

# HIGHLIGHTS

CARMEL REFORMED CHURCH

*“Can’t Wait For Sunday”*

**June 2026**

Do you have a garden? That is an annual question that I am asked each spring. And my answer for years has been, “I used to, but no longer.” And a second question then follows, “why did you quit gardening?” And I respond, “Well there were several years that it didn’t work out very well. The year that our younger daughter was hoeing around the beets. Afterwards the row of beets was quite a bit less – ah, yes, she didn’t like beets did she!” Few beet plants were harvested. Then there was the year that we harvested our potatoes and carrots (putting them in unattached garage) late in the fall and went on vacation for a week. It was a cold week. We returned to find our potatoes and carrots had frozen! And the final year of the garden topped it all off. We returned from vacation the first week of August – no volunteers to help me reclaim the garden. The weeds flourished in those 10 days. As I was pulling the weeds out by hand, as they were intertwined in the vegetables, with my brow sweating, and my hands trying to swat the hummingbird size mosquitoes – I decided I was done with gardening!

But there is something really special in planting seeds in a garden, nurturing it to grow, watching the plantes mature and produce fruit. It is rewarding and gives you as sense of satisfaction.

The whole week of Vacation Bible School is about planting seeds for the first time in some kids lives, for others it is like watching them mature as they continue to grow in their understanding of God, and the value of the Word of God. And when that maturity comes forth into the kids’ lives as they grow – it is really neat, and meaningful to see fruit come forth in their lives, through the ministry of the church. God has called us to plant the seeds, and watch the Holy Spirit bring the growth in the lives of the children, the teens, and for we who are adults.

I don’t think God has an opinion as to whether I have a garden or not. I didn’t get upset with my daughters “selective” hoeing of the beet plants. And weeds and mosquitoes are a part of gardening. It really was okay for me not to continue gardening. But when it comes to planting the seeds of the Word of God, of faith in Jesus Christ, the “gardening” must continue! And VBS is an important part of planting the seeds of the Gospel. So if there is a day when you are questioning the effectiveness of the VBS ministry, have confidence! God is preparing the way for the church to carry on this important ministry. God is preparing you as teachers and staff for the week before us. God is stirring the hearts of the kids and youth that will be participating.

While I may have mixed feelings about my gardening experiences, the memories of those who have participated in VBS brings memories of fun, joy, and the experience of so many people coming alongside them to know Jesus. For all of you involved in the ministry of VBS, be encouraged. Have confidence in how God is preparing ahead of you for this ministry. On behalf of the consistory, I want to **THANK YOU** for your role in reaching out in love to the kids and youth who will come! Praise be to God, there will be much fruit through this ministry!

-Pastor Gary



**June 7:** Amy Davelaar, Ruth De Jager, Akenna Sandbulte, Slayden Sandbulte

**June 14:** Hannah Smolders, Edan Bomgaars, Sadie Janisch, Brody Van Voorst

**June 21:** Brynn Van Voorst, Amber Nettinga, Gaby Prins, Hannah Van Roekel

**June 28:** Aubrey Van Kekerix, Courtney Mesman, Karlee Leusink, Tacey Van Kekerix

**July 5:** Juliana Van Kekerix, Kassidy Robinson, Aniya Robertson, Morgan Terpstra

PLEASE find a substitute or trade with someone, if you are unable to be in the nursery.  
**Please substitute an adult for an adult!**

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### REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

R - serve on Sunday morning; C - each bring 5 dozen cookies.

