

HIGHLIGHTS

CARMEL REFORMED CHURCH

“Can’t Wait For Sunday”

July 2025

In 1675 Samuel Rodigast, wrote a hymn to cheer his friend Gastorius, who had become seriously ill. According to some accounts, Gastorius wrote a tune for the words, expecting it to be sung at his funeral. However, Gastorius recovered, finding continued comfort in the words that his friend had written for him.

Among the many translators of this text over the centuries, Catherine Winkworth’s 1863 version contains all of the power and grace that typically characterizes her work.

Rodigast’s hymn quickly became popular, being employed by noted composer Johann Pachelbel in an organ piece in the early 1680s. In the following century, Johann Sebastian Bach incorporated all or part of the hymn into no fewer than six of his church cantatas, and also used the tune in several other settings as well.

Among hymns on the sovereignty of God, few can surpass the power, the beauty, and the hope of this poem written by a young man for the encouragement of a sick friend—and of many generations after him.

Whatever trial you may be going through in your life, it is my prayer that the power of this hymn, based on the timeless truths of Scripture, the enduring Word of God, will sustain you and bring you to a deeper trust in our Sovereign King.

Pastor Ron

*Whate’er my God ordains is right: His holy will abideth;
I will be still whate’er He does, and follow where He guideth.
He is my God; though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all.*

*Whate’er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent; His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day.*

*Whate’er my God ordains is right: though now this cup in drinking,
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking.
My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.*

*Whate’er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father’s care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all.*



July 6: Alyssa Kuyper, Amy McAlpine, Alydia Sandbulte, Hannah Van Roekel
July 13: Jo Moget, Jami Sandbulte, Kylee Sandbulte, Josie Bomgaars
July 20: Ruth De Jager, Edan Bomgaars, Ava Van Roekel, Mar-

cus Van Voorst

July 27: Kristi Segar, Hannah Smolders, Addy Van Voorst, Rylee Bomgaars

August 3: Rachel Van Voorst, Brynn Van Voorst, Jennie Boogerd, Morgan Terpstra

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.

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

July 13-R—Mike Haverhals, Dorene Vander Zwaag

C—Ronda Leusink, Donna Renes, Rachel Van Roekel, Doree Wolfswinkel, Amy McAlpine

July 20-R—Verlyn Van Regenmorter, Glenda Van Meeteren

C—Sue Noteboom, Lorna Vander Vliet, Linda Altena, Sue Dorhout, Sandi Vonk

July 27-R—Karen Boersema, Chad Robertson

C—Rachel Terpstra, Misty Zwart, Kaye Kuyper, Clarice Van Maanen, Carmen Maassen

August 3-R—Hans Smolders, Jerry Renes

C—Amy Rozeboom, Frieda Bartels, Erica Robertson, Colleen Bomgaars, Teresa Sandbulte

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.

July	6 - Enrique Luevano
July	13 - Nathan Maassen
July	20 - Paul Maassen
July	27 - Tim Maassen
Aug.	3 - Tony Madsen

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NEW ARRIVAL



We rejoice with Seth and Courtney Sandbulte on the birth of a daughter, Willa Imogene, on May 24.

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BAPTISM

On June 29, we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism with Collyns Aileen Mesman, daughter of Colton and Courtney Mesman. Collyns was born on May 27.



BAPTISM

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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.

TRANSFER



At the Elder's meeting, they received the membership of Shawn De Wit from Frist Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley, IA.

The membership of Rick and Sara Sandbulte, along with baptized children Aubrianna, Alyssa, Taya, and Kylee, have been transferred to the New Life Church of Sioux Center, IA.

May God bless them in their new church home.

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MARRIAGES

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Lammers (Nyiah Gesink) who were united in marriage on May 16 in Sioux Falls, SD. May God bless them with a long happy marriage.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kody Nobel (Gabriela Luevano) who were united in marriage on May 31 in Viborg, SD. May God bless them with a long happy marriage.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carter De Jong (Jocelyn Terpstra) who were united in marriage on June 13 at Carmel. May God bless them with a long happy marriage.

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OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor Ron and Karen will be on vacation with family back in Michigan from June 30-July 11. If you have any urgent need for pastoral care during this time please contact your care elder.

The office will be closed on Friday, July 4.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS' SCHEDULE CHANGE

GEMS and Cadets are moving to the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Wednesday Night Activities will take place on the 2nd, 4th, & 5th Wednesday of the month.

The education season will start up again in September. Watch for more information!

POWER CONNECTION

Members of the Jr. RCYF will be attending **Work Camp and Power Connection** July 22-27 at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. The theme this year is *Best Life Ever*, "inviting teenager to uncover the secret to experiencing true fulfillment and joy by having a personal relationship with Jesus, being others-centered and belonging to a supportive community of believers."

