March 24, 2024

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

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: Shelly Van Otterloo

Welcome

Call to Worship

Ministry in Music: Nursery and Cherub Choir

*Worship Songs: "In Christ Alone/Solid Rock" "Thank You Jesus For The Blood"

Invocation

Profession of Faith: Addisyn Huizenga

Congregational Prayer

Croc Mission Presentation

Offertory: Croc Mission Video (Offering for Property Fundraiser for carpet and office remodel) (Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-4:11

Message: "Water And The Wilderness"

Closing Hymn: **#217** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Offering for Missionary Support)

*Benediction

Postlude: Shelly Van Otterloo

(*please stand if you are able)

Song sheets are on the bulletin tables for those who are unable to see the screen for the worship songs this morning, or ask an usher for one.

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: Jamie Van Voorst

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Worship Hymns: #233 "The Old Rugged Cross" #218 "Jesus Paid It All"

Invocation

Responsive Reading: #1251 Selection 26 "To Us a Child Is Born"

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#220** "Lamb Of Glory" (Offering for GEMS)

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

Message: "What A Difference A Week Makes"

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

*Closing Hymn: #229 "At The Cross"

*Benediction

Postlude: Jamie Van Voorst

(*Please stand if you are able)

Welcome to worship this Palm Sunday. As we follow Jesus into Jerusalem, the city of his death but also his resurrection, may we experience the wonder of his love. 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 Bill Loefke as he leads our evening service.

We will welcome *Addisyn Huizenga* into the communicant family of Carmel Church this morning through Profession of Faith. May God bless you, Addisyn, as you live for Him. **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.—22:6 Group Meeting in the Chapel following the morning worship service.

10:45 a.m—Sunday School.

Preschool-1st grade meet in the music room. 2nd-6th meet in the sanctuary. Lesson: "God Is Good to Give Mercy"

Sunday School Guide Class will meet in the library.

6:30 p.m.—Jr. & Sr. RCYF

<u>Nursery Attendants</u>: Kristi S., Lexy V.G., Attyson P., Gabby P. <u>Door Attendant</u>: Kelly. <u>Ushers</u>: Trevor (M), Brady (NE), Sean (SW). <u>Audio</u>: Josh. <u>Video</u>: Chad. <u>Power Point</u>: Lanae. <u>After Service Greeters</u>: Jerry & Mark (M), Dan (NE), Dennis (SW).

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, March 27

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.—**Sr. RCYF Taco Supper and Silent Auction.** Sr. RCYF will be serving Tacos and Ice Cream for a freewill donation. There will also be a silent auction and bidding will close at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.—Women's Bible Study "Without Wavering"

Thursday, March 28

5:15 p.m.—Carmel Serves at The Banquet in Sioux Falls.

We still need people to sign up to prepare the meal (at 2:00 p.m.) and to help serve the meal. Donations for the meal supplies and milk are needed as well. Please sign up at the Coffee Station <u>today</u>, so we know if we have enough people. If you need a ride please contact the church office by Tues day, March 26!

Friday, March 29

7:00 p.m.—**Good Friday Communion Service.** <u>Ushers</u>: Trevor (M), Brady (NE), Sean (SW)

NEXT SUNDAY, March 31

Easter Sunday

Nursery Attendants: Sara Sandbulte, Hannah Smolders, Slayden Sandbulte, Akenna Sandbulte. <u>Door Attendant</u>: Cal Sandbulte. <u>Ushers</u>: Brian Rozeboom (M), Marlin Sandbulte (NE), Colten Smolders (SW). <u>Refreshments</u>: Mike Haverhals, Becky Ochsendorf. <u>Cookies</u>: Frieda Bartels, Sherri Wolfswinkel, Ronda Leusink, Rachel Van Roekel, Sandi Vonk. <u>Special Music</u>: Praise Team. <u>Special Offering</u>: Outreach Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Bohdan & Oleksandra Panasovych as they adjust to the United States and start searching for jobs.

Dale Woudstra will be going on a mission trip, April 5-14, to Bornet County, Kenya to work with the Tenwek Hospital on

their mechanical and electrical system in their new cardiothoracic expansion.

VBS Directors as they continue to prepare for VBS.

Kyle Van Ginkel serving in the army.

Keep the *Pastor Ron and Karen Boersema* in your prayers as they consider the call be the pastor at Carmel.

Praying for our local congregations: This week please be in prayer for God's blessing for the Bethel Christian Reformed Congregation and Pastor John Lee.

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.

"Thank you for participating in OCC this year! In our Northwest Iowa Area, there were 10,163 shoeboxes gathered; which is 1,519 more than in 2022. Praise God for this tremendous outpouring of love! Children in 100+ countries are blessed with the contents of the boxes and most importantly with the Good News of Jesus."

-OCC Church Relations

<u>Prayer Day of Crops and Industry</u> will be Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. with Stacy Jasper sharing some thoughts at this service of worship and praise.

Your invitation to the Appreciation Legacy Supper sponsored by the Sr. RCYF, is in your mailbox. Please RSVP to the church office **by Monday, April 15** or sign up at the Coffee Station.



