

HIGHLIGHTS

CARMEL REFORMED CHURCH

"Can't Wait For Sunday"

June 2025

A Season for Everything

At the beginning of Ecclesiastes 3 we read these familiar words:

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace." Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 ESV

For many of us, we have been through some of these different seasons of life. Maybe for some, you've experienced all the things talked about here. But as I read these 14 contrasting ideas, I think it gives us the opportunity to take inventory of what season we find ourselves in.

Certainly, as you look at the list above, you can put those words and thought into a physical understanding. If you are reading this you have gone through a season of being born, and many of us have walked through the "valley of the shadow of death" with a loved one. For the farmers among us, it doesn't take much to remember planting and harvesting. We may have had to learn the lessons of when to speak and when to be silent. And on and on the list goes.

But I want you and I to take time to review the list again from a spiritual standpoint. Are you, or I, or we in a season of life where God has ordained new life for us in a particular area. Or are we possibly in a season to put some things "to rest?" What barriers are there in life that you/we need to break down and what would we build in its place? What do we see in our lives or in society that we need to mourn and what should we celebrate and dance about? Is there something that you're hanging on to that it's time to let go of? Or what are we pressured to forsake that Scripture calls us to stand fast in? Where are we as Christians to be at war, while simultaneously ushering in a season of peace/shalom? I think you're getting the idea.

Take time over the next week, month, maybe even for a season to ask God to show you where you are in this season of life. And then ask Him to show you how he would use you in this season to have an impact for the good of His Kingdom. *Pastor Ron*



June 1: Hannah Smolders, Rachel Van Roekel, Ruthie Vanden Brink, Akenna Sandbulte.

June 8: Brynn Van Voorst, Londa Boogerd, Slayden Sandbulte, Sadie Janisch.

June 15: Kristi Van Voorst, Ruth De Jager, Karlee Leusink, Brody

Van Voorst.

June 22: Danica DeMeester, Lynna De Wit, Ava Van Roekel, Ava Sandbulte.

June 29: Nikki Hulstein, Morgan Hoekstra, Aniya Robertson, Kierra Wolfswinkel.

July 6: Alyssa Kuyper, Amy McAlpine, Alydia Sandbulte, Hannah Van Roekel

PLEASE find a substitute or trade with some one, if you are unable to be in the nursery. **Please substitute an adult for an adult!**

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REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

R - serve on Sunday morning; C - each bring 5 dozen cookies.

June 1-R-Becky Ochsendorf, Dennis De Jong
C-Sandi Vonk, Sue Dorhout, Rachel Terpstra, Misty Zwart, Kaye Kuyper

June 8-R-Karen Boersema, Hans Smolders
C-Clarice Van Maanen, Amy Rozeboom, Teresa Sandbulte, Carol Langstraat, Anita Van Ravenhorst

June 15-R-Jerry Renes, Chad Robertson
C-Carmen Maassen, Frieda Bartels, Helen Vande Vegte, Cheryl Lange, Gene Sandbulte

June 22-R-Jami Sandbulte, Aubrey Van Kekerix
C-Erica Robertson, Mary Lou Verburg, Fonda Post, Cheryl Sandbulte, Jami Sandbulte

June 29-R-Gene Sandbulte, Glenda Van Meeteren

C- Allison Leusink, Sherri Wolfswinkel, Rhonda Sandbulte, Hazel Haverhals, Glenda Van Meeteren

July 6-R-Matt Smolders, Jared Terpstra
C-Colleen Bomgaars, Sarah Nibbelink, Mimi Sandbulte, Alice Remmerde, Lin De Jong

If this schedule does not work with you please switch with someone.



Call the church office by noon on Monday, to let us know who your special music will be. If you are unable to have special music the scheduled time, please try to exchange with someone.

Special music schedule is for the morning worship service.

June	1 - Scott Kuyper
June	8 - Nate Landman
June	15 - Glenn Lange
June	22 - John Leusink
June	29 - Josh Leusink
July	6 - Enrique Luevano

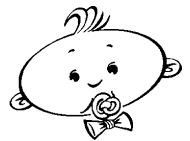
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NEW ARRIVAL



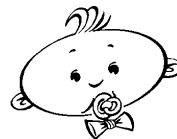
We rejoice with Colton and Courtney Mesman on the birth of a daughter, Collyns Aileen, on April 27.