Featured at this year's Power Connection will be speaker Ashley Bohinc and the Orchard Hill Collective Band. Our Jr. RCYF will also enjoy a time a Valley Fair.

Those attending are: Gabriel Lerma, Bryce Meendering, Attyson Prins, Jackson Roland, Akenna Sandbulte, Morgan Terpstra, Tacey Van Kekerix, Brody Van Voorst, Peter Vonk, Cobyn Sandbulte, Natalie Heasty, Kinlee Wolfswinkel, Blake Niemeyer, Jude Vonk, Hezekiah Vanden Brink, Tyson Hulstein with adult sponsors Matt Smolders, Hannah Smolders, Tom Zwart, Misty Zwart, and Dan DeMeester.

Please Sign Up! As we anticipate this retreat, Jr. RCYF is asking for prayer partners for our youth and adult leaders attending Work Camp and Power Connection. Sign up sheets will be by the Coffee Station in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up and support our youth group!

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PERSPECTIVES ON PATRIOTISM



While pondering differences between patriotism and nationalism, Ryan Hamm looks to Jesus' example in Luke 19:41-44. "Jesus, it seems, loved his people, his city, his nation—so much so that he cried over it," he writes in Christianity Today. "He didn't despise his country or wish ill upon it—instead, he wanted nothing but the best for it, and it grieved him to see how his people had rejected his teachings."

This example of "patriotism perfected" can serve as guide for modern-day Christians, according to Hamm. "It's an example that's both pragmatic and romantic, shot through with justice, truth and love. It's not a nationalistic patriotism—it's a love for nation that doesn't pit it against other nations. Instead, it's a recognition of love followed by a mournful recognition of shortcomings."

Put another way, God doesn't love America more than any other nation. And he doesn't want us to worship our nation alongside him, because that is idolatry. Instead, we are to love and proclaim God above any earthly realm.

SR. RCYF MISSION TRIP

We are excited for our upcoming mission trip to Asheville, North Carolina, departing from Carmel Church on Saturday, July 26. We will fly from Minneapolis to Charlotte then driving to Asheville.

Our trip is guided by “Adventures in Mission” (A.I.M), which aims to develop Christ-following leaders to be the change our world needs. This trip will include activities centered around discipleship, leadership training, and community service, embracing the following core principles: living out and telling a good story (Acts 26:16), walking as Jesus did (1 John 2:6), learning through relationships (2 Timothy 2:2), seeking guidance through prayer (Matthew 10), and serving the poor in spirit (Isaiah 58). For more information on A.I.M, please visit adventures.org

Our schedule will feature devotionals, worship, and hands-on ministry work such as disaster relief and construction, in addition to free time and a visit to the main headquarters of Samaritan’s Purse for a tour with Joni Byker.

We will be accommodated in dorm-style lodging with bunk beds or cots. As we prepare for this journey, we ask for your prayers for the Holy Spirit to guide us, for our safety and travel, and for meaningful growth in our relationships with one another and in the Lord. Thank you for your continued support, and please remember to pray for each individual participating in the trip.

Our theme song for this trip is “*If Your Presence*” by Bridge Worship.

Lord, we are listening and waiting
Cause we can't do Your work alone
With our future in Your hands
We are trusting in Your plans
If Your presence isn't with us we won't go
Spirit of God, we will go with You
Wherever You are, we are alive
You are the way, You go before us
We will bring our expectations and our hope
But if Your presence isn't with us we won't go
Lord, we have seen You move in power
Seen things that only You can do
More than wonders, our desire
Is to know Your holy fire
If Your presence isn't with us we won't go
But if Your presence isn't with us we won't go
Spirit of God, we will go with You
Wherever You are, we are alive
You are the way, You go before us
We will bring our expectations and our hope
But if your presence isn't with us we won't go
You are the light that leads us home,
Every breath is for Your glory
Every move is in Your name
Every plan is by Your power
Every step, You are the way
Every breath is for Your glory
Every move is in Your name
Every plan is by Your power
Every step we say Spirit of God, we will go with You
Wherever You are, we are alive
You are the way, You go before us
We will bring our expectation and our hope
But if Your presence isn't with us we won't go
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But if Your presence isn't with us we won't go

CARMEL GEMS

HAPPY JULY!

Carmel GEMS may not be meeting on a regular schedule during the summer months, prayers and planning for the upcoming 2025-2026 GEMS year is happening!

Carmel GEMS is for girls 2nd grade—8th grade!

Carmel GEMS is open to Carmel members as well as the community!

