

August 24, 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 Hymns: *"How Great Thou Art"*
 "His Glory and My Good"

Invocation

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#687** *"Standing on the Promises"* (v. 1-4)
(Offerings for the General Fund & Missionary Support)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-13

Message: **Gospel Armor- "Stand Firm in His Strength"**

*Closing Song: *"In Christ Alone"*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: **#687** *"Standing on the Promises"* (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: **#572** *"He Hideth My Soul"*
 #486 *"I Surrender All"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: *"The Heidelberg Catechism"*
 Lord's Day #18

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#461** *"Open My Eyes That I May See"*

Scripture: Isaiah 58

Message: **"A Look at Fasting"**

Closing Hymn: **#480** *"Have Thine Own Way Lord"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Shelly Van Otterloo*

(*please stand if you are able)

Welcome! We worship in the name of God, creator and protector of all; and of Jesus, our Savior and friend; and of the Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide. Amen. Please join us for refreshments after the 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

Nursery Attendants: Nikki H., Jo M., Heidi B., Akenna S. **Door Attendant:** Dan. **Ushers:** Trevor P. (M), Loren P. (NE), Brian R. (SW). **Refreshments:** Jami S., Aubrey V.K. **Audio:** Dan. **Video:** Dale. **Power Point:** Tonia. **After Service Greeters:** Leon & Hans (M), Pastor Ron (NE), Dennis (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, August 25

7:00 p.m.—**The Bridge meeting**

Saturday, August 30

Brian Robyn & Shelly Van Otterloo's wedding

NEXT SUNDAY, August 31

Nursery Attendants: Morgan Hoekstra, Amy McAlpine, Sadie Janisch, Ruthie Vanden Brink. **Door Attendant:** Willard Hulstein. **Ushers:** Marlin Sandbulte (M); Seth Sandbulte (NE); Josh Vanden Top (SW). **Refreshments:** Denny De Jong, Chad Robertson. **Cookies:** Lin De Jong, Donna Renes, Rachel Van Roekel, Doree Wolfswinkel, Amy McAlpine. **Special Music:** Rod Moget. **Special Offering:** Cody and Tricia Groenveld.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Ashley Vande Vegte has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Betty Rozeboom is in the hospital with trouble breathing.

Shar Swets is recovering from a stroke.

Henry Wolfswinkel Sr. is recovering from heart 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 Free Grace Reformed Congregation.

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 all who participated in the "*Driving FORE His Kingdom*" Golf Outing Fundraiser. We hope that the evening was full of laughter, fun and fellowship for all.

Also, thank you to all of our corporate sponsors that helped make the golf outing memorable for all the participants. Please watch the September newsletter for a full list of corporate sponsors. Be sure to thank them and support these businesses throughout the year.

A huge thank you to Paula Van Voorst for all the work and coordination that she put into the golf outing. Without her help, the evening would not have been a great time for all that were involved!

Finally, the Deacons of Carmel Reformed Church want to say thank you, Carmel Church members, friends, and visitors for your generosity in giving of your gifts and talents for the furtherance and blessings of His Kingdom in Carmel Church. We continue to covet your prayers as we use the gifts that are given for His Glory and Honor.

Carmel Reformed Church Deacons

"Thank you to the Jr. RCYF, Matt & Hannah Smolders, Tom & Misty Zwart, and Shawn Sandbulte for helping Scott with yard work. It was very much appreciated!"

-Scott & Vicki Fischer

Happy birthday to *Henry J. Wolfswinkel* who is celebrating his 84th birthday today, August 24.

Happy anniversary to *Jim & Lois Joffer* who is celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary today, August 24.

Happy birthday to *Frieda Bartels* who will be celebrating her 89th birthday on Friday, August 29.

Happy birthday to *Dittie Houtkooper* who will be celebrating her 81st birthday on Friday, August 29.

Happy anniversary to *Russ & Helen Vande Vegte* who will be celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary on Friday, August 29.

Carmel Ministry Kick-off of our education and ministry programs at Carmel Church is Sunday, September 7! You can learn all about the various ministries that will be happening at Carmel. Sr RCYF will be hosting a lunch after the morning worship service.

Jr. RCYF will be kicking off their year on Sunday, September 7! They will be going to Thunder Road in Sioux Falls. We will be leaving the church at 3:00 p.m. The sponsors will bring home the students at the end of the evening. Bring a friend!

You are invited! The Triumphant Quartet is coming to Trinity CRC on Sunday, September 7, at 6:00 p.m. for a special concert! They deliver the powerful message of the Gospel through word and song that engages audiences of all ages. A freewill offering will be received. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Carmel Church Women's Life Group is excited to kick off our fall season!

Kick-Off: Pick and Praise
Wednesday, September 17
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the
Holland Flower Farm

Please contact the church office or message Carmel Church Women's Life Group on social media to sign up!



GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering : \$5,012.15
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$261,982.03