

# HIGHLIGHTS

CARMEL REFORMED CHURCH

*“Can’t Wait For Sunday”*

**November, 2024**

## HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE?

Have you ever wondered how long it would take to read the Bible? Well, there are a lot of factors that would need to be considered to answer that question. Some of it would depend on how well you read or how fast you read. How much would you read and how often? At what point in life would you start reading the Bible? Depending on how you answer those questions, you would have a better idea about how long it would take.

Now, let’s factor in the size of the Bible ... and how long it is; how many chapters there are; and how many verses are in the Bible. The Bible is arranged into two segments, what we call the Old Testament and the New Testament. Within each of those are a number of “books” that are divided into sections for easier reference. The Old Testament has 39 books, and the New Testament has 27 books. So, if you read one book a day it would take just *over* a month to read the Old Testament and just *under* a month to read the New Testament. With 66 books total, and reading one book a day, you would be able to read the Bible in 66 days.

If that seems like too much to accomplish, you could break it down into chapters. That may be a little more doable than a book a day. So, with 929 chapters in the OT and 260 chapter in the NT it would take you two and a half years to read the OT and eight and half months to year the NT. That would put you at three years and three months to read the whole Bible. The Bible now seems a bit easier to read through, but it would take longer to hear all that God has written down for our understanding.

What if?

Instead of reading a whole chapter a day, you took in the Word of God in bite size pieces? Just a verse a day. That seems much more manageable with our busy lives doesn’t it? So, with a total of 31,102 verses in the Bible, how long would it take you to read the whole Bible? Let’s just say you were a good reader at the age of five years old. And starting then, and reading one verse a day (similar to how we might do family devotions at meal time with a devotional book), how long do you think it would take to read the entire Bible? (*Que the Jeopardy music*) Would you believe that you may NEVER get through the Bible at that pace? At ONE verse per day starting at age five, it would take just over 85 YEARS to get through it all! That means you would not have read all of what God wants you to know about him and his plans for you until just before you die ... IF you make it to 90 years old.

I want to encourage us to be people of The Word. With the Bible being God’s revelation of himself to the world, and also the only way for us to properly understand how we all got here, why the world is in the mess that it is, and how God plans to redeem a broken, hurting world, lost in darkness, and trapped in sin, let’s commit ourselves to a habit of reading God’s Word daily. Treat it like you might if it were a letter from the one you love the most in your life, reading it over and over, cherishing every thought, growing in your love for them. And isn’t that who God is? The One we love the most because of what he had done for us in Jesus our Savior?

If you would like help setting up a Bible reading plan that you can accomplish, come and see me. I would live to help you see the fullness of God’s wonderful book of life!

*Pastor Ron*

<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.  
Psalm 119:105 (ESV)



**November 3:** Alyssa Kuyper, Amy McAlpine, Ava Sandbulte, Alydia Sandbulte.  
**November 10:** Jo Moget, Kristi Segar, Hannah Van Roekel, Kylee Sandbulte.  
**November 17:** Sara Sandbulte,

Rachel Van Roekel, Slayden Sandbulte, Josie Bomgaars.

**November 24:** Lexy Van Ginkel, Londa Boogerd, Jennie Boogerd, Heidi Boogerd.

**December 1:** Brynn Van Voorst, Krisi Van Voorst, Addison Rozeboom, Rylee Bomgaars.

PLEASE find a substitute or trade with some one, if you are unable to be in the nursery. **Please substitute an adult for an adult!**

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**REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE**

R - serve on Sunday morning; C - each bring 5 dozen cookies.