A huge shout out to all the GEMS Counselors who are “retiring” this year.

Linda Altena, Lisa Doelman, April Kooi, Rachel Terpstra, Anita Van Ravenhorst and Amy Yoerger.

These ladies loved Jesus and shared the joy of having Him in their life!

THANK YOU!

Carmel GEMS night will be moving to Wednesday evenings!!! 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. Praying this will help with school activities that interfere with GEMS.

*Leadership
Summit*

July 17-19 at the Leadership Summit 2025 in Edina, MN! The Leadership Summit Committee has been planning awesome lineup of speakers, inspiring worship music, and NEW OPPORTUNITIES for you to connect with other leaders. If anyone is interested in learning more about Carmel GEMS or the Leadership Summit please ask!

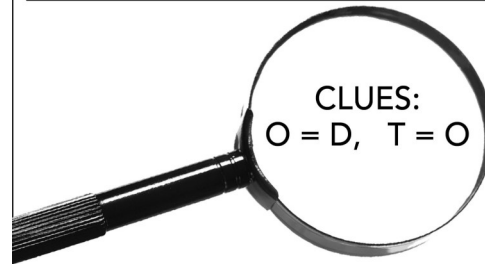
Look up the speakers at gemsgc.org

Carmel GEMS has a private Facebook page if you would like to follow along with our activities and prayer requests!

Kris Van Voorst— Club Coordinator

Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode Proverbs 27:1, NIV.



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Proverbs 27:1, NIV

Answers: Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.
Proverbs 27:1, NIV



Deacons Corner — JULY

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.

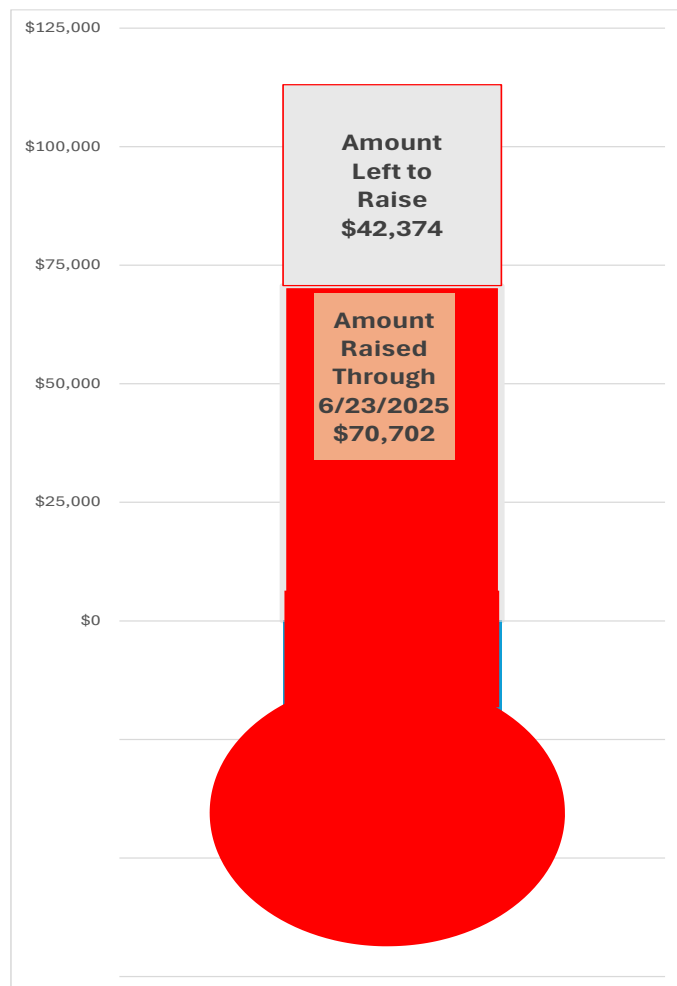
Adoption Fund – For those considering an adoption please consider inquiring as to whether you will qualify for the Carmel Reformed Church Adoption Assistance Fund. This fund makes available up to \$1,500 to assist active Carmel Reformed Church members with adoption costs. See any deacon for details and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

Online Giving – We're pleased to announce that our new online giving platform is now live! Giving has never been easier-whether you're at home, at work, or on the go, you can now support our ministry securely and conveniently. We will still be passing the offering plates on Sunday to give in person.

How to Give Online: Visit our website carmelchurch.org and click on the "Give" button. You'll be able to set up a one-time donation or schedule recurring gifts in just a few easy steps. You can scan the QR code and it will take you to the "Give" page.



