

**January 28, 2024**

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

**MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)**

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Worship Songs: *"Jesus, Strong and Kind"*  
*"I Speak Jesus"*

Invocation

Congregational Prayer

Offertory Hymn: **#84** *"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"*  
(Offering for the Property Fundraiser for carpet and office remodel)  
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Luke 14:15-24

Message: **"The Outrageous Invitation"**

Closing Song: *"Reason I Sing"*  
(Offering for Missionary Support)

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

(\*please stand if you are able)

**EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)**

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Worship Hymns: **#272** *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*  
**#273** *"Alleluia! Sing To Jesus"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: **#1248 Selection 19**  
*"My Refuge and Fortress"*

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn: **#646** *"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"*

Scripture: Revelation 12

Message: **"The Invisible War"**

\*Closing Hymn: **#4** *"Glorify Thy Name"*

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

(\*Please stand if you are able)

*Welcome to worship. "Praise the Lord! ... He sent redemption to his people. ... Holy and awesome is his name" (Psalm 111:1, 9, NRSV). Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.*

**A warm welcome** to Pastor Justin Bailey as he leads our morning service and Pastor Cliff Hoekstra 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

### 10:30 a.m.— **Croc Mission Trip meet in chapel.**

The members going on the mission trip please meet in the chapel after the morning service.

### 10:45 a.m.—**Sunday School.**

Preschool-1st grade meet in the music room.  
2nd-6th grade meet in the sanctuary.

**Lesson:** “*God Choose David To Be King*”

**Sunday School Guide Class** meet in the library.

### 2:00 p.m. —**Sr. RCYF meet at church**

(We will leave the church at 2:15 p.m. to go bowling and out for ice cream!)

### 6:30 p.m.—**Jr RCYF**

**Nursery Attendants:** Rachel V.R., Lexy V.G., Ruthie V.B., Gabby P. **Door Attendant:** Regan. **Ushers:** Luke (M); Eric O. (NE); Adam (SW). **Audio:** Dan. **Video:** Chad. **Power Point:** Barb. **After Service Greeters:** Denny & Shawn (M), Jerry (NE), Dan (SW).

## THIS WEEK

### Wednesday, January 31

#### 5:00-7:00 p.m.—**Soup Supper**

The Jr. RCYF will be serving soups, sandwiches, pies and desserts. Freewill donation for Jr. RCYF. Please have your donated soups, tavern and creamed chicken at church **by 10:00** and your pies and deserts **by noon**. Make sure soup is not frozen.

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

Lesson: “*Sodom & Gomorrah*”

## NEXT SUNDAY, February 4

**Nursery Attendants:** Sara Sandbulte, Hannah Smolders, Aniya Robertson, Slayden Sandbulte. **Door Attendant:** Cal Sandbulte.

**Ushers:** Austin Sandbulte (M); Orlin Oostra (NE); Greg De Wit (SW). **Refreshments:** Denny De Jong, Becky Ochsendorf.

**Cookies:** Anita Van Ravenhorst, Rachel Van Roekel, Helen Vande Vegte, Lorna Vander Vliet, Mary Lou Verburg. **Special Music:** Kelly Zinnel. **Special Offering:** Rocky Mountain High.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Uphold in Prayer

*Warren Post* is receiving chemo treatments for lung cancer.

*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 Hope Lutheran 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.

Happy Birthday to *Jo Te Grotenhuis* who will celebrate her 89th birthday today, January 28.

Happy Birthday to *Dallas De Jong* who will celebrate his 81st birthday on Thursday, February 1.

**Attention Treasurers:** Your books will be audited on Monday evening, February 5. Please have your check register, record book, receipts and bank statements from October 2022 to December 2023 in the Consistory Room **by NOON on Monday, February 5.**

The Jr. RCYF Soup Supper will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They would appreciate donations of chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, chili soup, 9X13 desserts, and pies. Please sign up at the Coffee Station.

22:6 Group has some bags of frozen sweet corn for sale! Mark down your name and how many bags you took. Please pay when picking it up, noting on paper how much it was. Checks need to be made out to Carmel Reformed Church 22:6 Group.

## Mission Update:

Dear Carmel Family,

The new year is upon us and as a Mission Committee we are so excited to see what God will do in 2024. The planning for the Mexico Croc trip is in full swing! We are excited to let the church know that we have 8 people attending this trip. Sofia Sandbulte has secured the tickets this week and we are excited for the planning coming in the next couple months. If you have not signed up and still have an interest in this trip and have a passport, we will still be able to take a few more people. If so, sign up by February 1 or contact Sofia Sandbulte, Eric Van Roekel or Dan Fedders as soon as possible.