Sr. RCYF Taco Supper & Silent Auction Fundraiser



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Sr. RCYF will be serving Tacos and Ice Cream For a freewill donation There will also be a silent auction Bidding will close at 7:00 p.m.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED To Serve at the Banquet

Carmel will be serving at **The Banquet** in Sioux Falls, on <u>Thursday, March 28</u>. Volunteers are needed to help serve the meal. **Sign up at the Coffee Station.** Monetary donations are also needed for the meal and milk. You may put your donation in the box near the sign up sheet. The church Van will be going to Sioux Falls for those who don't wish to drive. Also needed containers with lids (such as Cool Whip or margarine) for leftovers at the Banquet. Place your containers in the box near the church office. Carmel VBS

Hurry and Sign up!

VBS opens up to the public April 1. Get your kids, grandkids, or yourself signed up.



Sign ups are online or grab a paper copy from our table in the Fellowship Hall and place it in a director's mailbox.

We'd love to have you join us June 3-7 for an epic cruise from **Genesis to Revelation**!

Diamonds Ministry invites you to a night of worship!

CREATED WITH A PURPOSE— A night of worship April 17 @ 7:00-9:00 p.m. @ Carmel Reformed Church

You are invited to join Diamonds for *Created with a Purpose* – *a night of worship!* Are you tired? Are you too busy to find time in the presence of God? Do you feel like you're bound by darkness? Do you not understand what your purpose is? Come as you are (young, old, man, woman! All are welcome) on April 17 at Carmel Reformed Church from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for a night of worship, fellowship, and a message from Rob Rozeboom. During our time together, we will be challenged to pick a path. Are you going to choose a path of darkness or the path of light?

We hope and pray you can make it out to help support Diamonds Ministry! Following the service there will be a prayer chapel open to anyone who feels like they need prayer or someone to talk to! As well as an ice cream social in the fellowship hall.

A freewill donation will be going to help support Diamonds to continue to thrive! Through your help we are able to provide Bible studies, Bibles, and also able to go out into the community to serve. It is our hope to be able to go on a mission trip this summer, through your support and by God's grace we will be able to go and serve the Lord wherever He is calling us!

We hope to see you there!

SHRED BAG FUNDRAISER

Carmel Reformed Church is planning a new fundraiser and provide participants with a safe way to dispose of unneeded documents.

It is easy to let outdated or confidential documents pile up around the house, from old checks to tax returns. How many times do you wind up burning those documents or simply hoarding them?

Carmel is partnering with Brommer Sanitation in its shred bag program, which provides a safe means of destroying those unneeded documents.

You can purchase a \$20 bag at the church office or by contacting Dan Fedders and the bag will be put in your church mailbox.

A bag is capable of holding up to 30 pounds of paper. The items in the bag must be free of most large metal clips, paper clips, and binders.

Seal the bag and either bring the bag to Brommer Sanitation or drop it off at Carmel for an upcoming shred day at the church on April 24.

The money raised will be used for a variety of building projects at Carmel.

There will be a box on the Coffee Station to put your checks. Please indicate how many bags you would like in the memo line. If you are paying cash, please have a note with your name and the number of bags you would like to have.

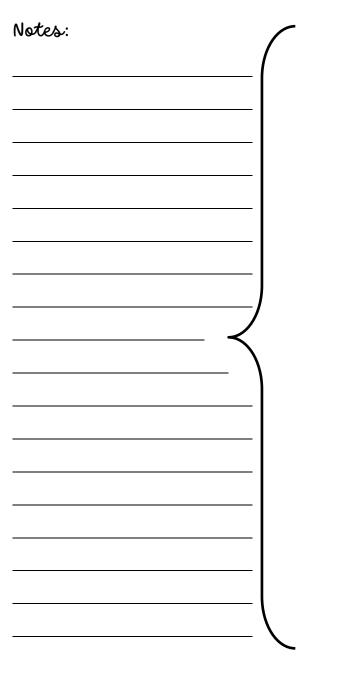
Additional questions about the program can be directed to Dan at 712-540-7105.

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering : \$5,546.00 Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$93,788.90 Property Fundraiser Offering: \$4,702.69 Property Fundraiser: \$167,904.00

Sermon Notes

Today is:

Sermon Title: Scripture:



In Christ Alone/Solid Rock

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song This Cornerstone this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love what depths of peace When fears are stilled when strivings cease My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sins curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

On Christ the Solid Rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand

On Christ the Solid Rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Thank You Jesus For The Blood

I was a wretch, I remember who I was. I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time. Sin separated; the breach was far too wide. But from the far side of the chasm You held me in your sight.

So You made a way across the great divide. Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside. And there at the cross, You paid the debt I owed. Broke my chains, freed my soul, For the first time I had hope.

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied. Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white. Thank you, Jesus. You have saved my life, Brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin. You were buried for three days But then You walked right out again. And now death has no sting and life has no end, For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb.

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied. Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white. Thank you, Jesus. You have saved my life, Brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

There is nothing stronger Than the wonder working power of the blood The blood That calls us sons and daughters. We are ransomed by our Father Through the blood, The blood. There is nothing stronger Of the wonder working power of the blood The blood That calls us sons and daughters. We are ransomed by the Father Through the blood, The blood.

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied. Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white. Thank you, Jesus. You have saved my life, Brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

Glory to His Name. Glory to His Name. There to my heart was the blood applied. Glory to His Name.