**June 7-R-** Jami Sandbulte, Aubrey Van Kekerix

**C-** Jami Sandbulte, Sherri Wolfswinkel, Gene Sandbulte, Lin De Jong, Mimi Sandbulte

**June 14-R-** Glenda Van Meeteren, Hans Smolders

**C-** Anita Van Ravenhorst, Glenda Van Meeteren, Rhonda Sandbulte, Alice Remmerde, Gabi Noble

**June 21-R-** Jerry Renes, Chad Robertson

**C-** Rachel Terpstra, Misty Zwart, Kaye Kuyper, Clarice Van Maanen, Carmen Maassen

**June 28-R-** Gene Sandbulte, Jared Terpstra

**C-** Amy Rozeboom, Frieda Bartels, Erica Robertson, Colleen Bomgaars, Teresa Sandbulte

**July 5-R-** Jack Soodsma, Mike Haverhals

**C-** Cheryl Sandbulte, Allison Leusink, Sarah Nibbelink, Cheryl Lange, Fonda Post

*If this schedule does not work with you please switch with someone.*



Call the church office by noon on **Monday**, to let us know who your special music will be. If you are unable to have special music at the scheduled time, please try to exchange with someone. Special music schedule is for the morning worship service.

June	7 – Seth Sandbulte
June	14 – Shawn Sandbulte
June	21 – Steve Sandbulte
June	28 – Vince Sandbulte
July	5 – Randi Sayles

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### NEW ARRIVALS

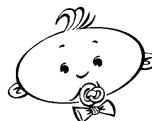
We rejoice with Alyssa Kuyper on the birth of a daughter, Hadleigh Lyn, born on February 27.



We rejoice with Trevor and Jayden Pieper on the birth of a daughter, Beverly Elizabeth, born on May 19.

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### BAPTISM



On May 31 we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism with Jayce Allen Van Essen, son of Chris and Whitney Van Essen. Jayce was born on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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### PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

**NEWLY WEDS**



Congratulations to Sawyer & Kara (Lemstra) Rozeboom who were united in marriage at Carmel on May 8.

May God bless them with a long and happy married life.

Congratulations to Ethan and Jori (Harskamp) Hooyer who were united in marriage at New Life Church in Sioux Center on June 5. May God bless them with a long and happy married life.

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**TRANSFER**

The membership of Larry and Brenda Van Dyke, has been transferred to the Middleburg Reformed Church of Orange City, IA.

May God bless them in their new church home.

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**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Communion will be served for Crown Pointe residents on Monday, June 15 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH**

*ONE STORY, HIS VICTORY, OUR HOPE*  
July 25-29, 2026 Rocky Mountain High

The theme One Story asserts that the four Gospels, despite their varied perspectives, present a single, unified narrative centered on Jesus. This singular story is the central thread that runs throughout the entire Bible, connecting and giving meaning to all our individual lives. Much like the cross-references that link biblical passages, our personal stories are intricately woven into and find their ultimate purpose within God’s overarching narrative. Rooted in the victory of the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12-15), this profound truth offers strength and meaning, assuring us of God’s ultimate triumph and compelling us to live with the hopeful certainty that we know the end of the story.

**CARMEL 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.

Carmel VBS registrations are in and we are so excited to enter Emerald Crossing - An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23. To make this week successful, we need the help of many! **Please consider volunteering your time or donations for any of the following:**

**Volunteers:** To bring snacks. Please sign up using the link or QR card below or on paper at the coffee station.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AF22A7FEC34-62538504-carmel#/>

**People to Pray:** Your prayers are what help make VBS successful. You don’t have to sign up for this, but please consider adding VBS to your prayer list.

- 2026 VBS Directors:
- Kiley Landman
- Steph Vande Vegte
- Randi Sayles
- Allison Leusink
- Shalee Hofman
- Alicia Wolfswinkel

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*“School may be out for summer, but God’s lessons are just beginning at VBS!”*



There is something about camp! Camp is a powerful experience! If you take youth outside their comfort zone and place them in an environment that is active and passionate about their relationship with Christ, then change happens.

Keep all our campers in your prayers as they participate in a potentially life-changing experience!

- Brennyn Beukelman Day Camp*
- Grady Friedrichsen Day Camp*
- Paul McAlpine Wilderness Camp*
- Samuel McAlpine Wilderness Camp*
- Jaxson Oostra Day Camp*
- Maci Segar Lodge Camp*
- Addison Van Voorst Saddle Up Camp*

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### RISE FEST

JUNE 12-13

RiseFest is more than a festival. It's a weekend where we take back ground in our lives, hearts, and communities by lifting up the name of Jesus together.