Many of the congregation members are familiar with our mission with the Ukrainian families that have joined Carmel. We started with the Takalos (Artem, Brihitta, Sasha, Aviheia, Naomi, Takao and Oleksandr Mishchenko) family that came over in fall 2022. The family quickly adjusted to Northwest Iowa and began establishing their family in our community and now have established jobs and become involved in Carmel. We were then blessed with the family of Olesia and Sergiy Panasovych and their daughter Yevhinia. The exciting part of this addition is Olesia is Artem's sister. What a blessing to be involved with bringing this family over and join them back together from the war-torn country of Ukraine. Every time we have brought these families over, Carmel has helped with the financial support for tickets and money to help the families get on their feet. It has been a blessing to help these families. We have another opportunity to help bring over Bohdan and Oleksandra Panasovych. Bohdan is the son of Sergiy and Olesia. Carmel has made a decision to support this family with a financial obligation of \$15,000.00. The money will help with the plane tickets and start the family financially. If you feel led to contribute to this cause, please write Ukrainian family in the memo of your check. If you feel led to help in different ways, please contact Ryan Oostra.

Last but not least, you don't have to leave the U.S. to serve God in missions. We wanted to provide an opportunity for missions within the U.S. You will see information from the JFA organization of upcoming trips they are offering. We have an insert in your mailbox.

If you have interest in the mission trips, talk with Eric Van Roekel, Jerry Noteboom, Nate Van Ginkel or Dan Fedders. All these missions are great opportunities for Carmel members to grow in Christ. We ask for you to prayerfully consider the missions. We also ask to prayerfully consider these missions financially in the next couple of months.

Thank you!! Carmel Mission Committee

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## Galentines



Women's life is excited to celebrate Y.O.U. again this year!

- \* Grab your best Gal Pal and head to the Grain House in Hull for this fun event!
- \* Bring along one \$10 gift card to your favorite place to share (retail store, movie theater, coffee shop, food truck, etc.)
- \* Come for a fun night out with the gals to laugh, have some yummy drinks and play a fun game!

Contact Kristi Gesink or the church office to sign up!

## SOUP SUPPER

Wednesday, January 31

Serving soups, sandwiches  
pies and desserts  
from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Freewill donation for Jr. RCYF to attend

Middle School Retreat and Power Connection.

Invite your friends!!

"TO GO" Option is available

**GENERAL FUND GIVING:** Offering : \$9,261.90  
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$58,931.90  
Property Fundraiser Offering: \$374.00  
Property Fundraiser: \$142,180.03

## Jesus, Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst,  
I should come to Him.  
No one else can satisfy.  
I should come to Him.

Jesus said, if I am weak,  
I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my strength.  
I should come to Him.

For the Lord is good and faithful.  
He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus.  
Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear,  
I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my shield.  
I should come to Him.

For the Lord is good and faithful,  
He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus.  
Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said, if I am lost,  
He will come to me.  
And He showed me on that cross  
He will come to me.

For the Lord is good and faithful.  
He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus.  
Jesus, strong and kind.

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He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus.  
Jesus, strong and kind.  
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## I Speak Jesus

I just wanna speak the Name of Jesus  
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind.  
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence,  
I speak Jesus.

I just wanna speak the Name of Jesus  
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break.  
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom,  
I speak Jesus.

'Cause Your Name is power,  
Your Name is healing,  
Your Name is life.  
Break ev'ry stronghold,  
Shine through the shadows,  
Burn like a fire.

I just wanna speak the Name of Jesus  
Over fear and all anxiety.  
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression,  
I speak Jesus.

Your Name is power,  
Your Name is healing,  
Your Name is life.  
Break ev'ry stronghold,  
Shine through the shadows,  
Burn like the fire.

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Shout Jesus from the mountains,  
And Jesus in the streets,  
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy.  
Jesus for my fam'ly,  
I speak the holy Name Jesus.

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Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind  
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence,  
I speak Jesus.

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## REASON I SING

You pulled me from the darkness  
And clothed me in garments of praise,  
Jesus, forever, my song will be you,  
Yeah, I'm living in freedom  
You've taken my burdens away,  
Jesus, forever, my song will be You.  
I'm only for You.

For the cross that You bore  
And the debt that You paid;  
For the vict'ry You won over death and the grave.  
This is the reason I sing.

For the hope that You give  
And the joy that You bring,  
For the promise that Heaven is waiting for me.  
This is the reason I sing.

I will not be silent;  
I'll testify of Your grace.  
Jesus, forever, my song will be You,  
Only for You.

For the cross that You bore  
And the debt that You paid;  
For the vict'ry You won over death and the grave.  
This is the reason I sing.

For the hope that You give  
And the joy that You bring,  
For the promise that Heaven is waiting for me.  
This is the reason I sing.

So good, so good,  
You're so good to me.  
Forever I'll sing,

"You're so good to me."  
Hey, You're so good,  
You're so good,  
You're so good,  
Forever, I'll sing,  
"You're so good for me."  
Yeah!

For the cross that You bore  
And the debt that You paid,  
For the vict'ry You won over death and the grave.  
Oh, this is the reason I sing.

For the hope that You give  
And the joy that You bring,  
For the promise that Heaven is waiting for me:  
This is the reason I sing.

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And the debt that You paid,  
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Jesus, the reason I sing.  
Jesus, the reason I sing.  
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