

**MARCH 29, 2026**

**PALM SUNDAY**

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

**MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)**

Prelude: *Shelly Robyn*

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Christian Greeting

Cherub & Nursery Choirs

\*Worship Songs: *"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"*  
*"Death was Arrested"*

\*Invocation

Profession of Faith: *Alydia Sandbulte*

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#124** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*  
(Offerings for the General Fund & Christian Care Fund)  
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

Message: **"Who is This?"**

Prayer

Consistory's Announcement about Our Pathway Forward

\*Song: *"King of Kings"*

\*Benediction

\*Parting Hymn: **#681** *"The Family of God"*

Postlude: *Shelly Robyn*

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

**EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)**

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship: *Psalm 118:1-4, 8-9, 22-29*

Worship Hymns: **#217** *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*  
**#215** *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: *The Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day #42*

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn: **#75** *"This is My Father's World"*

Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:1-22

Message: **"We Want a King Like All the Other Nations"**

\*Song: **#455** *"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"*

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

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

***Welcome! It was the children on Palm Sunday who cheered the loudest. They loved him simply because they knew how much he loved them. If by chance your faith has lost its childlike simplicity, we hope that this hour of worship will restore it to you. And we offer our friendship to help in the restoration. 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.

**Thank you** to *Cherub & Nursery Choirs* for their ministry in music this morning.

**We will welcome Alydia Sandbulte** into the communicant family of Carmel Church this morning through Profession of Faith. May God bless you, Alydia, 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-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.

3:00 p.m. – **SR RCYF Outing to Great Shots in Sioux Falls**

Please meet at church by 3:00 p.m. so we can leave by 3:15 p.m. We will return around 8:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. – **JR RCYF**

8:00 p.m. – **Homebuilders**

**Nursery Attendants:** Jami S., Rachel V.R., Akenna S., Ruthie V.B.

**Door Attendant:** Regan. **Ushers:** Loren P. (M), Sean R. (NE),

Brian R. (SW). **Refreshments:** Glenda V.M., Hans S. **Audio:**

Josh. **Video:** Enrique. **Power Point:** Janice. **After Service**

**Greeters:** Brian & Dennis (M), Phil (NE), Leon (SW).

### **THIS WEEK**

**Monday, March 30**

9:00 a.m. – **Women’s Bible Study**

**Wednesday, April 1**

7:00 p.m. – **Prayer Day for Crops and Industry**

An offering for the Christian Care Fund will be received.

**Thursday, April 2**

**Carmel is helping serve at The Banquet**

**Friday, April 3**

6:30 p.m. – **Good Friday Service with Communion**

Pastor Gary Hegstad is preaching.

**Ushers:** Brad Beukelman (M), Seth Sandbulte (NE),

Luke Haan (SW)

**Door Attendant:** Kelly Rozeboom

### **NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

**Nursery Attendants:** Hannah Smolders, Edan Bomgaars, Sadie Janisch, Slayden Sandbulte. **Door Attendant:** Cal Sandbulte.

**Ushers:** Avery Sandbulte (M), Marlin Sandbulte (NE), Owen Sandbulte (SW). **Refreshments:** Jerry Renes, Mike Haverhals.

**Cookies:** Clarice Van Maanen, Carmen Maassen, Amy Rozeboom, Frieda Bartels, Colleen Bomgaars. **Special Music:** Worship Team.

**Special Offering:** 22:6 Group.

## UPHOLD IN PRAYER

*Arda Van Regenmorter* is recovering from surgery.

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

*Paisley Davelaar* is recovering from surgery.

*Zane White's* brain surgery is scheduled for Monday, March 30.

*Ashley Vande Vegte* is recovering from surgery.

*Beth Te Grotenhuis* is receiving chemotherapy.

*Sue Noteboom* for continued healing and nerves regeneration.

*Carmel Reformed Church* as we look for a Pastor.

*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 Bethel Christian Congregation and Pastor John Lee.

## 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.

Our sympathies to *Glenda Van Meeteren and family, Eric and Nikki Van Meeteren and family, Evan and Jenna Van Meeteren, and family* on the death of a brother-in-law and uncle, *Harlan Van Meeteren*, who passed away on Tuesday, March 24. May God grant peace and comfort to Glenda and family, Eric and Nikki and family, Evan and Jenna, and family.

“Thank you for all the prayers for the Brothers in Blue this past weekend. There were 13 men who gave their life to Christ over the weekend.”

-Henry Sandbulte

“We would like to say thank you for your attendance at our Taco/Ice Cream Supper and Silent Auction Fundraiser. Your support is so important for our ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH trip and other functions throughout the year. We are truly grateful for your generosity and commitment to our youth group. Thank you again for being such a great congregation!”

