

MARCH 1, 2026

*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: "10,000 Reasons"
"Reason I Sing"

*Invocation

Baptisms: *Christian Troy Buyert*
Kash Allen Haan

Profession of Faith: *Christian Buyert*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: #468 "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"
(Offerings for the General Fund & Christian Care Fund)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Luke 9:18-26

Message: "Are You Committed To (The) Christ In Your
Journey of Faith?"

VBS Announcement

*Hymn: #486 "I Surrender All"

*Benediction

*Parting Hymn: #486 "I Surrender All"

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

(*please stand if you are able)

Song sheets are available for those of you who cannot see the screen.

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship: *Psalm 145*

Worship Hymns: #64 "O Worship the King"
#308 "Come, Holy Spirit"

Invocation

Responsive Reading: *The Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day #39*

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: #302 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Scripture: Genesis 2:5-8

Message: "God Breathes Life Into Dust"

*Hymn: #318 "Born by the Holy Spirit's Breath"

*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

(*please stand if you are able)

During this Lenten season, we praise God for His righteous Son, who perfectly kept all of God's commandments for us and paid the full price for our disobedience. Let us praise him with hearts filled with Christ's spirit of obedience. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

A warm welcome to Pastor Gary Hegstad as he leads our morning worship service and Luke as he leads our evening worship service.

This morning we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism with *Christian Troy Buyert* and *Kash Allen Haan*, son of Luke and Kortney Haan. May God bless these families richly.

We will welcome *Christian Buyert* into the communicant family of Carmel Church this morning through Profession of Faith. May God bless you, Christian, as you live for Him.

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.

Sunday School Guide Class meets in the library.

6:30 p.m. – **SR & JR RCYF**

Nursery Attendants: Londa B., Courtney M., Ava V.R., Morgan T.

Door Attendant: Wayne. **Ushers:** Vince S. (M), Josh V.T. (NE), Marlin V.V. (SW). **Refreshments:** Gene S., Jared T. **Audio:** Nate.

Video: Enrique. **Power Point:** Janice. **After Service Greeters:** Henry & Brian (M), Leon (NE), Hans (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, March 2

9:00 a.m. – **Women’s Bible Study**

Wednesday, March 4

6:30 p.m. – **SR RCYF Youth Sunday Practice**
Cadet Derby Weigh-ins

7:00 p.m. – **GEMS**

Cadet Pinewood Derby
Women’s Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Nursery Attendants: Kristi Van Voorst, Lexy Van Ginkel, Charlee Punt, Addison Van Voorst. **Door Attendant:** Larry Wolfswinkel.

Ushers: Brad Beukelman (M), Todd Kooi (NE), Luke Haan (SW).

Refreshments: Dennis De Jong, Verlyn Van Regenmorter.

Cookies: Mimi Sandbulte, Rhonda Sandbulte, Alice Remmerde, Hazel Haverhals, Donna Renes. **Special Music:** Kelly Rozeboom.

Special Offering: SR RCYF (AM) and JR RCYF (PM).

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Brian Renes is working with teams in South America this week.

Please pray for the men and women working on each translation.

Arda Van Regenmorter is recovering from surgery.

Ashley Vande Vegte is recovering from surgery.

Beth Te Grotenhuis received favorable reports from her

scans and bloodwork. She will continue chemotherapy for 5 more treatments, redo scans, and determine the next steps.

Kraig Hulstein is recovering from open heart surgery.

Linda Altena has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

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

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 New Life Reformed Congregation and Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo and Dan Kruse.

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 would like to thank the Carmel congregation for all the cards, visits, and prayers during the time of Derek’s surgeries and recovery. Also a special thank you to Denny De Jong for his visits. It was so greatly appreciated, and have truly blessed us!”

-Derek, Jim, & Trish Vande Zandschulp

Birthdays this week

We celebrate the following birthday this week.

May God bless you in the years ahead.



*Carol Langstraat – 81st birthday,
Tuesday, March 3*

Anniversaries this week

We celebrate the following wedding anniversaries this week.

May God bless your marriages in the years ahead.

Ron & Vera Dieck – 58th anniversary, Monday, March 2

*Glenn & Cheryl Lange – 51st anniversary,
Saturday, March 7*

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tuesday, March 3 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 4 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. If you would like to meet with him outside of office hours please contact him.

Wanted: Sr. RCYF is looking for donations of ground beef (100 lbs) to be used for the Taco Supper. Contact Beau Van Voorst, or Trevor & Jayden Pieper if you would be willing to donate some.

Directory sheets are due Sunday, March 8. Please hand in the directory sheet that is in your mailbox even if nothing has changed.

Hard copies of the March *HIGHLIGHTS* are available on the Coffee Station. Articles for the April newsletter are due Sunday, March 22.

It’s time to start working on quilts and pillowcases for Royal Family Kids Camp. We need 50 quilts completed by June! Kits have been precut for simple strip quilts and instructions are provided for simple sewing. If you are interested in helping with this mission, contact Anita Van Ravenhorst at 712-541-1744 or email at adraven@mtcnet.net. These campers treasure their quilts and pillowcases! Help us bless these campers!

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.

Justice For All invites you to attend the *Get to Know JFA Event* on March 28 at the Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center from 5:30-8:30 p.m. JFA Ministry programs will be presented and then get ready for some fun! Entertainment for all ages! The catered meal will feature flavors and dishes inspired by the cultures and communities of our ministry partners. Reservations can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org \$75 per ticket or \$500 for a table of 8. Kids are welcome to join us!

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will meet on Tuesday, March 3 at the Sioux Center Public Library. An Educational Program from 7:00-7:45 pm is open to anyone who is interested in the subject. From 7:45-8:45 pm, individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet separately for a time of mutual support. For more information, call Shirley at 712-574-6758.



**Sr. RCYF
Taco Supper
&
Silent Auction
Fundraiser**



**Wednesday, March 25
Serving from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Sr. RCYF will be serving Tacos and Ice Cream
For a freewill donation**

**There will also be a silent auction
Bidding will close at 6:45**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

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: \$6,137.00
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$105,861.36

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
To Serve at the Banquet**

Carmel will be serving at **The Banquet** in Sioux Falls, on Thursday, April 2. Volunteers are needed to help serve the meal. **Sign up at the Coffee Station.** Monetary donations are also needed for the meal and milk. You may put your donation in the box near the sign up sheet.



VBS

Greetings! Or should we say "Dia duit!" (God be with you). VBS is excited to present Emerald Crossing – An Irish Adventure through Psalm 23. Save the date! Carmel VBS will be June 1-5. We can't wait to see you!

In a world filled with worry and confusion, kids need to know there is a God who cares for them. At Emerald Crossing VBS, they'll journey through Ireland's landscapes, exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23. They'll discover the life of the shepherd-king David and will learn how to cross from worry to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God's Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd. At VBS, kids will learn how to transition from: *Lost to Found, Wrong Path to Right Path, Fearful to Peaceful, Grumbling to Grateful, Shaky to Sure.*

Surprises from the Old Testament
(PM Service notes)

Mar. 1 – Genesis 2:5-8

Mar. 8 – Exodus 19:10-25

Mar. 15 – Deuteronomy 1:1-8

Mar. 22 – 2 Kings 18:1-16

Mar. 29 – 1 Samuel 8:1-22

Apr. 6 – Ezekiel 39:1-10

The OT Story

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