

August 9, 2026

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

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: *Japanese Handbell Choir*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Hymns: **#97** *"Be Still, My Soul"*
#327 *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

*Invocation

Introduction of Pastor Sam Hamstra

Sharing by SR RCYF

Congregational Prayer

Offertory Special Music: *Japanese Handbell Choir*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Missionary Support)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-12

Message: **"Do You Trust God to Lead When the Way is Not Clear?"**

Prayer

*Hymn: **#554** *"It Is Well With My Soul"*

*Benediction

*Parting Hymn: **#554** *"It Is Well With My Soul"*

Postlude: *Shelly Robyn*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Shelly Robyn*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Hymns: **#44** *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*
#51 *"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"*

Invocation

The Belgic Confession

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#689** *"How Firm A Foundation"*

Message: *Pastor Sam Hamstra*

*Hymn: **#436** *"The Solid Rock"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Shelly Robyn*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

Come friends; let us worship the Creator/Redeemer of us all. With hands stretched out toward others, we rejoice that we are privileged to worship the Lord our God. Welcome all! 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 Pastor Sam Hamstra, of the Rukes Group (consulting firm assisting our search team) as he leads our evening worship service. After the evening service Pastor Sam will offer the congregation a time to ask questions about the role the Rukes Group will play in our search process.

Thank you to the *Japanese Handbell Choir* 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.

Nursery Attendants: Jami S., Ruth D.J., Ava S., Slayden S. **Door Attendant:** Jack. **Ushers:** Marlin S. (M), Cole S. (NE), Seth S. (SW). **Refreshments:** Mike H., Verlyn V.R. **Audio:** Josh. **Video:** Tim. **Power Point:** Barb. **After Service Greeters:** Brian & Dennis (M), Hans (NE), Henry (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, August 10

6:30 p.m.—**Elder’s Meeting.**

Anyone desiring to make profession of their faith may meet with the elders at 7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.—**Consistory Meeting**

Wednesday, August 12

5:00 p.m. – **Golf Outing**

Check in starts at 5:00 p.m. and golfing starts at 5:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 16

Nursery Attendants: Amy Davelaar, Brynn Van Voorst, Akenna Sandbulte, Brody Van Voorst. **Door Attendant:** Wayne Te Grotenhuis. **Ushers:** Luke Haan (M), Todd Noteboom (NE), Brad Oostra (SW). **Refreshments:** Becky Ochsendorf, Glenda Van Meeteren. **Cookies:** Allison Leusink, Glenda Van Meeteren, Gabi Noble, Frieda Bartels, Rhonda Sandbulte. **Special Music:** Jared Terpstra. **Special Offering:** Christian Care Fund.

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Sue Dorhout is recovering from shoulder repair surgery.

Ken Altena’s lung condition remains the same, with oxygen necessary most of the time.

Lorna Vander Vliet is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Ashley Vande Vegte is recovering from surgery.

Sue Noteboom for continued healing and nerves regeneration.

Carmel Reformed Church as we look for a Pastor.

Praying for our local congregations: This week please be in prayer for God’s blessing for the United Reformed Congregation and Rev. Jon Bushnell.

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 *Marlin and Paula Van Voorst and family* on the death of Paula's father, *Evert De Bondt*, who passed away Friday, July 31. May God grant peace and comfort to Marlin and Paula Van Voorst, Keaton and Jamie Van Voorst and family, Sean and Kassidy Robinson and family, and Kade and Morgan Van Voorst.

Our sympathies to *Tony and Janae Rau and family* on the death of Janae's mother, *Jeanette Van Beek*, who passed away Saturday, August 1. May God grant peace and comfort to their family.

Birthdays this week

We celebrate the following birthdays this week.

May God bless you in the years ahead.

Helen Vande Vegte – 83rd birthday, Sunday, August 9

Ken Altena – 80th birthday, Thursday, August 13

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tuesday, August 11 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 12 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Please contact him if you would like to set up a meeting outside of office hours.

Pastor Gary will be in Michigan August 17-21 for the Alliance Governing Board Meeting and the Alliance Gathering that follows. He will be leaving August 14 and returning August 23. Please contact an elder if you have a need that arises during that time.

Articles for the September newsletter are due Sunday, August 23.

Carmel Women Ministries is looking for hamburger donations for the Education Kickoff. Those interested in donating can contact Erika Van Kekerix at 712-470-3636.

We need Preschool, 5th grade, and 11-12th grade Sunday School teachers and substitutes. If you feel called to be a Preschool-5th grade teacher, please contact Jo Moget. We need teachers for Wednesday Night Activities for Kindergarten, 4-6th grade, 9-10 grade, 11-12th grade and substitutes. If you feel called to be involved, please contact Education Elder Henry Sandbulte.

All Carmel members and regular attendees who will be attending college, graduate school, trade school, or taking online classes this fall, please get your college information to the church office. Please turn in your information (school attending, address and birthdate) even if you live at home or the information is the same as last year. A sheet to fill out can be found on the Coffee Station. You can email your information to the church office at carmelch@mtcnet.net. Please do so by August 23.

If you are a new member or regular attender of Carmel Church and wish to have your children participate in our educational programs, please contact the church office. The Education Programs include Sunday School (Preschool-12th grade), Wednesday Night Activities (Kindergarten-12th grade), GEMS or Cadets (2nd-8th grade), and JR/SR RCYF.

Diamonds Ministry kickoff will be Tuesday, August 18 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Our theme for the evening comes from Psalm 34:8 "*Taste and see that the Lord is good*". We'll spend the evening decorating and tasting charcuterie boards, followed by a fire and worship. Please bring a lawn chair and RSVP to Brynn Van Voorst.

The Search Committee requests prayers for the following:

- Pray for the development of our Pastor Profile for the Rukes Group website during the coming month.
- Pray for wisdom, unity, and God's guidance as we continue the pastoral search process.

Next Search Committee Meeting: August

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." – Proverbs 3:5

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering: \$6,285.75

Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$246,713.34

“Teeing Up For Tomorrow”

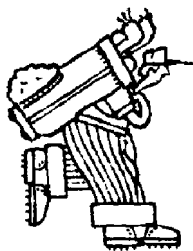
4 Person Best Ball Golf Tournament

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship with the 4th Annual Golf Outing.

When: August 12

Where: Rock Valley Golf Course

Time: Check in @ 5:00 p.m.
Start golfing at 5:30 p.m.



Cost: \$300.00 per team (*pay when you sign up your team*)

*This includes a meal of BBQ pulled pork and brisket, chips, and pork & beans

Cart Rental: \$20.00 per cart (payable at the event)

When you sign up please let the church office know if you will need a cart or if you have your own cart to bring!

There will be \$5.00 mulligan tickets available to purchase at the event!

****All proceeds go towards the Building Fund****

Sign Up: Sign up at the Coffee Station or sign up at the church office at 712-722-2733 during office hours.