

May 25, 2025

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

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: *Nora Bohl*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Hymn: **#756** *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"*
#779 *"We Are Called To Be God's People"*

Invocation

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#298** *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Missionary Support)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: James 2:14-26

Message: **"Faith-In Action"**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn: **#538** *"I'll Go Where You Want To Go"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Nora Bohl*

(*please stand if you are able)

NO EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

We encourage you to participate in the Community Worship Service held at Central Reformed Church at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor William Loeffke officiating.

Children of God, siblings of Christ: The Holy Spirit has called and gathered us here. Let us worship together. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at our morning 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

6:15 p.m.—**Diamonds Ministry**

Nursery Attendants: Jo M., Kristi S., Gaby P., Kinlee W. **Door Attendant:** Wayne. **Ushers:** Sean R. (M), Brian R. (NE), Loren P. (SW). **Audio:** Riley. **Video:** Chad. **Power Point:** Barb. **After Service Greeters:** Shawn & Hans (M), Pastor Ron (NE), Brian (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 26

Church Office Closed for the Memorial Day Holiday

NEXT SUNDAY, June 1

VBS Kickoff during the evening worship

Nursery Attendants: Hannah Smolders, Rachel Van Roekel, Ruthie Vanden Brink, Akenna Sandbulte. **Door Attendant:** Doug Van Beek. **Ushers:** Marlin Sandbulte (M); Owen Sandbulte (NE); Avery Sandbulte (SW). **Refreshments:** Becky Ochsen-dorf, Doug Van Beek **Cookies:** Sandi Vonk, Sue Dorhout, Rachel Terpstra, Misty Zwart, Kaye Kuyper. **Special Music:** Scott Kuyper. **Special Offering:** Cemetery Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Alvin Sandbulte is recovering from surgery.

Sandi Vonk is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

Please keep *Middleburg Free Grace Church* in your prayers as they are looking for a pastor.

Kyle Van Ginkel serving in the army.

Praying for our local congregations: This week please be in prayer for God's blessing for the United Reformed Congregation and Rev. John Bushnell.

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.

The white cross decorated with poppies displayed today is a reminder of Memorial Day, a day set aside to pay tribute to those who died in military service to our country. Ever since the first World War, the poppy has served as the memorial flower for the American War dead and a symbol of hope for all veterans of military service. So, as you celebrate this holiday, please take time to remember and appreciate their sacrifice.

Congratulations to *Dan & Danica DeMeester* on the birth of a son, *Graham Douglas*, born on Sunday, May 18.

Our sympathies to *Dorene Vander Zwaag and family* on the death of her brother-in-law, *Eldon Westra*, who passed away Saturday, May 17. May God grant peace and comfort to their family.

Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time to help prepare the VBS crafts!

Copies of the June *HIGHLIGHTS* are available on the Coffee Station for those who would like a hard copy.

Help us honor Carmel's graduating Seniors. We have set up gift bags for each of the senior students. We encourage you to fill these bags with cards, notes of encouragement or small gifts. Today, May 25 is the last day the bags will be available to fill. Thank you for your support!

Alaska Bible Institute Mission Trip: Don't forget to sign up for our mission trip to Alaska, August 1-9. We are looking for teenagers to adults. The cost will be \$1,000-\$1,200 depending on flights. Sign up at the Coffee Station! **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!**

The nursery is a great place for little kids to go during the worship service so mom and dad are able to listen to the message. But the nursery needs volunteers to help watch the children. We are in need of more volunteers to help in the nursery on Sundays. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Ruth De Jager at 712-470-2419 or Morgan Hoekstra at 712-441-2762.

We are looking for people who would be willing to work in the canteen at the Church Picnic on Sunday, June 22. The more people we have who volunteer the more time everyone will have to enjoy the picnic. Sign up at the Coffee Station in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Please check the coat rack, lost and found by the front doors, and kitchen for any left behind items.

Needed: Homes to host a high school student from Japan for one month this summer. The dates are July 21-August 21, we want them to experience daily living in a Christian home. Prayfully consider being a missionary in your home. Contact Janet Renes at 712-441-5220.

VBS: WONDER JUNCTION

- ♦ **DONATIONS NEEDED:** 180 lbs of hamburger for the VBS Picnic. Anyone having hamburger to donate please contact Glenda Van Meeteren.
- ♦ **SNACKS!** We need volunteers to bring snacks for the teachers and helpers during VBS week! Sign-up at the Coffee Station or with the QR code.
- ♦ **VOLUNTEERS** to help set up the tent on May 31 starting at 9:00 am. and take down Friday, June 6 starting at 1:30 pm.
- ♦ **WELCOMERS/HELPERS** to help kids on the first day of VBS to find their classrooms! You will need to be at VBS on Monday, June 2 at 8:10-9:10 a.m.
- ♦ **VOLUNTEERS** to help clean up after VBS on Friday, June 6 at 1:30 p.m.
- ♦ **PEOPLE TO PRAY!** Your prayers are what help make a successful VBS. You don't have to sign up, just put VBS along with the Directors, Teachers, Helpers, Volunteers and especially the kids on your prayer list and start praying for VBS today!



