

April 7, 2024
GEMS SUNDAY

*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: *"King of Kings"*
 "This Is Our God"

*Invocation

Baptism: *Wyatt Jon Rozeboom*

GEMS Litany

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Offertory Video: GEMS
(Offering for General Fund)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Message: **"I'm Listening"**

Closing Song: **#103** *"His Eyes Is On The Sparrow"*
(Offering for Christian Ed./22:6 Group)

*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: **#242** *"Glory To His Name"*
#243 *"Blessed Redeemer"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: **#1251 Selection 28**
"He Bore The Sin Of Many"

Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture: John 6

Message: **"Joy In Chaos"**

*Closing Hymn: **#3** *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

(*Please stand if you are able)

This second Sunday of Easter, we are all twin selves, like Thomas, who was called the Twin (John 20:24). Each of us is both doubter and believer, and Jesus blesses us with peace. Welcome. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

This morning we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism with *Wyatt Jon Rozeboom*, son of Cole and Dennica Rozeboom. May God bless this family richly.

Today is the Sunday that we celebrate our GEMS program. We're thankful for all the girls, the counselors, and the blessing that they are to Carmel Church. May God continue to bless our GEMS and use them for His glory. The offering this evening is for GEMS Girls Clubs.

A warm welcome to Pastor Doug Van Aartsen as he leads our morning service and Pastor Jesse Henkle 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 meet in the sanctuary.

Lesson: “*Jeroboam Disobeyed God*”

Sunday School Guide Class will meet in the library.

3:00 p.m.—**Sr. RCYF outing to Great Shots**

Meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. to leave for Great Shots. Supper and beverages will be provided. We will be back at the church around 7:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.—**Jr. RCYF**

Nursery Attendants: Jo M., Whitney V.E., Ava S., Morgan T.

Door Attendant: Cal. **Ushers:** Eric V.M. (M), Jerry (NE), Mitch (SW). **Audio:** Dan. **Video:** Eric. **Power Point:** Enrique. **After Service Greeters:** Dan & Shawn (M), Dennis (NE), Jerry (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, April 8

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, April 9

8:00 p.m.—**Diamonds Ministry**

Wednesday, April 10

7:30 a.m.—**Men’s Prayer Group**

7:00 p.m.—**GEMS**

Women’s Bible Study “*Without Wavering*”

Friday-Sunday, April 12-14

3:30 p.m.—**Jr. RCYF leaves for Middle School Retreat**

Jr. RCYF will return Sunday afternoon

NEXT SUNDAY, April 14

Nursery Attendants: Lexy Van Ginkel, Brynn Van Voorst, Josie Bomgaars, Ruthie Vanden Brink. **Door Attendant:** Jack Soodsma.

Ushers: Brad Beukelman (M), Dan Buyert (NE), Luke Haan (SW).

Refreshments: Glenda Van Meeteren, Hans Smolders. **Cookies:** Kaye Kuyper, Hannah Smolders, Anita Van Ravenhorst, Mary Lou Verburg, Cheryl Lange. **Special Music:** David Bohl. **Special Offering:** Mission Projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Jr. RCYF students and sponsors are attending the Middle School Retreat this week April 12-14.

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

Harlan Van Maanen has been transferred to Hillcrest Assisted Living in Hawarden.

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

Dale Woudstra is on a mission trip to Borneo 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 *Pastor Ron and Karen Boersema* in your prayers as plans are being made to join us in Carmel.

Praying for our local congregations: This week please be in prayer for God’s blessing for the Carmel Reformed 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 *Bill Plantage* who will celebrate his 98th birthday on Wednesday, April 10. Bill is the oldest Carmel member.

Happy anniversary to *Jerry and Londa Rus* who will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 13.

Thank you to Carmel Reformed Congregation for the visits, food, cards, phone calls, and prayers after my hip replacement surgery. It is so good to belong to a loving and caring congregation.”

-Lenore Prins

“A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Sr. RCYF taco supper and auction! We all had a great time serving up tacos and ice cream while getting to see our congregation gather to support us. An extra shout out to those who donated auction items and meat for the supper, these acts of kindness further solidifies what it means to be apart of a supportive congregation. Thank You again!”

-Sr. RCYF

Thank you to all those who helped serve at the Banquet and also thanks to those who gave donations for the meal and milk.

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.

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: instantchurchdirectory.com and find the member login. If you have questions please contact the church office.

Copies of the April *HIGHLIGHTS* are on the Coffee Station if you wish to have a hard copy.

ALL Graduates (whether high school, college, or grad school) please get your graduation information to the church office by **Monday, April 22**. Forms are on the Coffee Station.

NEEDED: Carmel VBS is still in need of teachers and helpers to volunteer. Please consider giving your time and talents for this great mission of our church. Many kids are counting on you to make this possible. Go to: <https://vbspro.events/p/carmelvbs2024> and sign up today!

Today is the last day to pick up your lily! Get them picked up after the morning worship service!

Wednesday, April 10, Carmel GEMS would like to invite Moms, Grandmas and Prayer Friends of Carmel GEMS to join GEMS for the end of the year celebration! A time of worship and fellowship, and counselor Lisa Doelman will be sharing what Winter Warm Up is about and how we are able to help continue this need in our community!

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR VBS

Paper towel cardboard rolls and wrapping paper cardboard rolls. Please put these supplies in the box by the mailboxes.

Join us for Vacation Bible School! VBS is one of the most exciting weeks in our church. Kids ages PreK-8th grade are engaged in fun, excitement, and most importantly, learning about Jesus. We need your help to make our Epic Cruise From Genesis to Revelation a success! Currently, we have 325 kids enrolled and 58 volunteers. **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!** Sign up online by using the link:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/carmelvbs2024>

Or by scanning the QR code:



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 : \$10,592.00
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$104,380.90
Property Fundraiser Offering: \$4,702.69
Property Fundraiser: \$167,904.00

GEMS LITANY

Leader: There is nothing easy about being a girl or living in our world today. We face unique challenges and unsustainable pressures in a culture of confusion about who God is and what is Truth. Sometimes it can feel overwhelming and hopeless. But we gather on this GEMS Sunday in the hope of Jesus Christ.

GEMS Girls: Placing our hope in God changes everything!

All: Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31).

Leader: To put our hope in God, we need to know Him. At GEMS the girls learned these five Truths about who God is and what He has promised.

GEMS Girls: God is King.

All: For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth (Psalm 47:2).

GEMS Girls: God is our Deliverer.

All: The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold (Psalm 18:2).

GEMS Girls: God is trustworthy. He is who He says He is and He will do what He says He will do.

All: The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does (Psalm 145:13B).

GEMS Girls: God is always at work. He is near!

All: The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on him in truth (Psalm 145:18).

GEMS Girls: God is with you wherever you go.

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All: Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9).

Leader: Thanks be to the God of Hope who renews our strength so that we can rise up in every circumstance, stand secure in our faith, and have the confidence that when we put our hope in Him, we will be okay, no matter what.