

April 26, 2026

*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: “*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*”
“*In Christ Alone (The Solid Rock)*”

*Invocation

Responsive Reading: *Exodus 20:1-17; Mt. 22:37-40*

Ministry in Music: *Addie Van Voorst*

Children's Message: *Allison Leusink*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: #460 “*Be Thou My Vision*”

(Offerings for the General Fund & Missionary Support)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: 1 John 2:1-14

Message: “**So That We Will Not Sin**”

Prayer

*Hymn: #327 “*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*”

*Benediction

*Parting Hymn: #327 “*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*”

Postlude: *Carrie Maassen*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Carrie Maassen*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Hymns: #445 “*Rock of Ages*”
#272 “*Crown Him With Many Crowns*”

Invocation

Responsive Reading: *The Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day #45*

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: #644 “*Onward, Christian Soldiers*”

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

Message: “**Standing Strong**”

*Hymn: #36 “*To God Be The Glory*”

*Benediction

Postlude: *Carrie Maassen*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

We are happy to have you here today as a partner in prayer, in song and in the hearing of God's word. 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 Chris as he leads our evening worship service.

Thank you to *Addie Van Voorst* for her 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

10:45 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

10:45 a.m. – **Post-high Men's Group**

Meeting in the chapel for a time of honest conversations, encouragement, and sharpening one another as we consider the kingship of Christ.

3:00 p.m. – **Round Table Discussion**

6:30 p.m. – **JR & SR RCYF**

Nursery Attendants: Juliana V.K., Courtney M., Aniya R., Tacey V.K. **Door Attendant:** Gene. **Ushers:** Luke H. (M), Todd N. (NE), Eric O. (SW). **Refreshments:** Chad R., Glenda V.M. **Audio:** Josh. **Video:** Enrique. **Power Point:** Janice. **After Service Greeters:** Leon & Phil (M), Hans (NE), Brian (SW).

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 28

6:00 p.m. – **Diamonds Ministry**

Wednesday, April 29

7:00 p.m. – **Round Table Discussion**

Wednesday Night Activities

Lesson 71-74 Review Night

Please hand in your teacher's guides tonight!

Put them in the church mailbox.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 3

Sunday School Celebration

National Day of Prayer Service at Peace Lutheran

Nursery Attendants: Londa Boogerd, Kassidy Robinson, Alydia Sandbulte, Morgan Terpstra. **Door Attendant:** Larry Wolfswinkel. **Ushers:** Monty Prins (M), Cole Steendam (NE), Brad Oostra (SW). **Refreshments:** Verlyn Van Regenmorter, Hans Smolders. **Cookies:** Ronda Leusink, Hazel Haverhals, Donna Renes, Rachel Van Roekel, Doree Wolfswinkel. **Special Music:** Cherub & Nursery Choirs. **Special Offering:** Sunday School.

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Arlyn Keizer has an eye appointment on Wednesday, April 29.
Loren Van Regenmorter is recovering from surgery on his toe.
Beth Te Grotenhuis has moved to Crown Point. She welcomes short visits. Please continue to pray for pain control and peace during this transition.
Henry J. Wolfswinkel is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
Ramona Vander Weide is in the hospital for internal bleeding.
Arda Van Regenmorter has started radiation treatments.
Zane White is recovering from brain surgery.
Ashley Vande Vegte is anticipating another surgery this summer and will continue immunotherapy through the fall.
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 Christ Community Congregation and Pastor Jesse Henkle.

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.



Birthdays this week

We celebrate the following birthdays this week.
May God bless you in the years ahead.

Alice Remmerde – 93rd birthday, Wednesday, April 29

Jan De Jong – 83rd birthday, Wednesday, April 29

Lorraine Post – 83rd birthday, Friday, May 1

Leon Wichers – 86th birthday, Saturday, May 2

Our sympathies to *Harold & Lorna Vander Vliet* on the death of Lorna's brother, *Fred Kooi*, who passed away March 2. May God grant peace and comfort to Harold & Lorna, Terry & Kay Koedam, Trev, Reed, Kasi Koedam and family.

