

May 17, 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

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Hymns: #212 "Tell Me The Story of Jesus"
#137 "O How I Love Jesus"

*Invocation

Ministry in Music: *Lucas & Ana Sandbulte*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: #507 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
(Offerings for the General Fund & Northwestern College)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: 1 John 4:1-21

Message: "Do Not Believe Every Spirit"

Preparation of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn: #134 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

*Benediction

*Parting Hymn: #133 "I Love You, Lord"

Postlude: *Nora Bohl*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Shelly Robyn*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Hymns: #352 "Victory in Jesus"
#152 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Invocation

Responsive Reading: *The Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day #47*

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: #442 "Blessed Assurance"

Scripture: Romans 3:21-24

Message: "Justification by Christ Alone"

*Hymn: #218 "Jesus Paid It All"

*Benediction

Postlude: *Shelly Robyn*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service and our time of sharing afterward. Blessings! 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 Tim Zeutenhorst as he leads our evening worship service.

Thank you to *Lucas and Ana Sandbulte* 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

10:45 a.m. – **Men’s Group**

Please meet in the Chapel.

VBS Parking Meeting

Anyone interested in helping with parking during the week of VBS please meet in the Moses Room.

Nursery Attendants: Nikki H., Morgan H., Charlee P., Kinlee W.

Door Attendant: John. **Ushers:** Brian R. (M), Avery S. (NE), Marlin S. (SW). **Refreshments:** Jared T., Mike H. **Audio:** Josh.

Video: Chad. **Power Point:** Dan. **After Service Greeters:** Hans & Leon (M), Dennis (NE), Brian (SW).

NEXT SUNDAY, May 24

No Evening Worship Service

Nursery Attendants: Amy McAlpine, Jo Moget, Marcus Van Voorst, Faithe Van Maanen. **Door Attendant:** Regan Ronning. **Ushers:** Owen Sandbulte (M), Seth Sandbulte (NE), Vince Sandbulte (SW).

Refreshments: Becky Ochsendorf, Jerry Renes. **Cookies:** Carmen Maassen, Sarah Nibbelink, Amy Rozeboom, Cheryl Sandbulte, Fonda Post. **Children’s Message:** Jami Sandbulte. **Special Music:** Marlin Sandbulte. **Special Offering:** Missionary Support.

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Dorene Hulshof is in hospice care at Crown Pointe.

Stan Prins will have hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, May 19.

Bob Den Herder is recovering from hip surgery.

Janet Renes is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Mary Ann Zinnel is recovering from surgery.

Ramona Vander Weide recovering from valve replacement surgery.

Henry J. Wolfswinkel is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

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 Church of God Congregation and Pastor Dustin Bolks.

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.

Congratulations to *Hope Vander Zwaag* on the birth of a daughter, *Haevlyn Leigh*, who was born Monday, May 11.

Birthday this week

We celebrate the following birthday this week.

May God bless you in the years ahead.

Lois De Jong – 80th birthday, Monday, May 18



Anniversary this week

We celebrate the following wedding anniversary this week.

May God bless your marriage in the years ahead.

Scott & Vicki Fischer – 53rd anniversary, Tuesday, May 19

At the Elders' meeting, it was their joy to receive *Kyler Bomgaars* into the communicant family of Carmel Reformed Church through profession of faith.

The membership of *Larry and Brenda Van Dyke* has been transferred to Middleburg Free Grace Reformed Church of Orange City, IA. May God bless them in their new church homes.

The Consistory has decided not to increase the size of the consistory currently. Thank you to everyone who provided input and feedback throughout the discussion process. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact one of the elders.

“THANK YOU to the women who gave their time and talent for the making of blankets/pillowcases for Royal Family KIDS. Your willingness to help with this project means so much to Anita and I. I ask that you keep each child who will receive a blanket in prayer. Also, PRAY for the staff and camp itself as it takes place on June 8-12, an earlier date than in the years past. Thanks again and blessings to each of you!!!

-Karel Dekkers and Anita Van Ravenhorst

Next Sunday, by the Grace of God we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Gary will be in the office Wednesday & Thursday, May 17 & 18 from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Please contact him if you would like to meet outside of these hours.

Next Sunday, May 24, there will be no evening worship service at Carmel. We encourage you to participate in the Community Worship Service starting at 7:00 p.m. at Central Reformed Church will Pastor Cliff Hoekstra officiating.

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 Narthex until May 24. Help us fill these bags with gifts, cards, words of encouragement, and anything else to bless our high school seniors!

There will be a VBS craft prep day on Wednesday, May 27 starting at 9:00 a.m. Come as your time allows.

Congratulations to our high school graduates! We are proud of you for your accomplishments, and we wish you God's richest blessings. Our graduates are *Jacquelyn Bergstrom, Izabella Klein, Eli Segar, Riley Wolfswinkel, Averi Huizenga, Ben Haverhals, Natalie Huisman, Gabriella Oteri, and Delanie Roland.*

Articles for the June newsletter are due Sunday, May 24.

The open special offering (2nd offering) on May 31, will go towards the Property Fund.

Volunteers are needed to assist during Sunday worship services (AM & PM) with sound, power point, and video upstairs. Anyone interested in this ministry is encouraged to contact the church office.

The coats have been put away for the season! Any items left behind are at the main coat rack. Please take some time to look through these items. Any items remaining by May 31 will be donated.

Carmel Women's Ministry is looking for sour cream containers, cool whip containers, or plastic ice cream containers. If you have any to donate, please put them in the Moses Room.

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.

SHARE Group for widows and widowers will meet Thursday, May 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hull Pizza Ranch.

A pancake breakfast will be held at the Hull American Reformed Church on Memorial Day, May 25, serving from 7:00-10:00 a.m.

Hope Haven is sponsoring its 28th Annual Hope Haven Fishing Benefit on Friday, June 5, starting at 7:00 a.m. at Big Spirit, Spirit Lake, IA. Registration fee is \$60.00 per angler and children under 16 are free. The entry fee includes an entry gift, eligibility for weigh-in prize categories, and a pork loin meal. Proceeds will benefit individuals with disabilities, supported by Hope Haven. Registrations are due Thursday, June 4. For more information and to register, visit hopehaven.org/events or call Scott Koedam at 712-476-2820.

<p>GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering: \$6,291.00 Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$167,256.51</p>
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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!

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#/>

Donations: Hamburger for the VBS picnic.

Contact Glenda Van Meeteren.

Craft Tent: The craft tent is looking for donations of disposal tablecloths (new or used), used gift cards (no monetary value left on them), colored napkins (PLAIN or with fun designs, NO birthday/holiday designs), 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.