

**February 11, 2024**  
**CADET SUNDAY**

*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 Songs: *"Goodness to God"*  
*"You've Already Won"*

Invocation

Carmel Cadets

Preparatory for the Lord's Supper

Ministry in Music: *Shelly Van Otterloo*

Congregational Prayer

Offertory Hymn: #496 *"Living For Jesus"*  
(Offering for the Property Fundraiser for carpet and office remodel)  
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Mark 1:21-28

Message: **"Words Of Power"**

Closing Hymn: #442 *"Blessed Assurance"*  
(Offering for Mission Projects)

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Nora Bohl*

(\*please stand if you are able)

**EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)**

Prelude: *Nora Bohl*

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Worship Hymns: #713 *"Rescue The Perishing"*  
#705 *"Send The Light"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: #1249 **Selection 21**  
*"Oh, How I Love Your Law"*

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn: #297 *"Spirit Of The Living God"*  
(Offering for Calvinist Cadet Corps)

Scripture: Mark 1:1-13

Message: **"Jesus On The Move"**

\*Closing Hymn: #721 *"There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing"*

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Nora Bohl*

(\*Please stand if you are able)

*Welcome to worship. May we always follow God's call to listen to his beloved Son. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.*

**Today is Cadet Sunday.** We praise God for our Cadet program, its leaders and its members. May God use this program to bring glory to Him as it instructs and encourages our young boys to live for Him. Our offering tonight is for the Calvinist Cadet Corps.

**A warm welcome** to Dr. Nathan Hitchcock as he leads our morning service and Pastor Cliff Hoekstra as he leads our evening service.

**Special thanks** to *Shelly Van Otterloo* for her ministry in music.

**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.—**Mission Trip Meeting in the chapel.**

Everyone going on the Croc 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 Made A Covenant with David*”

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

**Nursery Attendants:** Lexy V.G., Whitney V.E., Alydia S., Ava S. **Door Attendant:** Jack. **Ushers:** Trevor (M); Brad (NE); Kendrick (SW). **Audio:** Josh. **Video:** Enrique. **Power Point:** Chad. **After Service Greeters:** Jerry & Mark (M), Dan (NE), Denny (SW).

## THIS WEEK

### Monday, February 12

6:30 p.m.—**Elders’ Meeting.** Anyone desiring to make profession of their faith may meet with the elders at 7:00.

7:30 p.m.—**Consistory Meeting.**

### Tuesday, February 13

7:00 p.m.—**Diamonds Ministry**

### Wednesday, February 14

7:30 a.m.—**Men’s Prayer Group**

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

Lesson: “*Isaac: Child of Promise*”

## NEXT SUNDAY, February 18

**Nursery Attendants:** Kayti Beukelman, Kristi Segar, Kylee Sandbulte, Hannah Van Roekel. **Door Attendant:** Matt Smol-

ders. **Ushers:** Eric Ochsendorf (M); Pete Vonk (NE); Dan Buyert (SW). **Refreshments:** Jack Soodsma, Verlyn Van Regenmorter. **Cookies:** Linda Altena, Hazel Haverhals, Ronda Leusink, Fonda Post, Amy Rozeboom. **Special Music:** Ken Altena. **Special Offering:** Brian & Donna Renes.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Uphold in Prayer

*Denny and Lin De Jong* are going on a mission trip to Jackson, MS with JFA, February 9-18.

*Arlyn Keizer* will have an eye appointment on Wednesday, February 21 in Sioux Falls.

*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.

Next Sunday, by the Grace of God we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

Our sympathies to the family of *Warren Post* who passed away Monday, February 5. May God grant peace and comfort to his wife *Fonda Post and family, and Darwin (brother) & Lorraine Post and family.*

Congratulations to *Luke and Kortney Haan* on the birth of a daughter, *Kenna Grace Haan*, born Friday, February 2.

After the morning service the GEMS will be sampling some of the food from their fundraiser in the Moses Room. There are extra sheets at the Coffee Station if you are wanting to purchase any.

Women’s Life will be starting a Bible Study. *Without Wavering* Bible Study is a 7-session study, starting February 21 at 7:00 p.m., that draws inspiration from the bracing anecdotes in Hebrews 11 and the example Jesus set. If you are interested in participating in this Bible study, please contact Kristi Gesink or Jayden Pieper.

“This week we were once again reminded why we are part of this great church. We can’t thank you enough for all the generous donations of soup, meat, pies, and desserts for our Jr. RCYF Soup Supper. Thank you to everyone that came out Wednesday night and supported us with their time, attendance, and donations. These fundraisers allow the kids to attend Power Connection and Middle School Retreat with their friends and church family without having to worry about how they will pay for it. Thanks again! See you next year.”

-Jr. RCYF Sponsors & Kids

It’s time to start working on quilts and pillowcases for Royal Family Kids campers. We need 45 quilts completed by July. Kits have been precut for simple strip quilts and instructions are provided for simple sewing. If you are interested in helping with this mission, contact Anita Van Ravenhorst at 712-541-1744 or email at [adraven@mtcnet.net](mailto:adraven@mtcnet.net). These campers treasure their quilts and pillowcases! Help us bless these campers!

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It’s not too early to start thinking about Summer Camp at Inspiration Hills. Registration is open and some camps fill up fast. Stop and pick up a brochure near the mailboxes. Or visit their website: [www.inspirationhills.org](http://www.inspirationhills.org) and check out all the different camps. Remember Carmel Church pays for 1/2 of the registration fee for one camp, per student, per year. Please contact the church with the name of the camp and student after signing up.