We rejoice with Dan and Danica DeMeester on the birth of a son, Graham Douglas, on May 18.



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BAPTISM



On May 18, we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism with Carson Hayes Van Ginkel, son of Nate and Lexy Van Ginkel. Carson was born on

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NURSERY HELP NEEDED

The nursery is a great place for little kids to go during the worship service so mom and dad can listen to the message, but this takes volunteers to watch the children.

We are in need of more volunteers willing to watch children in the nursery during the worship service.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Ruth De Jager at 712-470-2419 or Morgan Hoekstra at 712-441-2762.



CARMEL VBS KICKOFF - SUNDAY, JUNE 1

WONDER JUNCTION



Join us for the official 2025 Carmel VBS Kickoff event! The evening will include training for our volunteers, a worship service to introduce our theme for the week and to pray over the kids/volunteers, and conclude with a Sneak Peak for the parents and students to see their rooms and meet their teachers.

6:00 p.m.—Teacher/Helper Training

6:30 p.m.—VBS Kickoff/Worship Service

7:30 p.m.—Sneak Peak/Visit Class Rooms

Some other needs for VBS:

- * **DONATIONS OF HAMBURGER:** VBS needs 180 lbs of hamburger donations for the VBS picnic. Contact Glenda Van Meeteren if you are interested.
- * **VOLUNTEERS:** to help set up the tent and chairs on Saturday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers to help take down the tent and chairs on Friday, June 6 starting at 1:30 p.m. Please contact the church office at 712-722-2733 or carmelch@mtcnet.net or Jaimee Vonk at 712-463-2086 if you can help. We need to know if we will have enough help.
- * **SNACKS!** We need volunteers to bring teachers & helpers snacks during VBS week. You can sign up using the link/QR code below or the sign-up sheet at the Coffee Station in the Fellowship Hall.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AF22A7FEC34-54838615-carmel>

- * **MISSION PROJECT:** Our mission project this year is RISING ARROWS. Rising Arrows is a summer program that is safe and fun for kids. The children work on their academic skills, are taught new Bible lessons, and learn what an asset they are to their community. Our VBS's mission offering taken on Friday morning during VGS will be for Rising Arrows. We are also collecting boys and girls clothing, kids socks, and kids underwear for Rising Arrows.
- * **PEOPLE TO PRAY!** Your prayers are what help make VBS successful. You don't have to sign up for this, but please consider adding VBS to your prayer list.

2025 VBS Directors: Amy Davelaar, Jaimee Vonk, Aubrey Van Kekerix, Kiley Landman,
Steph Vande Vegte, Randi Sayles

TRANSFER

The membership of Andrea Sandbulte, has been transferred to the Immanuel Christian Reformed Church of Orange City, IA.

The membership of Eric and Shelly Dirksen, along with baptized children Gabriel, Olivia, and David, have been transferred to the Christ Church of Davis of Davis, CA.

May God bless them in their new church homes.

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CARMEL CHURCH PICNIC

The 4th Sunday in June is Picnic Day in Carmel Church. It will be a day of worship, fun and fellowship out in the tent for everyone to enjoy our “CHURCH PICNIC”!

The day will begin with coffee and cookies at 9:30 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. we will gather in the tent in the parking lot for our morning worship service. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs.

After the worship service everyone is encouraged to stay and enjoy the rest of the day. There will be food, fellowship and fun.

There will not be an evening worship service.

The CWM (Carmel Women’s Ministries) will be serving those yummy Carmel taverns, chips, pies and beverages. This will be available after the worship service and throughout the afternoon. The canteen will have pop, ice cream, cantaloupe, watermelon and candy available after the worship service and throughout the afternoon as well.

Watch your bulletin in the coming weeks for information on the cost of the food and activities. There may be a fee for some things or a freewill donation.

There will be a number of things for the kids and adults to enjoy throughout the afternoon. There will be a fishing pond with prizes, several Bouncy Houses, a Kiddie train, and a Bean Bag Tournament.

Mark June 22 on your calendar and plan to enjoy a great day of worship, fun, food and fellowship at the “CHURCH PICNIC”!

Volunteers Needed

So that everyone can enjoy the “CHURCH PICNIC” we need some willing volunteers to man the canteen and tickets throughout the day. If you can help us out for a half-hour time slot, please sign up on the sheet at the Coffee Station in the coming weeks. We will also need Bean Bag games. If you have one, we can use that day, please sign the sheet on the Coffee Station as well.



