

December 15, 2024

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

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: *Karen Boersema*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Songs: *"Joy To The World (Joyful, Joyful)"*
"Light Of The World"

Invocation

Profession of Faith: *Grace Van Roekel*

Ministry in Music: *Shelly Van Otterloo*

Advent Reading and Lighting of Candle

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#163** *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Outreach Fund)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56

Message: **"A Time for Great Joy"**

Closing Song: *"Ancient Of Days"*

*Benediction

Parting Hymn: **#3** *"Come Thou Almighty King"* (v. 1)

Postlude: *Karen Boersema*

(*please stand if you are able)

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Karen Boersema*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Worship Hymns: **#170** *"Once In Royal David's City"*
#164 *"Of The Father's Love Begotten"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: **#1264 Selection #57**
"The Preeminence Of Christ"

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#165** *"Emmanuel"*

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Message: **"God-with-Us"**

Closing Hymn: **#179** *"What Child Is This?"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Karen Boersema*

(*please stand if you are able)

Welcome! Isaiah declares: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (12:3, NRSV). May we be nourished by God's gift of salvation as we worship. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

Warm welcome to Rev. Bob Drenten who will lead our evening worship service.

We will welcome Grace Van Roekel into the communicant family of Carmel Church this morning through Profession of Faith. May God bless you, Grace, as you live for Him.

Thank you to Shelly Van Otterloo for her 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

10:45 a.m.—**Sunday School**

Preschool-1st grade meet in the music room.

2nd-6th grade meet in the sanctuary.

Sunday School Guide Class meet in the library.

5:00-7:30 p.m.—**Sr. RCYF Christmas Party**

Meet at Ranschau’s Gym by Rock Valley.

Please bring a wrapped candy bar gift.

Bring your favorite holiday snack to share.

The party will end around 7:30 p.m.

Wear your holiday attire!

5:30-7:30 p.m.—**Jr. RCYF Christmas Party**

Please meet at the church at 5:20 to go to the

Van Essen Shed. We will be back at church

at 7:30 p.m.

Wear your holiday attire!

8:00 p.m.—**Homebuilders**

Host: The Leusinks

Nursery Attendants: Lynna D.W., Morgan H., Gabby P., Kinlee

W. **Door Attendant:** Willard. **Ushers:** Mitch (M), Sean (NE),

Jerry (SW). **Audio:** Dan. **Video:** Dale. **Power Point:** Tonia.

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

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 p.m.—**Prayer Meeting**

Sunday School Christmas Program Practice for ALL students preschool-6th grade.

Saturday, December 21

Church Reserved

NEXT SUNDAY, December 22

Sunday School Christmas Program at 6:00 p.m.

Nursery Attendants: Nikki Hulstein, Alyssa Kuyper, Ruthie Vanden Brink, Akenna Sandbulte. **Door Attendant:** Kelly

Rozeboom. **Ushers:** Eric Ochsendorf (M); Brian Rozeboom

(NE); Adam Nibbelink (SW). **Refreshments:** Karen Boersema,

Becky Ochsendorf. **Cookies:** Cheryl Lange, Alice Remmerde,

Amy McAlpine, Misty Zwart, Sue Noteboom. **Special Music:**

Praise Team. **Special Offering:** Missionary Support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Harv Sandbulte is recovering from ankle surgery.

Kyle Van Ginkel serving in the army.

Praying for our local congregations: This week please be in prayer for God’s blessing for the New Life Reformed Congregation and Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo & Dan Kruse.

At the Elder’s meeting on Monday night, December 9, it was their joy to receive *Marcus Van Voorst* into the communicant family of Carmel Church through profession of faith.

We welcome into the Carmel family *Morgan Van Voorst* from Crofton Congregational Church of Crofton, NE.

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 anniversary to *Ken & Linda Altana*, who will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, December 18.

“Thank you everyone for your prayers and visits after the biopsy. It was much appreciated. I received good test results back and will have another checkup in 3 months.”

-Vince Sandbulte

“As we reflect on our Weekend To Remember Conference last month in San Antonio, we would like to thank Carmel Church for the support and prayers as we spent time learning and growing in our marriage. We had a great time and highly recommend this conference to others!”

-Adam and Sarah Nibbelink

If any students above 6th grade would like to play in the prelude for the Sunday School Christmas Program please contact Emily Meendering at 712-441-0931 or Nicole Rozeboom at 712-540-7658.

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!

The Sunday School Christmas Program is next Sunday, December 22 at 6:00 p.m. Students that are part of the cast please be at the church by 5:30 p.m. all other students please arrive at 5:45 p.m. and go to your Sunday School room.

The church office will be open until 12:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24 and will be closed Christmas Day, December 25. The office will be open until 12:00 p.m. on News Year Eve, December 31 and will be closed on News Year Day, January 1.

Come join us for our Christmas Morning Worship on Wednesday, December 25 at 9:30 am.

Following this Christmas season a couple of the church's Christmas trees will be available as they are being replaced with new trees. If anyone is interested in these, please speak to Nikki Hulstein or Whitney Van Essen.

The freezer in the Moses Room still has some 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.

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.

Bible reading plan 2025 - If you would like to participate in a Bible reading plan together as a church, there are two ways to participate. If you would like to join with an interactive app, you can scan the QR code with the device you would like to use. If you would rather participate using printed materials, please use the sign up form on the coffee table in the Fellowship Hall. If you choose the printed materials, please sign up soon so we can have those ready for you by the end of the year. The deadline to sign up for a paper copy is Sunday, December 22.

