

January 5, 2025

*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

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Songs: *"House Of The Lord"*
"His Glory and My Good"

Invocation

Ministry in Music: *Sara Hulshof, Sheri Ver Meer,*
Jenny Vermeer

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#486** *"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Property Fund)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: James 1:19-27

Message: **"Are You Listening?"**

Closing Song: *"How Great Thou Art"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

(*please stand if you are able)

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship: *Psalm 121*

*Worship Hymns: **#51** *"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"*
#3 *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*
#90 *"Seek Ye First"*

Invocation

Meditative Reading: *Isaiah 55*

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#578** *"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"* (v. 1, 3, 4)

Scripture: Luke 18:1; Philippians 4:4-7; Ephesians 5:19-20
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Message: **"Always? ... Yes, Always!"**

Closing Hymn: **#36** *"To God Be the Glory"* (v. 1, 3)

*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

(*please stand if you are able)

The Magi followed a star to worship Jesus and present him gifts. We too have been guided here by God's light, to worship Jesus and offer him our gifts of love. Welcome. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

Warm welcome to Stacy Jasper as he leads our morning worship service and Pastor Steve Breen as he leads our evening worship service.

Thank you to *Sara Hulshof, Sheri Vermeer, and Jenny Vermeer* for their 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.

Lesson: “*God Created the World*”

Sunday School Guide Class meet in the library.

6:30 p.m.—**Jr. & Sr. RCYF**

Nursery Attendants: Kristi S., Sara S., Marcus V.V., Slayden S.

Door Attendant: Doug. **Ushers:** Gene (M), Adam (NE), Brady (SW). **Audio:** Dan. **Video:** Dale. **Power Point:** Tonia. **After Service Greeters:** Dan & Shawn (M), Leon (NE), Dennis (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 6

7:00 p.m.—**GEMS & Cadets**

Wednesday, January 8

7:00 p.m.—**Wednesday Night Activities**

Lesson: “*God Calls Moses*”

NEXT SUNDAY, January 12

Installation and Communion

Nursery Attendants: Rachel Van Roekel, Lexy Van Ginkel, Rachel Wynia, Kierra Wolfswinkel. **Door Attendant:** Wayne Te Grotenhuis. **Ushers:** Luke Haan (M); Eric Ochsendorf (NE); Sean Robinson (SW). **Refreshments:** Jerry Renes, Doug Van Beek. **Cookies:** Doree Wolfswinkel, Amy Rozeboom, Glenda Van Meeteren, Allison Leusink, Sarah Nibbelink. **Special Music:** Virgil Houtkooper. **Special Offering:** Mission Projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Lenore Prins will be having a biopsy on Wednesday, January 8.

Tasha Oostra is recovering from gallbladder surgery.

Tate Van Essen is recovering from surgery.

Vicki Fischer is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Bob Ver Mulm is recovering from surgery on his hip.

Kyle Van Ginkel serving in the army.

Praying for our local congregations: This week please be in prayer for God’s blessing for the Amistad Christiana Congregation and Pastor Eddy Olguin.

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.

Our sympathies to *Kraig and Cheryl Hulstein* on the death of Cheryl’s mother, *Mae De Gooyer*, who passed away on Saturday, December 28. May God grant peace and comfort to Kraig and Cheryl and Matt and Hannah Smolders and family.

Happy anniversary to *Darwin & Lorraine Post* who celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on Wednesday, January 1.

Happy birthday to *Peter De Jong* who will celebrate his 88th birthday on Wednesday, January 8.

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.

At the December consistory meeting a project was approved to replace the current 15 passenger van and to purchase an additional 15 passenger van. The current van is at a point where it needs to be replaced and as we assessed our needs it became evident that an additional van would be a great benefit to our church organizations, especially our youth groups. The total amount of this project will total \$125,000.00. If you desire to give to this project, please note "Van Project" in your check memo. The second offering on January 19, 2025, will go towards this project. Thanks for your support!

New adult ed. Bible study coming soon. Pastor Ron will be leading a Wednesday night Bible study using the new Ray Vander Laan class. In **RVL Discipleship: The Study**, join renowned teacher and Bible scholar Ray Vander Laan as he examines what it means to be a follower of Christ through the cultural, historical, and otherwise contextual lens of Scripture. The Study is a four-season video Bible study for small groups and individuals to consider the question: what did it mean to be one of the original disciples of Jesus, and what does that mean for us today?

Each week there will be a 10-12 minute video followed by a time to reflect on what was seen and a time to discuss questions from the series. I hope you will consider attending the class.

Come enjoy a Dueling Piano Show on Thursday, January 9 at The District in Sioux Falls featuring Andy and Ryno! This is the perfect event to enjoy some great music requested by the audience, spend a night with your friends, and support Hope Haven! Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the show begins at 8:00 p.m. Purchase tickets at: hopehaven.org/events

SHARE Group for widows and widowers will meet, Thursday, January 16 at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at the Hull Pizza Ranch.

Marcella Langstraat has moved to Sioux Center. Her new address is:

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