This year's lineup includes: Josiah Queen, Ben Fuller, Terrian, Phil Wickham, Hulvey, Katy Nichole, Allison Eide, Warren Peay, and more. We will have fun activities for the whole family, delicious food, engaging seminars, ministry outreach, and much more.

Visit [riseministries.com/risefest](http://riseministries.com/risefest) for more information.

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*“Good vibes, great music, and God’s love shining through every song!”*

### HOPE HAVEN

Hope Haven is sponsoring its 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://hopehaven.org/events) or call Scott Koedam at 712-476-2820.

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### TEC

JUNE 19-21

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, ROCK VALLEY

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the First Reformed Church in Rock Valley, IA. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is June 19-21, 2026. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit [www.TriStateTEC.org](http://www.TriStateTEC.org). The cost is \$50.00 and includes a t-shirt and other special gifts.

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### HEART & SOLES

Heart & Soles is a Love INC Ministry focused on providing new, quality tennis shoes for kids in K-5th grade. There will be shoe cut outs (pink/girl, blue/boy, green donation) with a shoe size to purchase written on it. Please purchase new, quality tennis shoes (no used shoes, flipflops, or slip-ons). There will also be sock cutouts with a size on it to purchase a new package of socks. This year Heart & Soles Gap Ministry has an Amazon wish list, so you have the option to order shoes/socks off Amazon and have them delivered to Love INC. All shoes/socks must be brought back to the church by Sunday, July 26.







## JUNE

1	-	The Rod Van Ravenswaay's	16	-	Collyns Rozeboom
2	-	Brynn Van Voorst			Averi Huizenga
		Harold Vander Vliet			Brett Segar
		The Jared Terpstra's			The Lloyd De Jong's
3	-	Slayden Sandbulte	17	-	The Ken Verburg's
		Shaina Dibbet	18	-	Ava Van Roekel
		Mike Bomgaars			Brody Rozeboom
4	-	Emersyn Nettinga			Dylan Rozeboom
		Josie Bomgaars			Shawn De Wit
		Austin Hofman	19	-	Mrs. Rhonda Sandbulte
		Mrs. Cheryl Lange	20	-	Sofie De Jong
		Mrs. Jane De Boer			Mrs. Marilyn Rensink
5	-	The Herb Kuyper's	21	-	Jackson Roland
6	-	Klay Davelaar			Mrs. Clarice Van Maanen
		Mrs. Allison Hoogendoorn	22	-	Derek Hooyer
		Mrs. Monica Kuyper			Virgil Houtkooper
		Vince Sandbulte			The Milt Van Ravenswaay's
7	-	Brennyn Beukelman	23	-	The Jerry Noteboom's
		The Tim Bomgaars'	24	-	Bennett Landman
8	-	Kendra Van Meeteren			Mrs. Judy Hooyer
9	-	Addison Van Voorst			Larry Vander Weide
		Dexter Hooyer	25	-	Bo Smolders
		Alyssa Kuyper			Henry A. Wolfswinkel
		Phil Hooyer			Mrs. Cindy Franken
10	-	Knox Dibbet			The Colyn Oostenink's
		Tom Zwart			The Chad Wynia's
11	-	Mike Klein			The Henry J. Wolfswinkel's
12	-	Elizabeth Meendering	26	-	Mrs. Amber Nettinga
		Mrs. Edan Bomgaars			Lenore Prins
13	-	Carter De Jong	28	-	Carson Vanden Brink
		Seth Huizenga			Trevor Pieper
		The Carter De Jong's			The Harv Sandbulte's
		The Scott Kuyper's	29	-	Mrs. Jocelyn De Jong
		The Dan Buyert's			Mrs. Becky Banks
14	-	Kelly Rozeboom			Mrs. Shelly Robyn
		The Trevor Pieper's			Mrs. Barb Van Grootheest
15	-	Mrs. Sarah Nibbelink	30	-	Mrs. Jo Overman
		Regan Ronning			Tim Gesink



# PUZZLE

## REMEMBERING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father's Day is a time to thank our father and father-figures who work hard to keep our families safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill out the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and the go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

Answer: What great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

# WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



### What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

### What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.