VBS Kickoff — Sunday evening, June 1

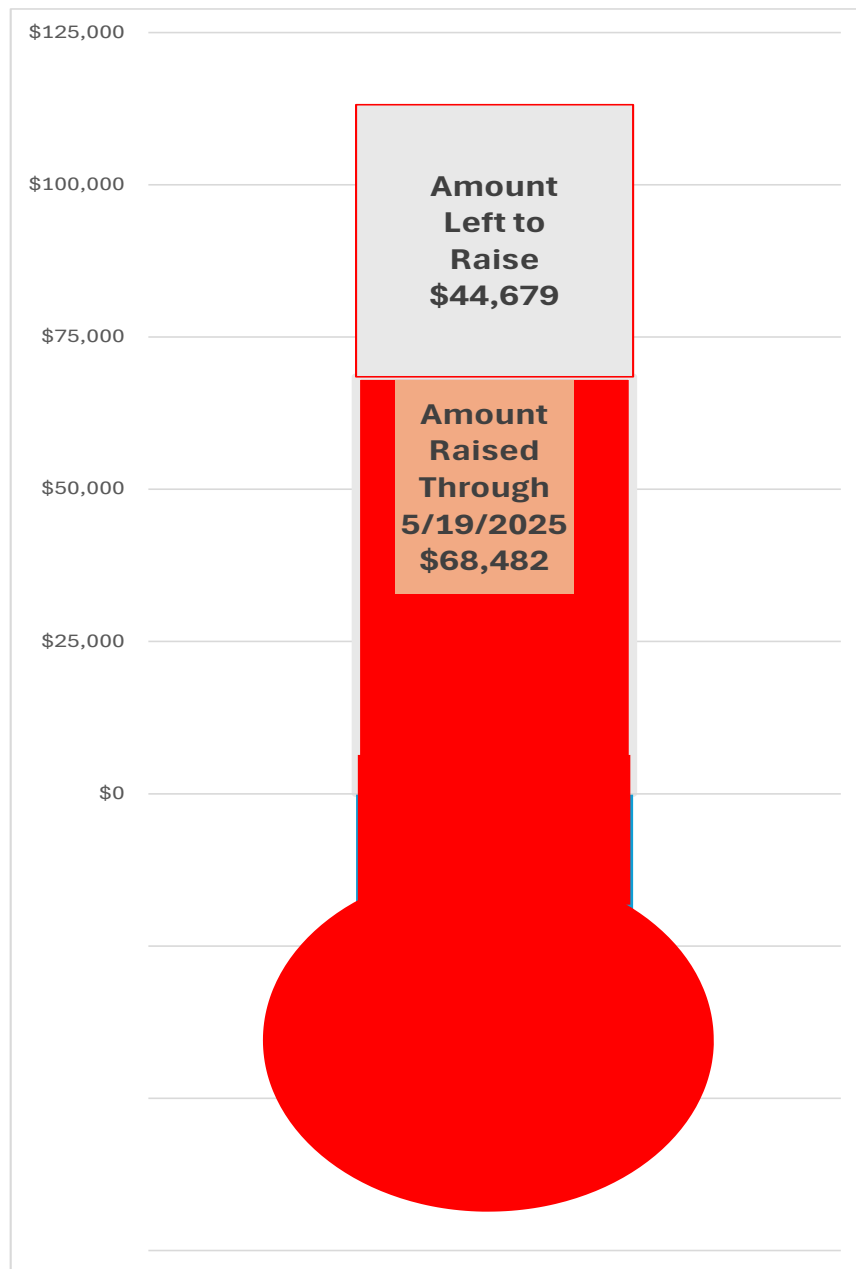
Join us for the official 2025 Carmel VBS Kickoff event! The evening will include training for our volunteers, a worship service to introduce our theme for the week and pray over the kids/volunteers, and conclude with a Sneak Peek for the parents and students to see their rooms and meet their teachers.

6:00 p.m.—Teacher/Helpers Training

6:30 p.m.—VBS Kickoff Service (Parents/Kids, Volunteers, Church members)

7:30 p.m.—Sneak Peek (Parents/Kids meet teachers and see rooms)

VAN PROJECT



GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering : \$8,796.00
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$165,620.12