

JANUARY 25, 2026

CADET SUNDAY

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

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: *Carrie Maassen*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Songs: *"Hymn of Heaven"*
"Good & Gracious King"

*Invocation

Cadet Litany

Ministry in Music: *Dan Fedders*

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#496** *"Living For Jesus"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Missionary Support)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Genesis 50:15-21; Colossians 3:12-17

Message: **"The Wonder of Shared Forgiveness"**

*Hymn: **#707** *"Freely, Freely"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Carrie Maassen*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Carrie Maassen*

Welcome

Call to Praise and Prayer: *Psalm 8*

*Worship Hymns: **#271** *"Jesus Shall Reign"*
#272 *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: *God's Greatness, His Grace, His Goodness*
Psalm 145

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#124** *"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"*

Scripture: Isaiah 44:6-8; Colossians 1:15-18; Revelation 1:1-8

Message: **"From the Beginning to the End"**

*Hymn: **#122** *"Majesty"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Carrie Maassen*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

Today we celebrate the precious gift of life – each person wonderfully made and deeply loved by God. Whether you are young or old, joyful or weary, know that your life has purpose and value in His eyes. May we honor the Creator by cherishing the lives He has created. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

A warm welcome to Pastor Steve Breen as he leads our worship services.

Today is Cadet Sunday. We praise God for our Cadet program, its leaders and its members. May God use this program to bring glory to Him as it instructs and encourages our young boys to live for Him.

Thank you to *Dan Fedders* for his ministry in music this morning.

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

10:30 a.m. – **ALL current ushers and anyone who would like to usher please meet in the Chapel after the morning worship service for a quick meeting.**

10:45 a.m. – **Sunday School**

Preschool-1st grade meet in the music room.

2nd-6th grade meet in the sanctuary.

Sunday School Guide Class meets in the library.

6:30 p.m. – **JR & SR RCYF**

Nursery Attendants: Jami S., Jo M., Sadie J., Ruthie V.B. **Door Attendant:** Kelly. **Ushers:** Marlin V.V. (M), Josh V.T. (NE), Keith B. (SW). **Refreshments:** Becky O., Gene S. **Audio:** Nate. **Video:** Enrique. **Power Point:** Janice. **After Service Greeters:** Dennis & Phil (M), Brian (NE), Henry (SW).

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 27

6:00 p.m. – **Diamonds Ministry**

Wednesday, January 28

5:00-7:00 p.m. – **CHILI BASH**

Free will donation to JR RCYF

7:00 p.m. – **Wednesday Night Activities**

Lesson #69: *“Israel Turns to Idols”*

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Nursery Attendants: Hannah Smolders, Rachel Van Roekel, Gaby Prins, Slayden Sandbulte. **Door Attendant:** Kevin Sandbulte.

Ushers: Luke Haan (M), Eric Ochsendorf (NE), Mitch Nettinga (SW). **Refreshments:** Jami Sandbulte, Aubrey Van Kekerix.

Cookies: Lorna Vander Vliet, Linda Altena, Sandi Vonk, Misty Zwart, Kaye Kuyper. **Special Music:** Jerry Renes. **Special**

Offering: Rocky Mountain High.

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Brian and Donna Renes are in Spain for a Moroccan Bible dedication. They will return Thursday, January 29.

Linda Altena has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. She will be doing weekly Immunotherapy infusions.

Ashley Vande Vegte has completed chemotherapy.

Mimi Sandbulte broke her foot.

Ronda Leusink is recovering from surgery on her foot.

Loren Van Regenmorter is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Arda Van Regenmorter has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Sue Noteboom is home after 4 months of being admitted for Guillain Barre Syndrome.

Derek Vande Zandschulp is recovering from surgery to remove kidney stones.

Beth Te Grotenhuis is receiving chemotherapy. She will be getting scans done in two weeks to determine the next steps.

Middleburg Free Grace Church as they look for a Pastor.

Praying for our local congregations: This week please be in prayer for God's blessing for the Jesucristo El Buen Congregation and Pastor Rodrigo Gonzalez.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

We rejoice with *Tanner & Ruth De Jager* on the birth of a daughter, *Maelie Renae*, who was born on Tuesday, January 20.

“Our family would like to thank you for the love and support you have shown us over the past few years. We have been deeply blessed by your prayers, visits, food, and many acts of kindness. Your care carried us through this season in ways we will never forget. May God bless you as He has blessed us. God is good-all the time.”

-Tom & Misty Zwart and family
Jared & Rachel Terpstra and family



Birthday this week

We celebrate the following birthday this week.

May God bless you in the year ahead!

