

January 19, 2025

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

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: *Shelly Van Otterloo*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Hymn: **#560** *"'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"*
#109 *"Our Great Savior"* (v. 1-3 & 5)

Invocation

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#84** *"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Transportation Fund)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Genesis 9:18-11:9

Message: **"Some Things Never Change"**

Closing Song: *"Only A Holy God"*

*Benediction

Parting Hymn: **#39** *"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"*
(v. 5)

Postlude: *Shelly Van Otterloo*

(*please stand if you are able)

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Shelly Van Otterloo*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Worship Hymns: **#371** *"Heaven Came Down"*
#354 *"All Because Of God's Amazing Grace"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: **#1265 Selection #60**
"Christ's Sacrifice"

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#344** *"Jesus, I Come"*

Scripture: Acts 9

Message: **"The Conversion of Saul"**

Closing Song: *"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Shelly Van Otterloo*

(*please stand if you are able)

Psalm 36 declares God's love to be steadfast, precious and a place of refuge. Welcome, friends. In God, you are loved and safe. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

Warm welcome to Pastor Ross Van Kley as he leads our evening worship service.

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

10:30 a.m.—**Usher Meeting in the chapel after the morning worship service. This meeting is for ALL current ushers.**

10:45 a.m.—**Sunday School**
Preschool-1st grade meet in the music room.
2nd-6th grade meet in the sanctuary.
Lesson: “*The First Family*”

Sunday School Guide Class meet in the library.

6:30 p.m.— **Sr. RCYF**

8:00 p.m.—**Homebuilders**
Host: The Leusinks

Nursery Attendants: Brynn V.V., Londa B., Aniya R., Ava S.
Door Attendant: Larry. **Ushers:** Todd (M), Orlin (NE), Brian (SW). **Audio:** Josh. **Video:** Chad. **Power Point:** Eric. **After Service Greeters:** Shawn & Dennis (M), Leon (NE), Hans (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 20

9:00 a.m.—**Women’s Bible Study**

7:00 p.m.—**GEMS & Cadets**

Wednesday, January 22

7:00 p.m.—**Adult Bible Study**

Wednesday Night Activities

Lesson: “*God Sends the Final Plague*”

NEXT SUNDAY, January 26

Cadet Sunday

Nursery Attendants: Kristi Van Voorst, Ruth De Jager, Alydia Sandbulte, Hannah Van Roekel. **Door Attendant:** Dan DeMeester. **Ushers:** Riley Anderson (M); Trevor Pieper (NE); Marlin Sandbulte (SW). **Refreshments:** Hans Smolders, Jack Soodsma. **Cookies:** Teresa Sandbulte, Carol Langstraat, Hazel Haverhals, Erica Robertson, Ronda Leusink. **Special Music:** Kraig Hulstein. **Special Offering:** Missionary Support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Lauren Sandbulte has been home bound.

Dallas De Jong’s health continues to decline.

Kyle Van Ginkel serving in the army.

Praying for our local congregations: This week please be in prayer for God’s blessing for the Bridge of Hope Congregation and Pastor Same Ashmore.

We welcome into the Carmel family *Kayden Glade* from Hope Lutheran Church of Sioux Center, IA; *Kaylee Kruid* from Maurice Reformed Church of Maurice, IA; and *Larry & Brenda Van Dyke* from Central Reformed Church of Sioux Center, IA.

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 *Robert & Suzanne Den Herder* on the death of their daughter-in-law, *Navah Den Herder*, who passed away on Tuesday, January 14. May God grant peace and comfort to Robert & Suzanne, Mike & Kara Donlin, Mike & Hazel Haverhals, and family.

Happy birthday to *Harvard Sneller* who will celebrate his 86th birthday on Wednesday, January 22.

Articles for the February *HIGHLIGHTS* are due TODAY.

On behalf of Carmel Reformed Church, Pastor Ron and Karen will be attending the annual ARC leadership gathering “One Hope-Kingdom and Covenant Alliance” January 30-February 1. Pastor Ron will be out of the office January 30-31.

The following officers were elected at the January Consistory Meeting; Brian Renes -Vice President; Dan Fedders-Clerk; Hans Smolders -Worship & Music; Denny De Jong-Education; Shawn Sandbulte -Youth; Hans Smolders-Pulpit Supply; Leon Franken-Hospitality; Ross Hulstein -Chairman of Deacons; Mike Bomgaars-General Fund; Nate Van Ginkel-Mission Fund; Dan Buyert-Property and Cemetery Funds; Adam Nibbelink-Christian Care Fund; James Vanden Brink -Outreach, Building and Transportation Funds.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Attention women of all ages! We are starting a new Bible Study on Monday, January 20 at 9:00 a.m. Are all welcome! The book and video series we will be studying together is: *"Jesus In Me ~ Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion"* by Anne Graham Lotz. **Throughout the eight sessions, we will discover why the Holy Spirit is an essential part of the Christian life and how He speaks directly to you through the pages of the Bible.** Please **SIGN UP** at the Coffee Station, contact the church office, or visit the Women's Life Facebook page. We would love to have you join us! The books cost \$16.00 and will be available the first day.