There is something about camp! Camp is a powerful experience! If you take youth outside their comfort zone and place them in an environment that is active and passionate about their relationship with Christ, then change happens.

Keep all our campers in your prayers as they participate in a potentially life changing experience!

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TEC

JUNE 13-15

FAITH CHURCH, ROCK VALLEY

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the Faith Church in Rock Valley, IA.

TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community.

The next TEC is June 13-15. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com.

The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt and other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

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RISE FEST

JUNE 20-21

RiseFest is more than a festival. It’s a weekend where we take back ground in our lives, hearts, and communities by lifting up the name of Jesus together.

Last year, nearly 25,000 people were there. This year, we want you to be a part of it.

This year’s lineup includes: Chris Tomlin, Rend Collective, Crowder, Matthew West, Megan Woods, Patrick Mayberry, and more. We will have fun activities for the whole family, delicious food, engaging seminars, ministry outreach, and much more.



Deacons Corner — JUNE

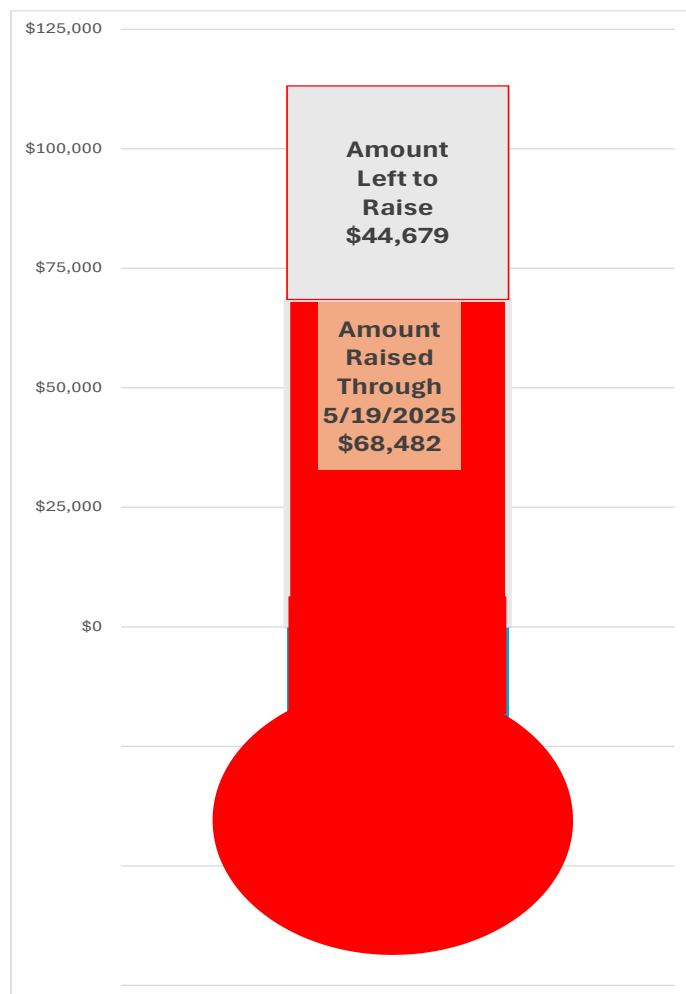
Outreach Fund – The Outreach Fund is available to assist Carmel Reformed Church members participation in mission projects/trip by providing financial assistance for registration and travel expenses. This does not include normally scheduled JR/SR youth group trips. The fund will reimburse ½ of travel and registration costs up to \$500.00 per individual per calendar year. Please contact the Outreach Fund deacon James Vanden Brink, or one of the other deacons for an application form.

Christian Care – The Christian Care Fund is available to assist with financial needs for those who are encountering difficult circumstances and are struggling to cover their basic financial needs. Please see the Christian Care Fund Deacon, Adam Nibbelink and Elder, Dan Fedders if you are in need of assistance.

Adoption Fund – For those considering an adoption please consider inquiring as to whether you will qualify for the Carmel Reformed Church Adoption Assistance Fund. This fund makes available up to \$1,500 to assist active Carmel Reformed Church members with adoption costs. See any deacon for details and a copy of the application form. All requests will require consistory approval.