**November 3 - R-**Becky Ochsendorf, Chad Robertson.

**C-**Sherri Wolfswinkel, Amy McAlpine, Donna Renes, Mimi Sandbulte, Rachel Terpstra.

**November 10 - R-** Verlyn Van Regenmorter, Hans Smolders.

**C-** Linda Altena, Misty Zwart, Clarice Van Maanen, Lorna Vander Vliet, Glenda Van Meeteren.

**November 17 - R-** Jared Terpstra, Jerry Renes.

**C-** Sue Noteboom, Sandi Vonk, Gene Sandbulte, Amy Rozeboom, Mary Lou Verburg.

**November 24 - R-** Matt Smolders, Gene Sandbulte.

**C-** Fonda Post, Anita Van Ravenhorst, Doree Wolfswinkel, Frieda Bartels, Teresa Sandbulte.

**December 1 - R-** Jack Soodsma, Dan Buyert.

**C-** Allison Leusink, Rhonda Sandbulte, Erica Robertson, Kaye Kuyper, Lin De Jong.

If this schedule does not work with you please switch with someone.



Call the church office by noon on Monday, to let us know who your special music will be. If you are unable to have special music the scheduled time, please try to exchange with someone. Special music schedule is for the morning worship service.

November	3 - Tim Gesink
November	10- Karrigan Glade
November	17- Luke Haan
November	24- Cherub & Nursery Choir
December	1 - Mike Haverhals

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**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

At the October elder's meeting it was their joy to receive Sadie Janisch into the communicate family of Carmel Reformed Church. Sadie is the daughter of Bob and Brenda Janisch.

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**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

On Sunday, November 17, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper at our morning worship service. Any shut-ins or those in the nursing home who would like Communion served to them, please contact an elder.

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**NEW ARRIVAL**



Congratulations to Kendrick and Aubrey Van Kekerix on the birth of a daughter, Natalynn Leigh, who was born on October 6. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz and was 19.25 inches long. She has a big brother, Landry, to welcome her to the family.

Congratulations to Colyn and Jayden Oostenink on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Ainsley Lee, who was born on October 7. She weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was 22 inches long.

**TRANSFER**



At the October elder's meeting they received the membership of John and Tricia Hoogendoorn with baptized child Cody from Calvin Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley.

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held Monday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. We will be electing two elders and two deacons to serve three year terms on the Consistory. The yearly financial report will also be presented.

The Jr. RCYF will offer free babysitting services that evening. Infants-3 years old will be cared for in the nursery. Children 4+ meet in the Sr. RCYF room for games and movies.

The Jr. RCYF will also have an ice cream social after the Congregational Meeting. They will be serving bowls of ice cream and your favorite toppings for a freewill donation to Jr. RCYF.

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**THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Our Thanksgiving worship service will be held on **Wednesday evening, November 27, at 7:00 pm.** (Note time) Pastor Ron will lead us in our service of praise and thanksgiving. Watch the bulletin for a list of causes you may consider for your Thanksgiving offering.

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**Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 p.m.**— Thanksgiving Eve Service.

**Sunday, December 22, 6:00 p.m.**—Sunday School Christmas Program.

**Wednesday, December 25, 9:30 a.m.**—Christmas Day Service

**PIGS-IN-THE-BLANKET**



We will be making pigs-in-the-blanket on Thursday, October 31 and Thursday, November 7 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Carmel. We will need some willing volunteers to help make the pigs.

elp make pig

The freezer in the Moses Room will be stocked with pigs-in-the-blanket and those yummy pigs will no doubt be flying off the shelves.

The pigs are \$15.00 a dozen. **\*\*Please do not take pigs from the freezer if they are not paid for.\*\***

Sign the sheet and place your money in the box on the counter.

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The Sunday School mission project this year is Love Inc. of Sioux County. Love Inc is an organization that helps churches help people. Sometimes life can give challenging seasons of life, which Love Inc. will help walk beside them. Sometimes that can look like helping with food, home essentials and personal hygiene products, transportation or blessing your neighbors during the holidays. Other times it looks like providing financial mentorship, facilitating a class, helping with a special ministry event. The second Sunday of each month the S. S. offering goes to the mission project. The offering amount to date is \$1,348.69.

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**CADETS NEWS**

The Cadet Fundraising items will be delivered on Wednesday, November 6. If you ordered from a cadet they will deliver your items to you.

