

**April 5, 2026**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
*Carmel's mission is to further Christ's Kingdom  
through loving God and loving others.*

**MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)**

Prelude: *Nora Bohl & Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Christian Greeting

\*Worship Songs: *"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today  
(He Is Not Dead)"*  
*"Jerusalem"*

\*Invocation

Ministry in Music: *Worship Team*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#256** *"Because he Lives"*  
(Offerings for the General Fund & Christian Education/22:6 Group)  
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Message: **"Encountering the Risen Christ"**

\*Hymn: **#258** *"Christ Arose!"*

\*Benediction

\*Parting Hymn: **#262** *"He Lives"*

Postlude: *Nora Bohl & Jamie Van Voorst*

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

**EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)**

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship: *Psalm 46*

Worship Hymns: **#20** *"Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"*  
**#30** *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: *The Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day #43*

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn: **#85** *"Amazing Grace"*

Scripture: Ezekiel 39:1-10

Message: **"Reversals"**

\*Hymn: **#97** *"Be Still My Soul"*

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

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

***CHRIST HAS RISEN-HE IS RISEN INDEED! We greet those who are visiting with us today in the name of our risen Savior. We are gathered as a community of Christians. Our center is Jesus Christ. We are here to know again the touch of his forgiving and healing hand. 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 *the Worship Team* for their 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

No Sunday School  
No JR/SR RCYF

**Nursery Attendants:** Hannah S., Edan B., Sadie J., Slayden S.  
**Door Attendant:** Regan. **Ushers:** Loren P. (M), Sean R. (NE), Brian R. (SW). **Refreshments:** Jerry R., Mike H. **Audio:** Riley.  
**Video:** Enrique. **Power Point:** Janice. **After Service Greeters:** Phil & Henry (M), Dennis (NE), Hans (SW).

## THIS WEEK

### Monday, April 6

9:00 a.m. – **Women’s Bible Study**

### Wednesday, April 8

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

**Lesson #74: “God Calls Samuel”**

**Women’s Bible Study**

## NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 12

**Nursery Attendants:** Brynn Van Voorst, Amber Nettinga, Gaby Prins, Brody Van Voorst. **Door Attendant:** Jack Soodsma. **Ushers:** Seth Sandbulte (M), Vince Sandbulte (NE), Marlin Van Voorst (SW). **Refreshments:** Verlyn Van Regenmorter, Becky Ochsendorf. **Cookies:** Teresa Sandbulte, Jami Sandbulte, Helen Vande Vegte, Cheryl Lange, Gabi Noble. **Children’s Message:** Laurie Buyert. **Special Music:** Alan Sandbulte. **Special Offering:** Mission Projects.

## UPHOLD IN PRAYER

*Jim Vande Zandschulp* will be having surgery on April 8.

*Arda Van Regenmorter* is recovering from surgery.

*Paisley Davelaar* is recovering from surgery.

*Zane White* will have brain surgery on Monday, April 13.

*Ashley Vande Vegte* is anticipating another surgery this summer and will continue immunotherapy through the fall.

*Beth Te Grotenhuis* is moving back to Iowa and will continue her care in Sioux Falls.

*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 Bridge of Hope Congregation and Pastors Sam Ashmore and Gail Ashmore.

## 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 the family of *Myrna Schelling* who passed away Sunday, March 29. May God grant peace and comfort to her family.

“Thank you all for the incredible support over the past several months. Your prayers, cards, meals, and thoughtful gifts have meant so much to us.

Ashley is anticipating another surgery this summer and will continue immunotherapy through the fall. We are so grateful for our Carmel Church family and appreciate your continued prayers for strength and healing.”

-Austin, Ashley, Aria, Archer & Amara Vande Vegte

Thank you to all those who helped serve at the Banquet and also thank you to those who gave donations for the meal and milk.

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tuesday, April 7 from 12:00-3:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 8 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 9 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. If you would like to meet with him outside of office hours, please contact him.

The mailboxes have been rearranged to accommodate membership changes. Please be sure it is your box before removing the contents. Your box is above your name.

A new Phone Directory is in your mailbox. If there are any errors, please let the church office know.

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.