Jo Te Grotenhuis – 91st birthday, Wednesday, January 28

The following officers were elected at the January Consistory Meeting; Leon Franken -Vice President; Brian Renes-Clerk; Hans Smolders -Worship & Music; Henry Sandbulte-Education; Phil Hooyer -Youth; Hans Smolders-Pulpit Supply; Dennis De Jong-Hospitality; James Vanden Brink -Chairman of Deacons; Mitch Nettinga-General Fund; Nate Van Ginkel-Mission Fund; Dan Buyert-Property and Cemetery Funds; Adam Nibbelink-Christian Care Fund; Chris Van Essen -Outreach, Building and Transportation Funds.

Hard copies of the February *HIGHLIGHTS* are on the Coffee Station.

The JR RCYF is looking to borrow roasters by Sunday, January 25 to use for our Chili Bash. Please label both the lid and the roaster with your first and last name so that we can match them appropriately. *PLEASE NOTE:* No soup or dessert donations are needed this year as it will be provided by the JR RCYF. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, January 28th to support our Junior High Youth! Please let Matt or Hannah Smolders know if you have a roaster that JR RCYF could borrow.

The consistory is seeking congregational input as we consider whether to increase the size of the consistory. We recognize the importance of hearing from the congregation as we move forward together, and we welcome your thoughts and feedback on this matter. Please share your input with your care elder by the end of March. Thank you for continued prayers, patience, and participation in the life of our church.

We're excited to bring back children's messages during our worship services! This is a fun and meaningful way to connect with our kids and help them feel at home in worship. If you enjoy working with children (and don't mind a few giggles or great questions), we'd love to have you help lead a children's message. Please reach out to Dennis De Jong if you are interested or want to learn more.

It is not too early to start thinking about Summer Camp at Inspiration Hills. This year's theme is "*Not of This World*" taken from John 17:16 which says, "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world." Registration opens February 2nd! Register online at inspirationhills.org. *Carmel Reformed Church members:* Carmel Church pays for ½ of the registration fee for one camp, per student, per year. Pick up a camp brochure by the mailboxes.

Love INC is offering 12-week classes every Tuesday night beginning Tuesday, January 27. The classes being offered this session are Faith & Finance, Redemptive Compassion, Boundaries, and Grief Share. For more information or to register for a class, you can email us at ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org or call us at 712-476-5990.

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the First Reformed Church in Rock Rapids. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schools learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is February 13-15. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50.00 and includes a t-shirt and other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

CHILI BASH

Wednesday, January 28

5:00-7:00 PM

Serving Chili and Homemade Cinnamon Rolls



Freewill donation for JR RCYF to attend Middle School Retreat and Power Connection.

Invite your friends!!

"TO GO" Meals are available

TAKE & BAKE PIZZAS AVAILABLE

Cadets have some Take & Bake Pizzas available for purchase in the Kitchen Freezer. They are \$12 per pizza, please put your money in the box on the counter by the stove marked Cadet's Take & Bake Pizza.

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering: \$8,167.35
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$73,164.85

Berry blessed GALENTINES

- ♥ Wednesday, February 18
- ♥ 7:00 p.m.
- ♥ The Grain House in Hull



Drinks and dessert will be provided so grab your gals and come for a fun night out!

Bring along one \$10 gift card to your favorite place to share! (retail store, movie theater, coffee shop, food truck, etc.)

Sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or on the Women's Life Facebook page.

GEMS FUNDRAISER

The Carmel GEMS are selling fresh prepared meals from The Lunch House in Rock Valley. Check your mailbox or ask one of the GEMS, they would love to help you make your mealtime easy. Order forms are due Wednesday, February 11. Please put order forms, along with the money, in the box on the Coffee Station

Philly Steak Sliders	Ham Cheese Sliders
Loaded Potato Soup	Broccoli Cheese Soup
Roast Beef/Mashed Potatoes	Teriyaki Chicken/Fried Rice
Tuscan Chicken Pasta	Shredded Pork

CADET SUNDAY LITANY 2025-2026 – “STAND FIRM”

LEADER: This year's Cadet theme is “Stand Firm”. The Cadets are learning how they do not need to conform to the ways of the world. They are not expected to be unmoving, but rather act in love, living a life based on Christ. This is based on 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.

CONGREGATION: Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith;

Cadets: We will be strong and courageous.

CONGREGATION: Act bravely; be strong

Cadets: We will follow our call to live boldly.

LEADER: Let all that you do be done in love.

CONGREGATION: We will serve others with compassion and grace,

Cadets: In times of challenge, we will remain steadfast.

CONGREGATION: Our faith will guide us through every trial.

LEADER: In your actions, remember to reflect Christ's love.

CONGREGATION: We will be instruments of peace and hope.

Cadets: Together, we will support one another.

CONGREGATION: United in faith, we will stand firm.

LEADER: Our lives must always be a testament to God's love.

Cadets: We commit to love and serve in all we do.

CONGREGATION: Let us go forth with strength and love.