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**22:6 SWEET CORN**

The 22:6 Group still has lots of sweet corn available for purchase. \$10/quart bag. The freezer in the back hallway is full. Mark down your name and how many bags you took. Please pay when you pick it up, make checks payable to Carmel Reformed Church 22:6 Group.



This year we have **30 GEMS gals** who are part of Carmel GEMS, 11 of the girls join us from the community. We are blessing to be able to share the joy of Jesus Christ with all the girls from so many various schools and churches.

**Our Kick Off** was held at Heritage Village, hot dogs, chips and root beer floats! The GEMS got to explore the barn and get to know their counselors!

Oct 12, the GEMS went to LeMars for **Bowling and Burgers!** We ate lunch at the Bowling alley Burgers or Chicken Nuggets! The GEMS and Counselors did some wacky bowing and finished with some ice at Wells Blue Bunny.

November 4 is the only meeting this month! Dec 2 we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus!

**The GEMS are selling fresh meals prepared by The Lunch House Oct 21-Nov 4!** Soups, Pasta, Pulled Pork, and meat and potato options are available!!!

Your mailbox should have the options for you and there is a box to put your orders in on the table in the fellowship hall. There are also extra sheets there also! We are planning on the meals to be delivered or brought to church before Thanksgiving!

This year we added 2 **CIT's**- Counselors in Training! Karlee Leusink and Gaby Prins are learning, encouraging and helping with GEMS! It is such a blessing to watch the girls grow up and want to continue with GEMS!

This year we also have our **Prayer Friends!** The GEMS love getting notes of encouragement and just to know someone is praying for them.

This year the ladies are: Mary Lou VerBurg, Lin De Jong, Jo Moget, Sue Noteboom, Dianne Van Ravenswaay, Vicki Fischer, Vicki Vander Lugt, Nora Bohl, Janae Rau, Paula Van Voorst and Anita Soodsma.

If you have any questions about GEMS, please ask, I would love to tell you about Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior!

Our theme Bible verse for the year...

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2*

*Serving Him Together, Kris Van Voorst*



# Deacons Corner — NOVEMBER



**Outreach Fund** – The Outreach Fund is available to assist Carmel Reformed Church members participation in mission projects/trip by providing financial assistance for registration and travel expenses. This does not include normally scheduled JR/SR youth group trips. The fund will reimburse ½ of travel and registration costs up to \$500.00 per individual per calendar year. Please contact the Outreach Fund deacon James Vanden Brink, or one of the other deacons for an application form.

**Christian Care** – The Christian Care Fund is available to assist with financial needs for those who are encountering difficult circumstances and are struggling to cover their basic financial needs. Please see the Christian Care Fund Deacon, Ryan Oostra and Elder, Dan Fedders if you are in need of assistance.

**Adoption Fund** – For those considering an adoption please consider inquiring as to whether you will qualify for the Carmel Reformed Church Adoption Assistance Fund. This fund makes available up to \$1,500 to assist active Carmel Reformed Church members with adoption costs. See any deacon for details and a copy of the application form. All requests will require consistory approval.

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



For 18 years Carmel has been collecting boxes for OCC. Won't you fill a box this year and bring smiles to the faces of kids — especially those who have never gotten a gift in their life. And even better yet is to be able to share with them the good news of Jesus. At the distribution center each shoebox has a greatest gift Gospel Booklet placed in it. When you donate \$10 with each box you are helping send the gospel to the ends of the earth without leaving home!!

Take an ordinary **regular size** shoe box (**no oversized boxes, please as they do not fit in the packing crates**) fill it with toys and other presents, and you have an extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope.

Need ideas of what to put in the box?? Pick up a sheet from the table in the Fellowship Hall that has lots of ideas of what to pack in the box. (Also included is a list of items **not** to include.

Also on the table are sheets entitled "Let's Be Friends" and "All About Me" that your child or grandchild can fill out about themselves and include in the box.

Brochures on how to pack a shoe box gift are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. **Carefully read and follow the instructions.**

Filled boxes can be brought to the table in the Fellowship Hall any time through November 21. **Remember to include a \$10 donation per box** to cover shipping and other project costs (such as providing the Gospel Booklets for each box). If you use the Follow Your Box feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!