Van Fundraising— We are thrilled to share some wonderful news regarding our van purchase project! By God’s grace and your generous support, we have officially passed the 50% mark in funds raised. This milestone is a testament to the power of unity and faith within our congregation.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Every gift, big or small, brings us closer to our goal. Let us continue to work together as one body in Christ, knowing that “*God loves a cheerful giver*” (2 Corinthians 9:7).





- 1 - The Rod Van Ravenswaay's
- 2 - Brynn Van Voorst
Josh Joffer
Harold Vander Vliet
The Jared Terpstra's
- 3 - Shaina Dibbet
Slayden Sandbulte
Mike Bomgaars
- 4 - Emersyn Nettinga
Josie Bomgaars
Austin Hofman
Mrs. Cheryl Lange
Mrs. Jane De Boer
- 5 - The Herb Kuyper's
- 6 - Klay Davelaar
Mrs. Allison Hoogendoorn
Mrs. Monica Kuyper
Vince Sandbulte
- 7 - Brenнын Beukelman
The Tim Bomgaars'
- 8 - Kendra Van Meeteren
- 9 - Addison Van Voorst
Dexter Hooyer
Alyssa Kuyper
Phil Hooyer
- 10 - Knox Dibbet
Tom Zwart
- 11 - Mike Klein
- 12 - Elizabeth Meendering
Mrs. Edan Bomgaars
- 13 - Carter De Jong
Seth Huizenga
The Mark Sandbulte's
The Scott Kuyper's

- The Dan Buyert's
- 14 - Kelly Rozeboom
The Trevor Pieper's
- 15 - Mrs. Sarah Nibbelink
Regan Ronning
- 16 - Collyns Rozeboom
Averi Huizenga
Brett Segar
The Lloyd De Jong's
- 17 - The Ken Verburg's
- 18 - Brody Rozeboom
Ava Van Roekel
Dylan Rozeboom
The Dale Woudstra's
- 19 - Mrs. Rhonda Sandbulte
- 20 - Sofie De Jong
Mrs. Marilyn Rensink
- 21 - Jackson Roland
Mrs. Clarice Van Maanen
- 22 - Derek Hooyer
Virgil Houtkooper
The Milt Van Ravenswaay's
- 23 - The Jerry Noteboom's
- 24 - Bennett Landman
Mrs. Judy Hooyer
Larry Vander Weide
- 25 - Bo Smolders
Henry A. Wolfswinkel
Mrs. Cindy Franken
The Colyn Oostenink's
The Chad Wynia's
The Henry J. Wolfswinkel's
- 26 - Mrs. Amber Nettinga
Lenore Prins
- 28 - Carson Vanden Brink
Trevor Pieper
The Harv Sandbulte's
- 29 - Jocelyn Terpstra
Trey Sandbulte
Shelly Van Otterloo
Mrs. Becky Banks
Mrs. Barb Van Grootheest
Mrs. Jo Overman
- 30 - Tim Gesink

20TH ANNUAL RUN, WALK & ROLL!

Join us for our 20th Annual Run, Walk, & Roll on Saturday, June 7th at 9:00 a.m. at Village Northwest Unlimited.

The Run, Walk, & Roll is more than just a fundraiser; it's a cherished tradition that unites our community with the residents of Village Northwest Unlimited. Whether you're an avid runner, a casual walker, or someone who enjoys rolling along in a wheelchair, there's a place for you at this event. Participants can choose from a 1-mile walk/wheelchair roll, a 5k race, or a 10K race. All routes are fully wheelchair accessible, ensuring that everyone, regardless of age or ability, can join the fun.

As we are celebrating Village Northwest Unlimited 50th Anniversary, we hope to make this our biggest Run, Walk, & Roll yet by shattering our record of 600 participants in 2019. To register, visit villagenorthwestunlimited.org



Puzzle!

A FATHER'S INSTRUCTION

Although babies don't come with instructions,
God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

"... _____
2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2

6,2 6,3 4,1 2,3 5,3 5,2 1,3

5,3 7,1 1,1 4,1 2,3 4,1 2,3 6,1 1,1 2,3 3,1

4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3

3,2 7,3 5,3 5,2 1,3 2,1 3,2 7,1 3,1"

Ephesians 6:4, NIV

Answers: "... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4, NIV

IN MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express
love for your dad or another
special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same side) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

