1.

Do you enjoy listening to inspirational Christian music? If so, mark your calendars for “An Evening of Praise” on October 6. Bible League International Ambassadors are sponsoring a music concert at the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa beginning at 7:00 p.m. The groups that will be performing are Four for Him, the Klaasens, and Ensemble Royale. There will also be a featured six-handed piano arrangement performed by Trio BDT. A free will offering will be taken for Bible League International. This year Bible League is celebrating its 85th anniversary. Every \$5.00 raised will cover the cost of putting a Bible written in a language that they can understand in the hands of people around the world. Please invite your friends and family to “An Evening of Praise.” Everyone is welcome!

CARMEL’S “BODY BUILDING” PROGRAM

1 Corinthians 14:12, “*So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.*” Last month we kicked off our building up of the body of Carmel by highlighting the VBS program and the incredible army that all volunteer each year to be the hands and feet of Jesus. This month’s “Body Part” we’d like to focus on is the **Education Programs of Carmel Church**. Please take time this month to show an act of appreciation through cards, encouragement, and prayer for those in leadership of the Education Programs in Carmel and to the many teachers who so faithfully share the Gospel message to Carmel’s children and young adults. As the new education year approaches also consider how God may be calling you to be a part of this year’s Education programming in Carmel. Finally pray for this upcoming year. Pray for our leaders, teachers, and especially the children and young adults, that the seeds that are planted throughout the year grow to bear great fruit in Christ’s Kingdom.



50's Night Celebration

Wednesday, September 20

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**SERVING: Hot dogs, Coney dogs,
Taverns, and Root beer floats (Freewill
donation)**

**There will be plenty of music, 50's fashion and fun!!
Come show off your classic cars and have a bite to eat!**

**This fundraiser is for Sr. RCYF
Your support is very much appreciated!!**

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering : \$1530.00

Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$ 312,818.11

Property Fundraiser: \$57,490.04