

December 1, 2024

*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

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Songs: *"A Christmas Hallelujah"*
"Here I Am To Worship"

Invocation

Ministry in Music: *Mike Haverhals*

Advent Reading and Lighting of Candle

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#157** *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Hope Haven)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Message: **"Advent Eyes"**

Closing Hymn: *"God Moves In A Mysterious Way"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Nora Bohl*

(*please stand if you are able)

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Nora Bohl*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Worship Hymns: **#149** *"His Name Is Wonderful"*
#148 *"There's Something About That Name"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: **#1264 Selection #55**
"Christ's Example of Humility"

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#116** *"Blessed Be The Name"*

Scripture: Acts 4:1-13

Message: **"Under What Name?"**

Closing Hymn: **#127** *"Take The Name Of Jesus With You"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Nora Bohl*

(*please stand if you are able)

Happy New Year! Today the church calendar begins anew with Advent as we celebrate Jesus' coming in the past, present, and future. Welcome to worship. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

Warm welcome to Justin Bailey as he leads our morning worship service and Pastor Harlan De Jong as he leads our evening worship service.

Special thanks to *Mike Haverhals* for his ministry in music this morning.

Guest Register: During the 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

Nursery Attendants: Brynn V.V., Kristi V.V., Addison R., Rylee B. **Door Attendant:** Dan. **Ushers:** Todd (M), Trevor (NE), Colten (SW). **Audio:** Warren. **Video:** Chad. **Power Point:** Eric. **After Service Greeters:** Mark & Shawn (M), Dennis (NE), Dan (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 2

4:45 p.m.—**GEMS Christmas Party**

Meet at Sioux Center Pizza. If your GEM is not able to attend or needs a ride to Pizza Ranch please let Kris know ASAP! (This is so we have enough pizza and movie tickets.) Pick up will be at the movie theatre at the Centre Mall around 8:00 pm.
Wear your holiday cheer-meister!

7:00 p.m.—**Cadets**

Wednesday, December 4

6:00 p.m.—**GEMS Counselor Christmas Party**

Meet at Cedar Rock in Rock Valley. We will go to Everyday Studio & Space (across the street) for dessert and fun!
Wear your holiday cheer-meister!

7:00 p.m.—**Prayer Meeting**

NEXT SUNDAY, December 8

Nursery Attendants: Ruth De Jager, Danica DeMeester, Elyse Zwart, Faithe Van Maanen. **Door Attendant:** John Leusink. **Ushers:** Riley Anderson (M); Brady Punt (NE); Eric Van Meeteren (SW). **Refreshments:** Dorene Vander Zwaag, Mike Haverhals. **Cookies:** Helen Vande Vegte, Carol Langstraat, Colleen Bomgaars, Cheryl Sandbulte, Rachel Van Roekel. **Special Music:** Chad Hoekstra. **Special Offering:** Property Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Kraig Hulstein is recovering from surgery.

Harv Sandbulte is recovering from ankle surgery.

Sandi Vonk is recovering from surgery on her hip for a torn tendon.

Kyle Van Ginkel serving in the army.

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.

Happy birthday to *Marcella Langstraat*, who will celebrate her 92nd birthday on Tuesday, December 3.

Happy birthday to *Lloyd De Jong*, who will celebrate his 83rd birthday on Friday, December 6

Happy birthday to *Darwin Post*, who will celebrate his 82nd birthday on Friday, December 6.

Happy anniversary to *Virgil & Ditty Houtkooper*, who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 7.

Sunday School Christmas Practice for ALL STUDENTS, preschool-6th grade, will be held on December 18 at 7:00 pm.

Plan to come early to church on Sunday, December 22. The praise team will lead us in singing Christmas Carols from 9:00 - 9:30. Come and make a joyful noise!

Hard copies of the December *HIGHLIGHTS* are on the Coffee Station.

Bible Reading plan for 2025. It's just about time make decisions and commitments for the approaching new year. One thing that people decide to do each new year is to read their Bibles more. Well, I want to help with that. I have chosen a Bible reading plan for the new year that all can participate in. You'll be able to choose the phone app or a paper version and even use it in small group settings if you choose to. **More info coming soon!**
Pastor Ron

At our Annual Congregational Meeting on November 18, the following were elected to serve on the consistory. Elders: *Brain Renes and Hans Smolders*; Deacons: *Dan Buyert and Adam Nibelink*. If there is any scriptural reason why these men should not serve, please contact one of the elders. Installation is January 12.

The freezer in the Moses Room is full of Pig-In-The-Blanket. They are \$15/dozen. Sign the sheet on the counter and put your money in the box. Please do not take pigs unless they are paid for!

22:6 Group has frozen sweet corn available for purchase. \$10/bag. The freezer is located in the education wing by the side door. Please pay for corn when you pick it up.



CARMEL WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT
Thursday, December 5
6:30 pm
At The North Place

Wear your favorite Christmas sweater, or pj's!
Bring a holiday treat to share!

MUST sign up by calling the church office or filling out the form on social media so we have enough game supplies.

Deadline to Sign Up is Monday, December 2.

We would love for you join us!