

October 19, 2025

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

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Songs: *"Raise A Hallelujah"*
"Goodness of God"

Invocation

Ministry in Music: *Addison and Johnny Van Voorst*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#30** *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Property Fund)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

Message: **Gospel Armor— "A Prayer Empowered Battle"**

*Closing Song: *"By Faith"*

*Benediction

Doxology: *"By Faith"*

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

(*please stand if you are able)

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Words of Hope Updates: *Jon Opgenorth*

*Worship Hymns: **#95** *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*
#694 *"Jesus Saves!"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: *"The Heidelberg Catechism"*
Lord's Day #25

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#456** *"I'd Rather Have Jesus"*

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6

Message: **"One Hope"**

Closing Hymn: **#96** *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

(*please stand if you are able)

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God" (1 John 4:7, KJV). Take time to greet another worshiper with the love of the Lord. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

A warm welcome to Pastor Jon Opgenorth, President of Words of Hope, as he lead our evening service.

Thank you to *Addison and Johnny Van Voorst* 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 Taught about Character*”

Sunday School Guide Class meet in the library.

2:00-5:00 p.m.—**The Bridge**

Join us at Rivers Bend for sand volleyball and pickleball.

5:20 p.m.—**JR RCYF**

Hull students meet at Tom & Misty Zwart’s house; Sioux Center/Carmel students meet at church. We will be going to Rock Valley for a night of Youth Praise and Worship. Sponsors will bring home students.

5:30 p.m.—**SR RCYF**

Meet at Carmel then we will go to the Youth Praise and Worship at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley.

8:00 p.m.—**Homebuilders**

Hosts: The Van Ravenhorsts

Nursery Attendants: Amy M., Jo M., Rylee B., Kinlee W. **Door Attendant:** Doug. **Ushers:** Eric O. (M), Brad O. (NE), Orlin O. (SW). **Refreshments:** Becky O., Mike H. **Audio:** Dan. **Video:** Dale. **Power Point:** Tonia. **After Service Greeters:** Shawn & Hans (M), Dennis (NE), Pastor Ron (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, October 20

9:00 a.m.—**Women’s Bible Study**

Tuesday, October 21

6:00 p.m.—**Diamonds Ministry**

Wednesday, October 22

7:00 p.m.—**Wednesday Night Activities K-12th Grade**

“*Rahab Helps the Spies*”

Adult Bible Study

RVL Discipleship: The Study

Women’s Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY, October 26

Nursery Attendants: Jami Sandbulte, Kristi Segar, Ava Sandbulte, Jennie Boogerd. **Door Attendant:** Larry Wolfswinkel. **Ushers:** Mitch Nettinga (M); Todd Noteboom (NE); Trevor Pieper (SW). **Refreshments:** Glenda Van Meeteren, Gene Sandbulte. **Cookies:** Donna Renes, Glenda Van Meeteren, Gene Sandbulte, Rachel Van Roekel, Ronda Leusink. **Special Music:** Colyn Oostenink. **Special Offering:** Missionary Support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Marcella Langstraat is at Pleasant Acres.

Lori Kleyer is recovering from hip surgery.

Paisley Davelaar is recovering from surgery on her ear.

Alydia Sandbulte is recovering from surgery.

Beth Te Grotenhuis is receiving chemotherapy treatments.

Sue Noteboom remains at Sioux Center Health.

Ashley Vande Vegte is receiving chemotherapy treatments.

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 United Reformed Congregation and Rev. Jon 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.

Happy anniversary to *Herb & Alice Remmerde* who will celebrate their 74th wedding anniversary on Friday, October 24.

The old mailboxes are available for anyone who has a use for them. If you are interested please contact a deacon.

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.

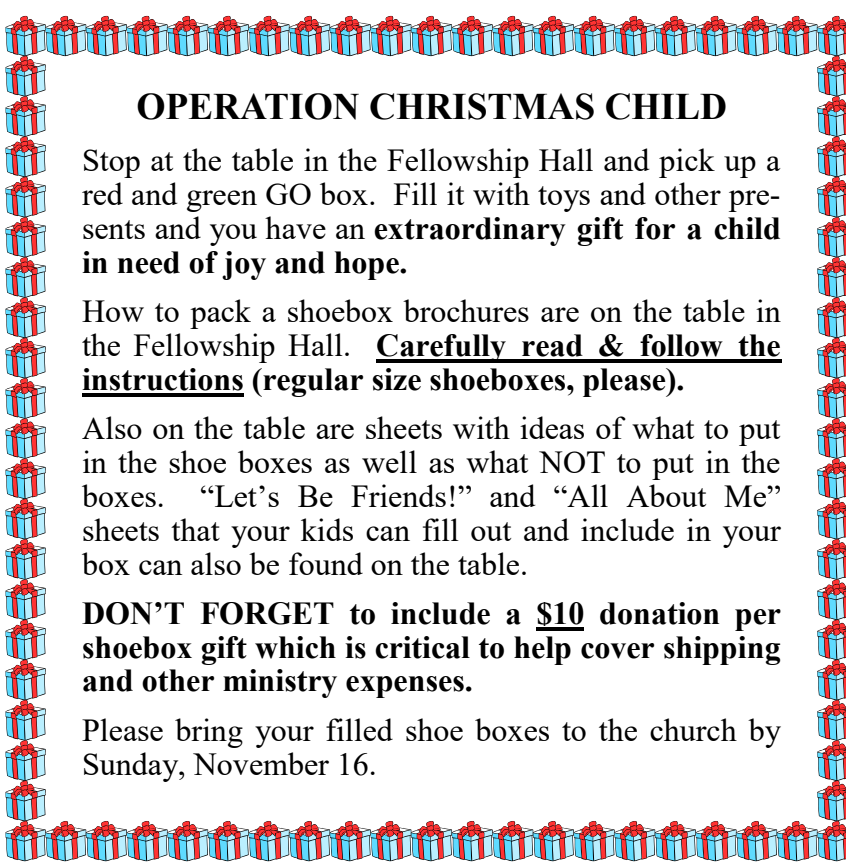
Attention all singers! Do you like to make a joyful noise to the Lord? If you're interested in using your musical gifts to serve the congregation, please sign up at the Coffee Station by October 26th.

Articles for the *HIGHLIGHTS* are due today.

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.

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering : \$7,865.00 Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$326,426.06

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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.