Let's see how many boxes we can fill this year and help spread the gospel around the world.

## KATELYN'S FUND

We're excited to invite you to join us again this year for our Annual Auction on Friday, November 1! It will be an unforgettable night filled with amazing food, fantastic auction items, and even more opportunities to change the lives of children in need.

Katelyn's Fund Annual Auction will take place on Friday, November 1, at New Life Reformed Church in Sioux Center! Come enjoy a free meal at 5:30 p.m. and stick around for the auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. We've got a great lineup of items, including electronics, home goods, vacation stays, autographed NFL jerseys, and more!

Your support helps us continue our mission of speaking boldly for the fatherless. With generous partners like you, we've been able to support countless families in their adoption journeys and continue our work in Haiti. We'd love for you to be part of this mission again.



## INSPIRATION HILLS NEWS

## AREA MEN'S EVENT

**CAMP CONNECTION** is an opportunity for local Youth Groups to cross denominational lines and come together in unity for a weekend retreat here at Inspiration Hills on November 1-3. We will coordinate the itinerary, activities, and meals for the weekend. All you have to do sign up your Youth Group and we'll take of the rest! To learn more or register visit [inspirationhills.org/hsretreat](http://inspirationhills.org/hsretreat)

**Art of Parenting Retreat**-Come to this extended weekend retreat to learn more about parenting. The weekend will include guided video sessions and engaging discussions. You'll be equipped to make faith the core of your parenting through intentional, biblical instruction and Christ-centered plans that aim children's hearts toward God. Parents will finish the study with renewed confidence in parenting, fresh insights on parenting children of different ages, and a parenting plan unique to each child's personality and gifts. The event will take place from 4:30 pm on Friday night to 7 pm Saturday evening with the option to spend the night on Saturday. Registration ends November 2. To register for this event or learn more visit, [inspirationhills.org/parenting](http://inspirationhills.org/parenting)

**Annual Fundraiser**-Join us for a joyful Christmas concert featuring performances by Jason Gray and Point of Grace. This festive event brings our community together for an evening of Christmas music and giving, with all proceeds supporting our mission of providing an environment for individuals to come to know and grow in Christ. This event will take place on November 21 at 7:00 p.m. To purchase tickets now or learn more, visit [inspirationhills.org/fundraiser](http://inspirationhills.org/fundraiser)

MEN and YOUNG MEN be sure to come to the Area Men's Event to hear Coach and Dad, Chris Yaw, share about the adversity and faith challenge he faced when his daughter Claire ("Claire Strong") faced leukemia. Join the men at the MOC-FV High School Gym, November 7 at 7:00 p.m.

**HOW DEEP IS YOUR BENCH?**  
**AREA MEN'S EVENT**  
SPEAKER: **CHRIS YAW**  
**THURS, NOV 7th @ 7pm**  
MOC-FV HIGH SCHOOL  
**MENDISTRY**  
JESUS MEN STAND OUT

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*"But we ought to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth" 2 Thessalonians 2:13*

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## REFRESHMENTS

Are you looking for a way to serve in Carmel Church?? We are looking for a few more people who would be willing to serve refreshments on Sunday morning. Contact the church office at 712-722-2733 or email [carmelch@mtcnet.net](mailto:carmelch@mtcnet.net) if you are willing to serve.

**Bible Quiz**

Shortly after the birth of the church at Pentecost, which apostle(s) taught an Ethiopian official about Jesus and then baptized him?

- A. Philip
- B. Peter and Andrew
- C. James
- D. Paul and Silas

Answer: A (See Acts 8:26-40.)