"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7





JULY

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| <p>1 - Andrew Van Ginkel
The Brady Keller's</p> <p>2 - The Tanner De Jager's
The John Leusink's</p> <p>3 - Meriah Robertson</p> <p>4 - Bryer Van Meeteren
Morgan Terpstra</p> <p>6 - Case Vanden Top
Kelsi Noteboom
Mrs. Amy McAlpine
The Loren Hooyer's</p> <p>7 - Sydney Gesink
Tony Madsen
The Trey Huyser's
Mrs. Shelly Sandbulte</p> <p>8 - Leo Van Ginkel
The Josh Meendering's</p> <p>9 - Sarah Boogerd
Matt Davelaar
The Mitch Nettinga's</p> <p>10 - Jim Joffer</p> <p>11 - Chris Van Essen
Mrs. Jami Sandbulte
Mark Van Voorst
Mrs. Marla Schmith
Mrs. Shar Swets</p> <p>12 - The Regan Ronning's
The Adam Nibbelink's</p> <p>13 - Mrs. Ruth De Jager
Tanner De Jager
The Randy Vander Weide's</p> <p>14 - Mrs. Sue Noteboom</p> <p>15 - Ethan Sandbulte
Enrique Luevano
Bernie Schoep
The Alan Sandbulte's</p> <p>16 - Ryder Sayles
Cheney Maassen
Mrs. Kristi Gesink
Mrs. Jeanne Ver Mulm
Mrs. Betty Rozeboom
Mrs. Lorna Vander Vliet
The Eric Ochsendorf's</p> | <p>The Brayton Van Kekerix's</p> <p>17 - Ava Sandbulte
John Leusink
Mrs. Kaye Kuyper
The Brian Renes'
The Ken De Boer's</p> <p>18 - Mrs. Haley Rozeboom
Mrs. Gina Rozeboom
The Alec Vanden Brink's
The Brad Oostra's
The Pete Vonk's</p> <p>19 - Mrs. Aubrey Van Kekerix
Taylor Wolfswinkel
Mrs. Jennifer Prins
The Scott Van Kekerix's</p> <p>21 - Scott Van Kekerix
The Tony Madsen's
The Rod Moget's</p> <p>22 - Troy Van De Berg</p> <p>23 - Emma Van Roekel
Trevor Van Meeteren
Mrs. Nohemi Sandbulte
The Dylan Rozeboom's
The Kayden Glade's
The Todd Kooi's</p> <p>24 - Jennie Boogerd
Heidi Boogerd
Dennie Boogerd
Grayson Vande Vegte
The Art Van Ravenhorst's</p> <p>25 - Adley Hulstein
Mrs. Arda Van Regenmorter</p> <p>26 - Josh Meendering
Chris Hulstein
Mrs. Janet Renes</p> <p>27 - Delanie Roland
Eric Van Meeteren</p> <p>28 - Joeb Boogerd
Clara Vande Vegte
Mrs. Kortney Haan
The Jim Vande Zandschulp's</p> <p>29 - Jessa Oostra
Brexton Hulstein
Mrs. Jolene Hooyer
The Mitchell Banks'
The Luke Haan's</p> <p>30 - Mrs. Sandi Vonk</p> <p>31 - Jaxson Oostra
Mrs. Tasha Oostra
John Horstman
The Nate Landman's</p> |
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TINY TEAMWORK

The focused teamwork of ants is astounding! How can we learn from them?

Directions: Answer the clues. Then write the words in order below to complete Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV.

- This 6-legged arthropod can carry 20 times its own weight. _____
- A sleepy, sloth-like and slow-moving person. _____
- Having deep understanding and sound judgment. _____
- A person in charge of military troops. _____
- A person in authority. _____
- The season when daylight hours are longest. _____
- A substance you eat for nutrition. _____
- When farmers reap the rewards of hard work. _____



Go to the _____, you _____;

consider its ways and be _____!

It has no _____, no overseer or _____,

yet it stores its provisions in _____

and gathers its _____ at _____.

Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV



Answers: ant, slugard, wise, commander, ruler, summer, food, harvest, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.



Make this candle to keep uninvited insects from your outdoor summer meals.

What you need:

- Lime
- 10-20 whole cloves
- Birthday candle
- 4 toothpicks
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Have an adult slice the lime in half. Cut off the rounded end of one half so it can stand without rolling.
2. Insert 10 cloves into the cut sides of each half.
3. Stand the bottom half on a plate. Insert the candle in the center.
4. Insert the 4 toothpicks in the cut side of the bottom half. Then place the other half atop the toothpicks.
5. Before dinner, have an adult light the candle that's between the two lime halves. The flame's heat will warm the lime and create a smell that insects don't like.
6. Supervise the flame. Blow it out when it reaches the bottom lime.

