

August 17, 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 Hymns: **#442** *"Blessed Assurance"*
"Jesus Strong and Kind"

Invocation

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#478** *"Nearer Still Nearer"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Christian Care Fund)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Psalm 34

Message: **"Taste and See"**

*Closing Song: *"He Will Hold Me Fast"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Karen Boersema*

(*please stand if you are able)

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Karen Boersema*

Welcome

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 12*

Prayer

*Worship Hymns: *"In Christ Alone"*
#572 *"He Hideth My Soul"* (v. 1, 2)
#128 *"That Beautiful Name"* (v. 1, 3)
#130 *"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"* (v. 3, 4)
#272 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* (v. 1, 3, 4)

Pastoral Prayer: *Psalm 19*

*Hymn: **#584** *"Abide with Me"* (v. 1, 3, 5)

Scripture: Daniel 6:1-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Message: **"A Model of Godly Consistency"**

*Hymn: **#20** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

*Benediction

*Hymn: **#95** *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* (v. 5)

Postlude: *Karen Boersema*

(*please stand if you are able)

As we worship—indeed, as we live—we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses to our Lord Jesus Christ. So we can lay aside every weight and sin (Hebrews 12:1-2). Welcome. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

A warm welcome to Pastor Steve Breen as he leads our evening 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: Edan B., Lynna D.W., Addison R., Faithe V.M. **Door Attendant:** Larry. **Ushers:** Jerry W. (M), Brad O. (NE), Mitch N. (SW). **Refreshments:** Doug V.B., Becky O. **Audio:** Riley. **Video:** Enrique. **Power Point:** Janice. **After Service Greeters:** Shawn & Pastor Ron (M), Brian (NE), Dan F. (SW).

THIS WEEK

Thursday, August 21

7:30 p.m.—CWM Nomination Team Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, August 24

Nursery Attendants: Nikki Hulstein, Jo Moget, Heidi Boogerd, Akenna Sandbulte. **Door Attendant:** Dan DeMeester. **Ushers:** Trevor Pieper (M); Loren Punt (NE); Brain Rozeboom (SW). **Refreshments:** Jami Sandbulte, Aubrey Van Kekerix. **Cookies:** Gene Sandbulte, Rhonda Sandbulte, Alice Remmerde, Ronda Leusink, Hazel Haverhals. **Special Music:** Colton Mesman. **Special Offering:** Missionary Support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Shar Swets had some testing done at the Avera Hospital.
Anita Van Ravenhorst received good results from her angiogram.
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 First Christian Reformed Congregation and Pastor Kurt Monroe.

At the Elders' meeting, it was their joy to receive *Ruthie Vanden Brink* into the communicant family of Carmel Reformed Church through profession of faith.

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.

Our sympathies to *Kelly and Mary Ann Zinnel and family* on the death of their son, *Matt*, who passed away Sunday, August 10. May God grant peace and comfort to their family.

"The family of Pete De Jong would like to thank everyone for the love and support we've been shown, as we grieve the loss of Pete. We so appreciate your prayers, thoughtful cards and gifts, lawn mowing, meals, baked goods, and happy hour visits. In times like these, it is a privilege to belong to the family of God (Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12) and to experience the community that He provides. Thank you for blessing us in this way and for being a reflection of Christ to our family. We are 'better than we deserve' and have much to be thankful for."

-Ev De Jong and Family

"Thank you to everyone for their prayers, hugs, help with lawn mowing and yard clean up. Thank you also for coffee hour visits. The support given has been much appreciated and has not gone unnoticed."

-Jan De Jong

"Thank you to everyone who prayed for us, gifted us with phone calls, get-well messages, food, visits, and gift cards after my surgery and recovery. Each of these have been very much appreciated!"

-Larry & Brenda Van Dyke

Happy anniversary to *Marvin & Shari Kruid* who will celebrate their 55th anniversary on Thursday, August 21.

Articles for the September *HIGHLIGHTS* are due August 24.

Upstairs is looking for more help during Sunday worship services. Please contact Dan Fedders if you are interested.

We are pleased to announce that, following the recent golf tournament and additional donations, the fundraising goal for the van project has been successfully achieved—and we have slightly exceeded our goal. Your steadfast generosity and support have enabled us to reach this milestone in just eight months. We're so thankful for everyone's faithful support!

Both new vans are now here and have already been put to good use by our youth groups. With the additional funds raised, we are planning to add premium quality floor mats to the vans. These mats will help keep them looking newer longer and make cleaning easier.

At the congregational meeting this past Sunday morning, we, as the consistory sought your input by way of a vote to help guide the decision making process of whether or not we should move forward with changing our current election process from what it has been, to using a "lot" system. The threshold that we set for a strong confidence to move forward was a two thirds affirmation from the congregation. Last night the votes were tallied and it came in significantly short of that goal. The consistory agreed to keep our current election process the way it is based on the input received and the outcome of the vote. We greatly appreciate the congregations role in this process and we continue to pray for unity and to see God's hand in leading us as we approach the election of officers again soon.

-Together in Christ, the Carmel Consistory

<p><u>GENERAL FUND GIVING:</u> Offering : \$7,070.00 Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$256,969.88</p>
