

October 12, 2025

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

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: *Natalie Ysselstein*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Songs: *"Abide"*
"Trust in God"

Invocation

Ministry in Music: *Shelly Robyn, Brad & Deb Krommendyk,
Allison Hulstein, Nate Van Otterloo*

Congregational Prayer

Song: *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Inspiration Hills)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-17b

Message: **Gospel Armor— "Be Ready for a Sword Fight"**

*Closing Song: *"Come Jesus Come"*

*Benediction

Doxology: *"The Blessing"*

Postlude: *Natalie Ysselstein*

(*please stand if you are able)

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Shelly Robyn*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Worship Hymns: **#298** *"Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My
Heart"*
#692 *"Wonderful Words of Life"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: *"The Heidelberg Catechism"*
Lord's Day #24

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#297** *"Spirit Of The Living God"*

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4

Message: **"How Do We Know if God is Speaking?"**

Closing Hymn: **#690** *"Father Speak Your Word Again"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Shelly Robyn*

(*please stand if you are able)

*Welcome! Today we give thanks to God for our pastors—those
He has given us "according to His heart" (Jeremiah 3:15, KJV),
to lead, teach and care for His people with faith and love. May
this time of worship bless them, even as they continue to bless us.
Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship ser-
vice.*

Thank you to *Shelly Robyn, Brad & Deb Krommendyk, Alli-
son Hulstein, and Nate Van Otterloo* for their ministry in music.

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

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School

Preschool-1st grade meet in the music room.

2nd-6th grade meet in the sanctuary.

Lesson: “*Jesus’ Miracles Prove He is God*”

Sunday School Guide Class meet in the library.

5:30 p.m.—SR RCYF

Pizza, Pop, Puzzles, and Pumpkins

6:30 p.m.—JR RCYF

Nursery Attendants: Ruth D.J., Morgan H., Marcus V.V., Addie V.V. **Door Attendant:** Wayne. **Ushers:** Luke H. (M), Seth H. (NE), Todd K. (SW). **Refreshments:** Jami S., Aubrey V.K. **Audio:** Nate & Riley. **Video:** Chad. **Power Point:** Barb. **After Service Greeters:** Pastor Ron & Dan Fedders (M), Leon (NE), Brian (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, October 13

9:00 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study

6:30 p.m.—Elders’ Meeting. Anyone desiring to make profession of their faith may meet with the elders at 7:00.

7:30 p.m.—Consistory Meeting.

Wednesday, October 15

7:00 p.m.—GEMS & Cadets

Adult Bible Study

RVL Discipleship: The Study

Women’s Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY, October 19

Nursery Attendants: Amy McAlpine, Jo Moget, Rylee Bomgaars, Kinlee Wolfswinkel. **Door Attendant:** Doug Van Beek. **Ushers:** Eric Ochsendorf (M); Brad Oostra (NE); Orlin Oostra (SW). **Refreshments:** Becky Ochsendorf, Mike Haverhals. **Cookies:** Doree Wolfswinkel, Hazel Haverhals, Amy McAlpine, Lorna Vander Vliet, Linda Altena. **Special Music:** Eric Ochsendorf. **Special Offering:** Property Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Lori Kleyer is recovering from hip surgery.

Paisley Davelaar is recovering from surgery.

Brian Renes is in Thailand for a Bible translation event. He will return October 14.

Alydia Sandbulte is recovering from surgery.

Beth Te Grotenhuis has been diagnosed with metastatic rectal cancer.

Sue Noteboom has been diagnosed with Guillain Barre Syndrome.

Ashley Vande Vegte has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Please keep *Middleburg Free Grace Church* in your prayers as they look 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 Peace Lutheran 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.

Congratulations to *Shawn and ReAnna (Wolfswinkel) De Wit* who were united in marriage at Carmel on October 4. May God bless them with a long and happy married life.

Happy birthday to *Ron Dieck* who will celebrate his 83rd birthday on Wednesday, October 15.

Happy birthday to *Dorene Hulshof* who will celebrate her 96th birthday on Thursday, October 16.

Happy birthday to *Ramona Vander Weide* who will celebrate her 86th birthday on Saturday, October 18.

“We want to express our gratitude to the Carmel congregation and Pastor Ron & Karen for the support, concern, and prayers offered to our family this past month. We truly felt the hand of God through all of this with the prayers, food, cards, visits, gift cards, and more. Sue appreciates your continued prayers for improving strength and mobility. We are blessed to be apart of a church that has showed us what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus.”

-Jerry & Sue Noteboom and family

Nomination ballots for Elders and Deacons are DUE TODAY
All communicate members are encouraged to fill them out!

The Bridge: Young Adult Ministry- Join us for our next gathering on Sunday, October 19, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Rivers Bend. Come enjoy an afternoon together with sand volleyball and pickleball.

The newly elected CWM (Carmel Women's Ministry) officers are Janice Luevano-Secretary; Geneva Van Kekerix and Jazmine Koedam-Decorating; Lin De Jong and Becky Vanden Brink-Service; Rachel Van Roekel and Tami Ronning-Nominating Committee.

The Carmel Women's Ministry Committee will meet in the church on Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. for our annual meeting. This is for all current members as well as the newly elected members. Please plan to attend as we discuss this coming year's ministry.

Attention Treasurers: Please be aware it is the end of the fiscal year on October 31. Financial Report Forms will be in your mailboxes soon.

Articles for the *HIGHLIGHTS* are due Sunday, October 19.

The online giving platform is available for your convenience. Offerings can be made securely through our website at carmel-church.org. We are deeply grateful for your continued generosity and support.

The Consistory would like to remind the congregation that October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We would like to encourage you all to reach out to Pastor Ron and Karen with a token of appreciation to say thank you for the tireless work to make an impact for the Kingdom of God, by serving our congregation and the surrounding community. Most importantly continue to support them by praying for Pastor Ron and Karen as together they serve God and this church.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Stop at the table in the Fellowship Hall and pick up a red and green GO box. Fill it with toys and other presents and you have an **extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope.**

How to pack a shoebox brochures are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. **Carefully read & follow the instructions** (regular size shoeboxes, please).

Also on the table are sheets with ideas of what to put in the shoe boxes as well as what NOT to put in the boxes. "Let's Be Friends!" and "All About Me" sheets that your kids can fill out and include in your box can also be found on the table.

DON'T FORGET to include a \$10 donation per shoebox gift which is critical to help cover shipping and other ministry expenses.

Please bring your filled shoe boxes to the church by Sunday, November 16.

Your Support would be appreciated for the CADET TAKE & BAKE PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Pizzas: (Beef, Pepperoni, Cheese, Bronco, Buffalo Chicken, Breakfast Bacon Sausage)
Order from any *Cadet* or *Counselor*: Riley Anderson, Seth Haverhals, Tony Madsen, Eric Ochsendorf, Eric Van Meeteren, Keaton Van Voorst, Henry A. Wolfswinkel

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering : \$9,738.00
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$318,557.06