Please pray for the Brothers in Blue as they head to the Mike Durfee State Prison this weekend. There are 135 people going to the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, SD. Three people from Carmel are going: Mike Haverhals, Verlyn & LeaAnn Van Regenmorter. Pray the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of these men.

Throughout the pages of the Bible, Scripture testifies regularly to the power of song and music as a way to honor and worship God, calling on the faithful to join in. At Carmel Reformed Church, this begins at a young age thanks to those who lead Praise Team.

*In 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, the Apostle Paul speaks of the body of Christ: the church. With Christ as head and we as the body, we are called to work together as one unit, depending on each other to use our gifts to build each other up.* Throughout a series of articles in the Newsletter, we have been going through a “body building” season so that we may all consider the many different parts, praying for them, thanking and encouraging those involved and asking how God can use each of us and our gifts here in Carmel. The next article in this ongoing series focuses on the Music Program.

The Music Program in Carmel consists of the Praise Team led by Jamie Van Voorst with a rotation of 15 members: Dan Fedders, Kay Koedam, Monica Kuyper, Adam Nibbelink, Loren Punt, Kassidy Robinson, Matt Smolders, Sofia Sandbulte, Addison Terpstra, Nate Van Otterloo, Shelly Van Otterloo, Beau Van Voorst, Paula Van Voorst, Heidi Vande Zandschulp, Kelly Zinnel and several instrumentalists.

Sunday School music leaders are: Barb Punt, Deb Dibbet, Brooke Byker, and Kiley Landman.

Organist/pianists are: Nora Bohl and Sandi Vonk.

We give thanks for those who serve in the Music Program in Carmel today, as well as the many who have served in the past, as it is through their dedication that the rafters of our church continue to reverberate with the happy praises of our church’s children and members.



**Easter Lilies**

## ORDER EASTER LILIES

With Easter quickly approaching we would like your help in decorating the front of church with Easter Lilies. Stop by the coffee station in the Fellowship Hall. Fill out a slip and put it, along with \$20 per Lily, in an envelope and place it in the box.

Make checks payable to Carmel Women’s Ministries.

**Deadline to order Lilies is February 18!**

## **CADET SUNDAY LITANY**

**LEADER:** This year's Cadet theme is "Rooted and Grounded", based on Ephesians 3:17-18. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. We as Cadets are committed to being rooted and grounded in our faith in God. In the following litany, we will look at our foundation in Christ and the extent of His love for us.

**CADETS:** We need to have Christ as our basis for living.

**CONGREGATION:** Blessed is the one ... whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. Psalm 1:1-2

**CADETS:** Good roots will allow us to grow strong and prosper.

**CONGREGATION:** That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. Psalm 1:3

**CADETS:** We need to allow the love of Christ to become our foundation.

**CONGREGATION:** Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24

**CADETS:** Trusting in God's love will give us strength.

**CONGREGATION:** There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

**CADETS:** God's love is wide enough to cover everyone in the world.

**CONGREGATION:** There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

**CADETS:** God's love is so long it has no beginning or end.

**CONGREGATION:** Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

**CADETS:** The extent of God's love has no limit.

**CONGREGATION:** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him. Psalm 103:11

**CADETS:** No matter how low we may feel, God is still there with us.

**CONGREGATION:** If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. Psalm 139:8

**LEADER:** As our theme verse was Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, may it also be our prayer for the Cadets.

**CONGREGATION:** And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

## Goodness of God

I love you Lord.  
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.  
All my days, I've been held in Your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up,

Until I lay my head,  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God  
And all my life You have been faithful.  
And all my life You have been so, so good.  
With ev'ry breath that I am able,  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice.  
You have led me through the fire.  
And in darkest nights,  
You are close like no other.  
I've known You as a father.  
I've known You as a friend.  
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

And all my life You have been faithful.  
And all my life You have been so, so good.  
With ev'ry breath that I am able,  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

'Cause Your goodness is running after,  
It's running after me.  
And Your goodness is running after,  
It's running after me.  
With my life laid down,  
I'm surrendered now,  
I give You everything.

'Cause Your goodness is running after,  
It's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give you everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

And all my life You have been faithful.  
And all my life You have been so, so good.  
With ev'ry breath that I am able,  
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.

'Cause all my life You have been faithful.  
And all my life You have been so, so good.  
With ev'ry breath that I am able,  
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.  
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.

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## You've Already Won

There's peace that outlasts darkness,  
Hope that's in the blood;  
There's future grace that's mine today  
That Jesus Christ has won.

So, I can face tomorrow  
For tomorrow's in Your hands.  
All I need You will provide,  
Just like You always have.

I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won.  
No matter what come my way,  
I will overcome.  
Don't know what You're doing,  
But I know what You've done.  
I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won!

There's mercy in the waiting,  
Manna for today;  
And when it's gone,  
I know you're not.  
You are my hope and stay.

When the sea is raging,  
Your Spirit is my help.  
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ,  
And I'll say that is well.  
Oh, I know that it is well!

I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won.  
No matter what come my way,  
I will overcome.  
Don't know what You're doing,  
But I know what You've done.  
I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won!

I know how the story ends;  
We will be with You again.  
You're my Savior, my defense;  
No more fear in life or death.  
I know how this story ends.

I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won.  
No matter what come my way,  
I will overcome.  
Don't know what You're doing,  
But I know what You've done.  
I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won!  
You've already won!