

**FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

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

**MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)**

Prelude: *Nora Bohl*

Welcome

Call to Worship: *Give Glory to God*

\*Christian Greeting

\*Worship Songs: *"Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"*  
*"You Are My All in All"*

\*Invocation

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#116** *"Blessed Be the Name"*

(Offerings for the General Fund & Rocky Mountain High)  
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Message: **"Well Off in the Kingdom"**

\*Hymn: **#490** *"O to Be Like Thee"*

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Nora Bohl*

*(\*please stand if you are able)*

**EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)**

Prelude: *Nora Bohl*

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Worship Hymns: **#497** *"I'll Live for Him"*  
**#473** *"I Am Thine, O Lord"*

Invocation

Apostle's Creed

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn: **#483** *"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"*

Scripture: Ephesians 4:14-16

Message: **"Biblical Maturity"**

\*Song: *"In Christ Alone"*

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Nora Bohl*

*(\*please stand if you are able)*

***Welcome! We're so glad you're here for worship today. Our prayer is that you experience God's presence in a meaningful way. Take a moment to greet someone nearby – we're a family in Christ, and we're grateful you're part of the gathering. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.***

**A warm welcome** to Pastor Doug Van Aartsen as he leads our morning worship service and Chris 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**

10:30 a.m. – **Carmel GEMS, Parents, Counselors please meet at the front of church after the morning worship service to go over our Step Out to Serve evening February 4 at Crown Pointe.** *We can step out to serve others and shine for God, like Mary, by pointing others to Him through our attitudes, actions, and words.*

10:30 a.m. – **ALL current door attendants and anyone who would like to be a door attendant please meet in the Moses Room after the morning worship service for a quick meeting.**

10:30 a.m. – **Parents and student meeting for SR RCYF about Rocky Mountain High after the morning worship service. Please meet in the Chapel.**

10:45 a.m. – **Sunday School**  
Preschool-1<sup>st</sup> grade meet in the music room.  
2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the sanctuary.  
**Sunday School Guide Class** meets in the library.

6:30 p.m. – **JR RCYF**  
Please bring your personal Bible along

6:30 p.m. – **SR RCYF**

**Nursery Attendants:** Hannah S., Rachel V.R., Gaby P., Slayden S.  
**Door Attendant:** Kevin. **Ushers:** Luke H. (M), Eric O. (NE), Gene S. (SW). **Refreshments:** Jami S., Aubrey V.K. **Audio:** Riley.  
**Video:** Laura. **Power Point:** Eric. **After Service Greeters:** Leon & Brian (M), Hans (NE), Phil (SW).

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Wednesday, February 4**

5:00-5:15 p.m. – **GEMS**

Please meet at Crown Pointe. Please let Kristi know if you are needed help getting the GEMS to Sioux Center. We will eat with the Carmel Residents and Family members and have some fun! Pick up will be Crown Pointe at 7:15-7:30 pm.

7:00 p.m. – **Cadets**

### **NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**Nursery Attendants:** Brynn Van Voorst, Edan Bomgaars, Karlee Leusink, Brody Van Voorst. **Door Attendant:** Wayne Te Grotenhuis. **Ushers:** Seth Huizenga (M), Brad Oostra (NE), Todd Noteboom (SW). **Refreshments:** Dennis De Jong, Glenda Van Meeteren. **Cookies:** Glenda Van Meeteren, Clarice Van Maanen, Carmen Maassen, Amy Rozeboom, Frieda Bartels. **Special Music:** Chad Robertson. **Special Offering:** Mission Projects.

## UPHOLD IN PRAYER

*Allison Leusink, Mike Haverhals, LeaAnn Van Regenmorter and Verlyn Van Regenmorter* has they volunteer with the “Brothers in Blue” at the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, SD this weekend. There are 135 guys signed up to be a part of this ministry. Please pray for the guys involved, and for the workers of the retreat.

*Herb Remmerde* is battling covid.

*Stan Prins* will be having hernia surgery on Wednesday, February 4.

*Kraig Hulstein* will be having open heart surgery on Monday, February 9.

*Arda Van Regenmorter* will be having surgery on Wednesday, February 18.

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

*Ronda Leusink* is recovering from foot surgery.

*Loren Van Regenmorter* is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

*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 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 Hope Lutheran Congregation and Pastor Rosalyn De Koster.

## 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 extend our sympathy to the family of *Betty Rozeboom* who passed away Wednesday, January 28. May God grant peace and comfort to, Glenn Rozeboom, Steve & Amy Rozeboom, Brian & Nicole Rozeboom and family, Chad & Morgan Hoekstra and family.

“Thank you for the cards, kind words, and prayers. It means so much to us. We feel every prayer from all of you! Please keep the prayers coming!”

-Kelly & Mary Ann Zinnel

“We want to thank the congregation for joining us this past Wednesday evening at the Chili Bash! Your generous donations and kind words in support of our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are greatly appreciated. The funds raised support our group in attending the Middle School Retreat in April. Thank you!”

-JR RCYF youth and sponsors



### *Anniversary this week*

We celebrate the following wedding anniversary this week.  
May God bless your marriage in the years ahead.

*Harold & LaVonne Van Essen – 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary,  
Wednesday, February 4.*

There is leftover Chili (traditional, chunky beef, chicken), Rolls, Chips, and Crackers available from the Chili Bash located in the Kitchen. Free will donations accepted for the JR RCYF; please put your donations in the box marked JR RCYF.

Articles for the March *HIGHLIGHTS* are due Sunday, February 15.

Pastor Gary's office hours for February 2-6 have been modified. He will be in the church office Monday, February 2 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm, and Thursday, February 5 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. "I am still available throughout the week, so feel free to call me and we will make arrangements to meet at a time that does work if the office hours do not work for you." – Pastor Gary (712) 348-4093.

**Wednesday Night Activities Teachers:** The Unit 8 teacher books are in your mailboxes! Wednesday, February 11 will be Unit 7 Review night, and Unit 8 will start on Wednesday, February 25.

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.

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.

Myrna Schelling has moved back to Iowa and would love visitors. Her new address is:

Myrna Schelling  
Pleasant Acres  
309 Railroad Street  
Room 101  
Hull, IA 51239

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 starts on February 2<sup>nd</sup>! Register online at [inspirationhills.org](http://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.

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](http://www.TriStateTEC.org) or email [TriStateTEC@gmail.com](mailto:TriStateTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50.00 and includes a t-shirt and other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

#### 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: \$4,627.00  
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$77,791.85

## 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