

**March 31, 2024**  
**Easter**

*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

Ministry in Music: *Praise Team*

\*Worship Songs: *"Death Was Arrested"*  
*"Jerusalem"*

Invocation

Ministry in Music: *Praise Team*

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **#256** *"Because He Lives"*  
(Offering for General Fund)  
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-5

Message: **"A Living Hope"**

Closing Song: *"Living Hope"* with *Preschool-8th grade*  
(Offering for Outreach Fund)

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

(\*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: **#259** *"Worship Christ, The Risen King"*  
**#262** *"He Lives"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: **#1251 Selection 27**  
*"The Greatness of God"*

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn: **#258** *"Christ Arose"*

Scripture: Revelation 1:9-18

Message: **"Jesus Is Alive"**

\*Closing Hymn: **#260** *"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"*

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

(\*Please stand if you are able)

***Alleluia! As the Risen Jesus greeted Mary (John 20:16), so he greets us. Welcome to Easter worship! Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.***

**A warm welcome** to Pastor Rog Voskuil as he leads our morning service and Pastor Ross Hoekstra as he leads our evening service.

**Special thanks** to the *Praise Team* for their ministry in music.

**During the last song** students Preschool-8th grade are invited to join the praise team up front to sing *"Living Hope"*.

**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 meet in the sanctuary.

**Lesson:** “Easter Story”

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

**Nursery Attendants:** Sara S., Hannah S., Slayden S., Akenna S.

**Door Attendant:** Cal. **Ushers:** Brian (M), Marlin (NE), Colten (SW).

**Audio:** Warren. **Video:** Dale. **Power Point:** Tonia.

**After Service Greeters:** Mark & Dennis (M), Shawn (NE), Leon (SW).

## **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, April 3**

7:00 p.m.—**Prayer Day for Crops and Industry**

An offering for the Christian Care Fund will be received. **Usher:** Brian Rozeboom.

## **NEXT SUNDAY, April 7**

**GEMS Sunday**

**Nursery Attendants:** Jo Moget, Whitney Van Essen, Ava Sandbulte, Morgan Terpstra. **Door Attendant:** Hans Smolders.

**Ushers:** Eric Van Meeteren (M), Jerry Wolfswinkel (NE), Mitch Banks (SW). **Refreshments:** Jack Soodsma, Matt Smolders.

**Cookies:** Colleen Bomgaars, Helen Vande Vegte, Doree Wolfswinkel, Lin De Jong, Donna Renes. **Special Music:**

GEMS. **Special Offering:** Christian Ed/22:6 Group.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Uphold in Prayer**

*Oleksandr (Sasha) Mishchenko* is recovering from surgery for a deviated septum.

*Harlan Van Maanen* has he is in the Avera hospital in Sioux Falls.

*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 Bridge of Hope Congregation and Pastor Sam Ashmore.

**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.

We extend our sympathies to *Verlyn and LeaAnn Van Regenmorter and family* on the death of Verlyn’s father, *Bill*, who passed away on Saturday, March 23. May God grant peace and comfort to their family.

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.

There will be no Women’s Bible Study on April 3. We will resume on April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Did you know we have an online directory? We’d love to get it updated with current photos and contact information before Pastor Ron and Karen Boersema arrive. Please sign up if you haven’t already and please update your information if you have an account. There is an app to download to your phone to make it easier. There are instructions on how to download the app in your mailbox. To make an account please go to: [instantdirectory.com](http://instantdirectory.com) and find the member login.

## 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

# EASTER LILIES

## In Memory of:

Abraham Beukelman  
 Frederick & Patricia Grond  
 Rachel Hope Leusink  
 Arlyn & Jo Dirksen  
 Abraham Dale Beukelman  
 Kaitlyn Van Essen  
 Gaynor & Elsie Te Grotenhuis  
 Les Te Grotenhuis  
 Harold Ronning  
 Marydell Ronning  
 John Renes  
 John & Jenny Bomgaars  
 Dave Bomgaars  
 Clarice & Cynthia Cleveringa  
 Warren Valentine  
 Blackie Bartels  
 Kaitlyn Van Essen  
 Henry & Effie Van Essen  
 Kathy Van Zee  
 Rachel Leusink  
 Cathy Albert  
 Ronald Banks  
 Carter Mason Van Meeteren

## From:

Mat & Kristi Eggebraaten  
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 Josh & Allison Leusink  
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 Brad & Kayti Beukelman  
 Chris & Whitney Van Essen  
 Beth Te Grotenhuis  
 Joan Te Grotenhuis  
 Regan & Tami Ronning  
 Regan & Tami Ronning  
 David & Amy McAlpine  
 Colleen Bomgaars  
 The Bomgaars' Family  
 Colleen Bomgaars  
 Betty Valentine  
 Frieda Bartels  
 Harold & LaVonne Van Essen  
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 John & Ronda Leusink  
 John & Ronda Leusink  
 Rod & Carol Sandbulte  
 Mitchell & Rebecca Banks  
 Eric, Nikki, Trevor, Harper,  
 & Bryer Van Meeteren

Scott De Jong

Dad & Mom

Rachel Meendering

Jeremy, Bryce,  
 Elizabeth Meendering

Gerrit Kruid

Al & Cheryl Sandbulte

Delmar & Betty Sandbulte

Al & Cheryl Sandbulte

Ron Van Meeteren, Carter Van Meeteren  
 & Walter & Matilda Van Meeteren

Glenda Van Meeteren

Warren & Betty Valentine

Glenda Van Meeteren

Alfred & Winnifred De Jong

Den, Lin, & Family

Ed Van Grootheest

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Ken & Eunice Hulstein

Matt & Hannah  
 Smolders

## In Honor of:

Bertha Van Grootheest

## From:

Den, Lin, & Family

**To those who ordered lilies may pick them up after the morning worship service or on Monday during office hours (9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.).**

## **Death Was Arrested**

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love Made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free  
Washes over me  
You have made me new  
Now life begins with You  
It's your endless love  
Pouring down on us  
You have made us new  
Now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend  
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Our savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began

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Oh, we're free, free  
Forever we're free  
Come join the song  
Of all the redeemed  
Yes, we're free free  
Forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, we're free, free  
Forever we're free  
Come join the song  
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## **JERUSALEM**

See Him in Jerusalem,  
Walking where the crowds are.  
Once these streets had sung to Him,  
Now they cry for murder.  
Such a frail and lonely Man  
Holding up the heavy cross.  
See Him walking in Jerusalem  
On the road to save us.

See Him there upon the hill,  
Hear the scorn and laughter.  
Silent as a lamb He waits,  
Praying to the Father.  
See the King who made the sun  
And the moon and shining stars.  
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down,  
So that He could save them.

See Him there upon the cross,  
Now no longer breathing.  
Dust that formed the watching crowds,  
Takes the blood of Jesus.  
Feel the earth is shaking now,  
See the veil is split in two,  
And He stood before the wrath of God,  
Shielding sinners with His blood.

See the empty tomb today,  
Death could not contain Him.  
Once the Servant of the world  
Now in vict'ry reigneth.  
Lift your voices to the One  
Who is seated on the throne.  
See Him in the new Jerusalem.  
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## LIVING HOPE

How great the chasm that lay between us.  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to Heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night.

Then through the darkness  
Your loving kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written.  
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom  
such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.  
The King of kings call me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.  
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.

(continued above)

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken ev'ry chain.  
There's salvation in Your name.  
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Then came the morning that sealed the promise.  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion

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Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.  
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

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