RVL Discipleship: The Study. Starting January 22. Pastor Ron will be leading a Wednesday Night Bible Study using a newly released class by Ray Vander Laan. In **RVL Discipleship: The Study**, we will examine what it means to be a modern day disciple of Jesus as we look 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?

The first class will be January 22 - 7PM in the Music Room
If you are interested in joining the class, sign up TODAY at the Coffee Station in the Fellowship Hall.

The Jr. RCYF is looking to borrow roasters by Sunday, January 26 to use for our Chili Bash. Please label both the lid and the roaster with your first and last name so that we can match them appropriately. *PLEASE NOTE:* No soup or dessert donations are needed this year as it will be provided by the Jr. RCYF. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, January 29th to support our junior high youth! Please let Danica DeMeester know if you have a roaster that Jr. RCYF could borrow.

We have the opportunity to serve with World Renew doing flood reconstruction in Rock Valley. We are looking for Jr. High-Adult participants Thursday-Saturday, January 23-25 and Monday-Wednesday, February 17-19 to serve along members from Hull First Reformed Church. However, since this opportunity is close to home, it is flexible to your schedule. If anyone would like to organize a group or go as an individual any other time, contact Nate Van Ginkel (712-470-5790) who will connect you with Jerry Korver of World Renew for placement; Ph: 712-395-8004.

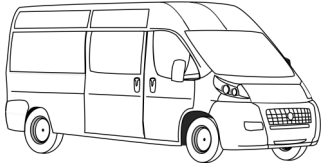
If you have a child between the ages of 3 & 4 years old, you may qualify the free Head Start or Child Development Program through Mid-Sioux Opportunity. For more information contact 800-859-2025.



It's not too early to start thinking about Summer Camp at Inspiration Hills. Registration opens February 1 and some camps fill up fast. Visit their website: www.inspirationhills.org and check out all the different camps. Remember Carmel Church pays for 1/2 of the registration fee for one camp, per student, per year.

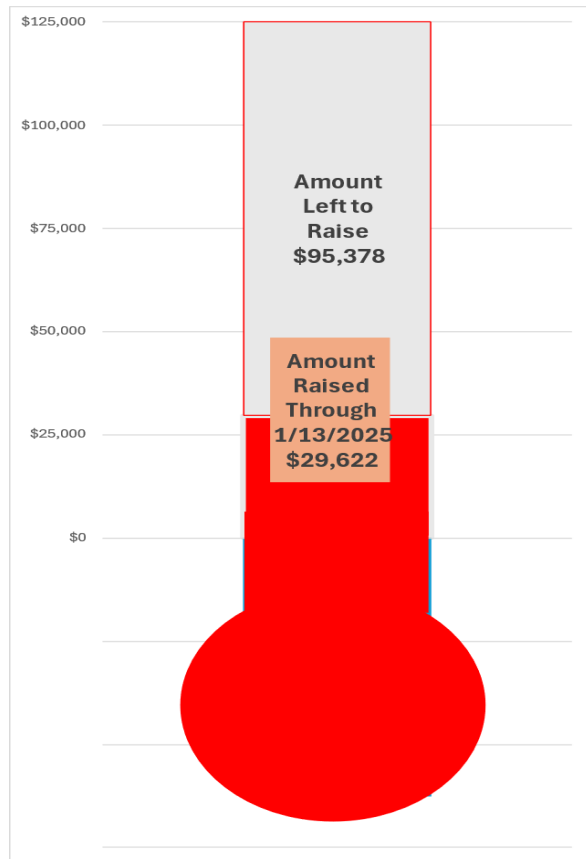
Inspiration Hills 4th - 6th grade Winter Retreat February 14-16. Early Bird Registration till January 24. Registration deadline is January 31. Join us this winter for an exciting weekend with your friends and stay overnight in our bunk rooms at the Main Lodge! Many fun activities are planned: chapel, worship, winter activities, camp games, and much more! Reconnect with your friends from summer camp or come to camp for the 1st time. Our theme this year is STAND, the Story of Daniel. To register or learn more, visit inspirationhills.org.

Guiding Star Siouxland's Annual Fundraising Gala will be held March 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. Join your local pro-life ministry as we unveil a groundbreaking announcement that we believe, after years of development, will reshape the future of women's health care-creating a culture where womanhood is celebrated and supported at every stage of life. Registration information can be found at www.guidingstarsiouxland.org or by calling 712-266-3282.



At the December 2024 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. Thanks for your support!

Van Project-Fundraising



JOIN US FOR CARMEL JR. RCYF "CHILI BASH"



WHEN: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

TIME: 5-7 P.M.

WHERE: CARMEL CHURCH

WHAT: CHILI SOUP & HOMEMADE CINNAMON ROLLS

FREE WILL DONATION FOR POWER CONNECTION & MSR

TO GO MEALS AVAILABLE