Thank you to those who prepared and served our potluck dinner on Sunday, April 19.

“Thank you to those who participated in our first Round Table Discussion last Sunday afternoon. It was a very nice time of being together as God's people. I hope many more will join use this afternoon or Wednesday night.”

-Pastor Gary

Round Table Discussions:

Today: 3:00 PM with ice cream sundaes

Wed: 7:00 PM with ice cream sundaes

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tuesday, April 28 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 30 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. If you would like to meet with him outside of office hours, please contact him.

Hard copies for the May *HIGHLIGHTS* are available at the Coffee Station. Articles for the June newsletter are due Sunday, May 24.

Advance Notice: National Day of Prayer will take place at Peace Lutheran Church on May 3rd at 6:00 pm. The theme verse is 1 Chronicles 16:24 “*Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!*”

As the weather improves, the coat racks will soon be put away. Please take a moment to check the coat racks for any personal belongings you may have left behind. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the beginning of June.

We also ask that you check the kitchen for any containers, pans, or other items that may belong to you. Please collect anything that is yours as soon as possible so we can make room for VBS.

Teachers, please ensure your Sunday School rooms are cleaned out by Sunday, May 24 and that you complete and return the teacher surveys to Donna Renes. We appreciate all feedback.

Bless Carmel High School Senior! Gift bags for the seniors in Carmel SR RCYF will be in the fellowship hall until May 24. Help us fill these bags with gifts, cards, words of encouragement, and anything else to bless our high school seniors!

Congratulations to our college graduates! We are proud of you for your accomplishments, and we wish you God's richest blessings. Our graduates are *Cheney Maassen, Sean Robinson, Bryson Sandbulte, Rashaylee Soodsma, and Dawson Van Beek.*

Cadets have some Take & Bake Pizzas available for purchase in the Kitchen Freezer. They are \$12/pizza, please put your money in the box by the stove.

Ladies! Make plans to attend Bible League's Spring Luncheon with your friends on Monday, May 4 at Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City. Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The Luncheon begins at 11:30 am; featured speakers will represent the Legacy Thrift and Hands Around The World ministries. Updates from BLI will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this FUN event!

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!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION SUNDAY SUNDAY, MAY 3

Note time of worship service!

9:30 am – Coffee and Cookies will be served before the service.

9:50 am – Preschool-1st grade meet in the Music Room with teachers.

2nd-6th grade meet in your classrooms with teachers.

7th-12th grade be ready to come up to the pulpit with your teachers

10:00 am – Celebration Sunday Worship Service begins
Kids will be sharing their memory work
Presentation of Bibles to the High School Seniors
Short Message

11:30 am – Carmel Women's Ministry will be serving taverns and desserts for a freewill donation.

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering: \$6,667.85

Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$160,084.96



VBS

Greetings! Or should we say “Dia duit!” (God be with you). VBS is excited to present **Emeral Crossing – An Irish Adventure through Psalm 23.**

Save the date! Carmel VBS will be June 1-5. We can't wait to see you!

Our **volunteers** are what make this week a success! You do not want to miss the opportunity to walk alongside the kids and watch them grow in their faith! Volunteers are encouraged to sign up online using the following QR code or link:



<https://vbspro.events/p/events/2691ff>

To sign up to bless our workers with snacks/treats throughout the day, please use the following QR code or link:



[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AF22A7EC34-62538505-carmel#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AF22A7EC34-62538505-carmel#/)

Donations: Hamburger for the VBS picnic.

Contact Glenda Van Meeteren.

Craft Tent: The craft tent is looking for donations of disposal table cloths (new or used), used gift cars (no monetary value left on them), colored napkins (plain, with no text/pictures on them), yogurt containers with lids, cardboard egg cartons, yarn. There will be a box by the mailboxes for donations.

We covet your prayers for all those involved in this ministry.