**BIRTHDAYS  
&  
ANNIVERSARIES**

**NOVEMBER**

- 1 - Mrs. Linda Valentine
- 2 - Addalee Madsen  
Elyse Zwart
- 3 - Easton Van Ginkel  
Hannah Van Roekel  
The Greg De Wit's
- 5 - Mitch Nettinga  
Mrs. Evy De Jong
- 6 - Henry Nibbelink  
Waylon Van Ginkel  
The Arnold Hulshof's
- 7 - Warren Vonk  
Eddie Vander Weide  
The John Kleyer's  
The Orlin Oostra's
- 8 - Eric Van Roekel
- 9 - Ken Verburg
- 10 - Mrs. Jennifer De Jong  
The Dave Bohl's
- 12 - Mrs. Tami Ronning  
Mrs. Henrietta Farmer  
The Rick Sandbulte's
- 13 - Avery Laackmann  
Mrs. Kristi Segar
- 15 - Danny DeMeester  
Kinlee Wolfswinkel  
Mark Sandbulte
- 16 - Brock Bomgaars  
Brianna Fedders

- Mrs. Jolene Horstman
- 19 - Mrs. Nikki Bomgaars  
Scott Kuyper  
Russ Vande Vegte
- 20 - Aniya Robertson
- 22 - Jaxon Klein  
Nick Van Regenmorter
- 23 - Kierra Wolfswinkel  
The Chad Robertson's
- 24 - Mrs. Lori Kleyer  
Mrs. Vicki Fischer
- 25 - Derek Vande Zandschulp  
The Barry Van Kekerix's
- 26 - Taya Sandbulte  
Ella Zwart  
Ross Hulstein  
The Enrique Luevano's
- 27 - The Kendrick Van Kekerix's
- 28 - Archer Vande Vegte  
James Hooyer  
Steve Wynia  
Jill Sandbulte  
Mrs. Twila Renes  
Loren Hooyer
- 29 - Harper Van Meeteren
- 30 - Lindsey Van Otterloo  
Steve Rozeboom  
Mrs. Sue Sandbulte

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**VETERANS DAY SALUTE**

After fighting in World War II, Luther Bergeland wasn't done serving his country-or his God. The Minnesota farm boy, who "came back to faith" during combat, later served for decades as a military chaplain. For his actions in the field in Korea, Bergeland was awarded the Bronze Star. Then during Vietnam, he served in the Army Reserves in Colorado, tasked with informing family members about soldiers' deaths.

Despite the challenges, Bergeland embraces the special role he was able to play for four decades, sharing Jesus and his love with countless people. "That's what we did, preaching and reaching out to people," he told a reporter. "I always like the military very much because it just did a lot for me, and I hope I did a lot for it."

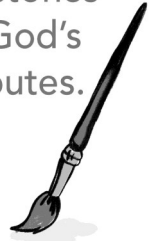
On Veterans Day, we salute Bergeland and all the men and women who selflessly serve.



Make decorative stones as reminders of God's many great attributes.

**What you need:**

- Flat, smooth stones
- Printed, decorative napkins
- Paintbrush
- Clear-drying craft glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker



**What you do:**

1. Unfold the napkin, carefully separating the printed side from the solid side.
2. Brush a thin layer of glue atop a stone. Lay the napkin (printed side up) on the glue and press down. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
3. Turn the stone over and paint more glue on the back. Wrap the napkin edges around the stone, trimming as needed. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
4. On the stone, write an attribute of God (loving, wise, powerful, merciful, etc.).
5. Repeat with more stones. Use them as gifts, paperweights, table decorations, etc.



# PUZZLE

## BECAUSE OF WHO GOD IS

Thanks to who God is, we can talk to him in prayer.

*Directions: Unscramble the descriptions of God, using the Bible references as clues. Then write the circled letters below to complete Psalm 109:26, NIV*

Psalm 145:8	SGAICURO	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _
Job 36:5	HGIYMT	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _
Psalm 90:2	LTAVREENISG	_ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _
2 Peter 3:9	INETTPA	_ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/>
1 Thessalonians 5:24	FUFHIATL	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _
Isaiah 40:25	OYHL	_ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _

Help me, Lord my \_\_\_od;  
 save \_\_\_e \_\_\_ccording \_\_\_o  
 your un\_\_\_ailing l\_\_\_ve.

*Psalm 109:26, NIV*