-SR RCYF

The JR RCYF has made Holy Week Reflection Bags to share with the congregation to help us focus on the events leading up to Easter.

**\*\*Instructions are on the front of each bag\*\***

Holy Week Reflection Bags will be passed out following the morning service.

**\*\*One bag per household\*\***

Carmel is serving at **THE BANQUET** in Sioux Falls, on Thursday, April 2. Volunteers are needed to help set up for the meal at 2:00 p.m. and serve the meal at 5:00 p.m. Sign up for a time slot at the Coffee Station! Monetary donations are needed for the meal and milk. You can put your donations in the box on the Coffee Station.

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tuesday, March 31 from 12:00-3:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 1 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 2 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. If you would like to meet with him outside of office hours, please contact him.

We will be rearranging the mailboxes soon to keep them in alphabetical order. **Please** make every effort to empty your mailbox. It would be very much appreciated.

Hard copies of the April *HIGHLIGHTS* are available at the Coffee Station.

On Sunday, April 19, we will have a church potluck dinner! Each family is asked to bring a large hot dish and a large cold dish to share. Singles may bring either a hot dish or cold dish. Rolls, beverages and tableware will be provided. There will be no Sunday School that morning.

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.



**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.*

### **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 by the stove.

### **EDUCATION APPRECIATION SUPPER**

All volunteers involved in our education programs (S.S. teachers, substitute teachers, officers, music leaders, Wednesday LFC teachers, substitute teachers and Bible Study leaders, GEMS and Cadet Counselors, JR and SR RCYF Sponsors, and VBS Directors along with their spouse or guest) are invited to an Appreciation Supper on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided.

A great meal and fun evening has been planned for these individuals and we hope you can come and enjoy this time as we show our appreciation to our education volunteers!!

Please sign up at the Coffee Station in the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office, if you will be attending. Please do so by **APRIL 29!**

### ***You’re Invited!***

Join us for our Legacy Appreciation Supper hosted by the SR RCYF. Enjoy a delicious meal, dessert, and an engaging activity planned for the evening!

**Date:** Wednesday, April 22

**Time:** 6:30 pm

Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, April 13th!

We look forward to having you join us!

*Look for your invitation in the mailboxes.*

**GENERAL FUND GIVING:** Offering: \$11,329.00  
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$129,738.36

### **Roundtable Discussion (3 opportunities to participate)**

Sunday, April 19      11:00 AM All Church Potluck  
                                 12:30 PM (approx.) Roundtable Meeting  
                                 begins (approx. 1 ½ to 2 hrs.)

Sunday, April 26      3:00 PM with ice cream sundaes

Wednesday, April 29    7:00 PM with ice cream sundaes

### **Goal of the Round Table Meetings:**

The meeting will be facilitated by Pastor Gary. Consistory members will be participating in the table discussions as facilitators of the conversations. Some members of the greater consistory will be asked to facilitate some of the tables as well, since we anticipate more tables than we have consistory members available.

The **first segment** of the meeting will be a time of **Reflection and Discussion**: Each table will be asked to share about events in the history of the church that were joyous and celebrative times? What times in its history were difficult times? How did God help the congregation get through those times? We then will have a time of prayer of the faithfulness of God and the ministry God blessed through the Carmel Church.

The **second segment** of the meeting will be **Reflective** on what one felt when learning of the dismissal of Pastor Ron. Many people had different experiences upon hearing of this action. Each person will be asked to write on a note card how they felt when this occurred. These will not be discussed at the table, but handed in, and prayer will follow.

The **third segment** of the meeting will be **Reflective** on how one feels today about the dismissal of Pastor Ron, and whether one feels differently today than upon the first week of learning of his dismissal. If one feels differently today, what prompted you to change how you have felt? This will be written on a note card again, handed in without discussion at the table, and prayed over.

The **fourth segment** of the meeting will be **Wondering, Hopeful, and Anticipatory** of what one hopes will take place in the life of the Carmel Church in 2026. This will be discussed around the table with an invitation to write down one's responses, handed in, and prayed for.

The consistory anticipates the meetings to take between 1 ½ - 2 hours. Each of the three dates offered will be the same format, so you have three opportunities to participate.

The consistory is designing these discussions as a means for the congregation to talk with each other, to have a better understanding of working together as God leads His people – as He did in the past, is doing in the present, and will lead the Church into the future.

These meetings are not designed as a time of debate, nor as a time to “air” one's grievances. These meetings will give an opportunity in the second segment to share one's hurt. If a person would like to talk further about one's hurt, please contact one of the consistory members or Pastor Gary to discuss those matters.

**Surprises from the Old Testament**

**(PM Service notes)**

*Mar. 29 – 1 Samuel 8:1-22*

*Apr. 5 – Ezekiel 39:1-10*

**The OT Story**

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