

March 23, 2025

*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 Song: *"I Am Not My Own"*
"Goodness of God"

Invocation

Baptisms: *Kolyn Michael Glade*
Remi Renee Hoogendoorn
Sage Claire Bomgaars

Profession of Faith: *Matthew Bomgaars*

Ministry in Music: *Kyler Bomgaars*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: #344 *"Jesus I Come"*
(Offerings for the Property Fund & Missionary Support)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-14

Message: **"Names and Signs"**

Closing Hymn: #437 *"Trust and Obey (vs. 1, 3, 4)"*

*Benediction

Parting Hymn: #437 *"Trust and Obey" (v. 5)*

Postlude: *Karen Boersema*

(*please stand if you are able)

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Karen Boersema*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Worship Hymns: #124 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*
#560 *"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: *"The Heidelberg Catechism"*
Lord's Day #1

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: #689 *"How Firm A Foundation" (vs 1, 3, 6)*

Scripture: Psalm 20:7

Message: **"A Strong Name"**

Closing Hymn: #147 *"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"*
(vs 1, 3, 5, 7)

*Benediction

Postlude: *Karen Boersema*

(*please stand if you are able)

Isaiah announced God's invitation: "Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink... it's all free!" (55:1, NLT). Are you thirsty for good news, peace, hope, love? Christ is the water of life. Welcome to worship. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

This morning we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism with *Kolyn Michael Glade*, son of Kayden and Karrigan Glade; *Remi Renee Hoogendoorn*, daughter of Brady and Allison Hoogendoorn; and *Sage Claire Bomgaars*, daughter of Tom and Edan Bomgaars. May God bless these families richly.

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

Special thanks to *Kyler Bomgaars* 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.

Lesson: “*Joseph Taken to Egypt*”

Sunday School Guide Class meet in the chapel.

6:15 p.m.—**Diamonds Ministry**

6:30 p.m.—**Jr. & Sr. RCYF**

Nursery Attendants: Danica D., Nikki H., Karlee L., Brody V.V. **Door Attendant:** Doug. **Ushers:** Todd N. (M), Trevor P. (NE), Brady P. (SW). **Audio:** Josh. **Video:** Enrique. **Power Point:** Janice. **After Service Greeters:** Hans & Brian (M), Dan F. (NE), Dennis (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, March 24

9:00 a.m.—**Women’s Bible Study**

6:30 p.m.—**GEMS**

We will be celebrating our last GEMS meeting for the 2024-2025 season!

Please take a brand new package of diapers—we will be eating supper and having a fun night celebrating the GEMS Sisterhood at Carmel.

Wednesday, March 26

5:00-7:00 p.m.—**Taco Supper with Silent Auction**

7:00 p.m.—**Adult Bible Study**

RVL Discipleship: The Study

Saturday, March 29

3:30 p.m.—**Jr. RCYF Outing**

NEXT SUNDAY, March 30

GEMS Sunday

Nursery Attendants: Morgan Hoekstra, Alyssa Kuyper, Rachel Wynia, Ava Sandbulte. **Door Attendant:** Larry Wolfswinkel. **Ushers:** Loren Punt (M); Sean Robinson (NE); Brian Rozeboom (SW). **Refreshments:** Jack Soodsma, Becky Ochsendorf. **Cook-ies:** Cheryl Lange, Cheryl Sandbulte, Mimi Sandbulte, Sandi Vonk, Amy McAlpine. **Special Music:** GEMS. **Special Offer-ing:** Transportation Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Dale Woudstra is on a mission trip with Engineering Ministries International in Skopje, North Macedonia from March 22-April 5.

Harvard Sneller is recovering from a fall which resulted in several broken bones.

Verlyn Van Regenmorter is recovering from surgery.

Scott Fischer is recovering from knee replacement 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 First Christian Reformed Congregation and Pastor Kurt Monroe.

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.

“Thank you to our Carmel family for the expressions of sympathy given to us in the passing of Ken’s brother Arlan. Thank you for all your prayers! Carmel is a great family of believers in Jesus!”

-Ken & Mary Lou Verburg

Women’s Bible Study will meet for a time of Fellowship on Monday, March 24 from 9:00-10:00 am.

Articles for the April *HIGHLIGHTS* are due TODAY.

The Cadet Pinewood Derby is Monday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. The boys would love to have the congregation come watch them race their cars. Weigh-in starts at 6:30 pm.

We will be rearranging the mailboxes soon to keep them in alphabetical order. Please make every effort to empty your mailbox. It would be very much appreciated.

Please be thinking and praying about how you can help support VBS. We need MANY volunteers to make this happen.

OFFICE REMODEL

We are excited to announce that the office remodel has started! This project is anticipated to take 6-8 weeks to complete. During this time that staff will be set up in the library.

Adult Sunday School will meet in the chapel during this time.

Thank you for your support on this project, and patience with any inconveniences during this time!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED To Serve at the Banquet

Carmel will be serving at **The Banquet** in Sioux Falls, on Thursday, April 17. Volunteers are needed to help serve the meal. **Sign up at the Coffee Station.** Monetary donations are also needed for the meal and milk. You may put your donation in the box near the sign up sheet. The Church Van will be going to Sioux Falls for those who don’t wish to drive.

****Don’t Miss Our Sr. RCYF Taco Supper!****

Join us on Wednesday, March 26th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for an evening filled with **delicious food!** We’ll be serving tacos and/or nachos featuring Cedar Rock salsa and queso, along with an amazing ice cream bar featuring all kinds of toppings including homemade hot fudge!

Our silent auction will end at 7:00 with the announcement of winners at 7:15.

The kids & sponsors greatly appreciate your support!
So bring your appetite and come enjoy a fantastic meal with us!

We can’t wait to see you there!



Carmel VBS

Howdy, partners! Dust off your boots-it's time to get your tickets to Wonder Junction.

SAVE THE DATE!

Carmel VBS will be June 2-6. We can't wait to see you!



As we look around, we see many things to wonder at—landscapes, creatures, inventions. None of these compares to the grandest wonder of all—our Savior Jesus Christ! At VBS, kids will learn about who Jesus is as we dig into questions such as:

What amazing things happened surrounding Jesus' birth?

What was Jesus like as a child and teen?

What wonders occurred during Jesus' ministry years?

How were Jesus' death and resurrection like no other?

What should we be doing as we wait for Jesus' return?

You're Invited!

Join us for our Legacy Appreciation Supper hosted by the Sr. RCYF. Enjoy a delicious meal, dessert, and an engaging activity planned for the evening!

Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, April 15th!

We look forward to having you join us!

Look for your invitation in your mailbox

ALASKA BIBLE INSTITUTE

Mission Trip

Carmel Mission Trip to Alaska Bible Institute:

Where: Alaska Bible Institute Campus located in Homer, Alaska

When: August 1-9

Who: Teenagers to Adults

Cost: \$1,000-\$1,200 (Depending on flights)

Work: Projects on campus (Skilled labor but also have a job for everyone)

Signup: Contact Nate Van Ginkel (712-470-5790) or signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Deadline: May 25, 2025

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering : \$8,843.00

Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$100,632.87

Property Fund Offering: \$3,510.00

Fiscal YTD Property Fund: \$84,075.25