Dorene Hulshof has moved from Assisted Living to the Care Center in Sioux Center. Her new address is:

1400 7<sup>th</sup> Ave SE #514  
Sioux Center, IA 51250

### ***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!

### **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!**



## 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.

**GENERAL FUND GIVING:** Offering: \$7,159.00  
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$136,897.36

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

Sunday April 19 11:00 AM All Church Potluck  
12:30 PM (approx.) Roundtable Meeting

Sunday April 26 3:00 PM with ice cream sundaes

Wed. April 29 7:00 PM with ice cream sundaes

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

The meeting will consist of four segments.

- The **first segment** will be a time of **round table discussion** of reflection of the history the joyous/celebrative times as well as the difficult/challenging times of Carmel Church (with the exclusion of the last two years).
- The **second segment** will be a **personal reflective** time as to how one felt when learning of the dismissal of Pastor Ron. 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 **personal reflective** time on how one feels today about the pastor’s dismissal, and whether one feels differently today than upon the first week of learning of his dismissal. If so, what has 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 **round table discussion in regard to 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.

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. **We as a consistory hope you will join us!**

## **Surprises from the Old Testament**

**(PM Service notes)**

*Apr. 5 – Ezekiel 39:1-10*

## **The OT Story**

1. C\_\_\_\_\_

2. F\_\_\_\_\_

3. F\_\_\_\_\_

4. F\_\_\_\_\_

5. S\_\_\_\_\_

6. E\_\_\_\_\_

7. W\_\_\_\_\_

8. P\_\_\_\_\_ L\_\_\_\_\_

9. K\_\_\_\_\_

10. E\_\_\_\_\_

11. R\_\_\_\_\_

# EASTER LILIES

**In Memory of:**

**From:**

David Bomgaars	Colleen Bomgaars and family
Clarence & Cynthia Cleveringa	Bomgaars Family
John & Gennie Bomgaars	Bomgaars Family
Harold & Myrtle Wesselink	Eddie & Ramona Vander Weide
Abraham Beukelman	Daddy, Mommy, Brayden, & Brenlyn
Roland (Blackie) Bartels	Frieda Bartels and family
Ron and Carter Van Meeteren	Glenda Van Meeteren
Warren Valentine and Walter & Matilda Van Meeteren	Glenda Van Meeteren
Warren Valentine	Betty Valentine
Gerrit Kruid	Al & Cheryl Sandbulte
Delmar & Betty Sandbulte	Al & Cheryl Sandbulte
Harold Ronning	Regan & Tami Ronning
Marydell Ronning	Regan & Tami Ronning
Cathy Albert	Carol Sandbulte
Rodney Sandbulte	Carol Sandbulte
Mae De Gooyer	Matt & Hannah Smolders and family
Eunice Hulstein	Matt & Hannah Smolders and family
Greet Smolders	Matt & Hannah Smolders and family
John Renes	David & Amy McAlpine
Carter Van Meeteren	Dad, Mom, Trevor, Harper, & Bryer
Ron Banks	Mitchell & Rebecca Banks
Jo Van Gorp	Family
Been & Jennie Schoep	Bernie Schoep
Marvin & Arta Schoep	Bernie Schoep

**In Memory of:**

Les & Marj Vander Weide  
(Grandpa & Grandma)

Henry & Betty Wolfswinkel  
(Grandpa & Grandma)

Abraham Beukelman

Frederick & Patricia Grond

Vernon Noteboom

Earl & Toots Kooi

Henry & Gerturde Vander Vliet

John & Marie Remmerde

Alfred & Henrietta Franken

Kenneth Sandbulte

Florence Sandbulte

Glen & Ardell Hegstad  
and Keith Van Hove

**From:**

Chris & Ashley Hulstien,  
Taylor Wolfswinkel,  
Luke & Kortney Haan,  
Kayden & Karrigan Glade,  
& Great Grandkids

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Harold & Lorna Vander Vliet  
& Family

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Herb & Alice Remmerde

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Shawn & Jami Sandbulte &  
Family

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Gary & Julie Hegstad

**Those who ordered lilies may pick them up after the morning  
worship service or on Monday during office hours  
(9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.)**