

HIGHLIGHTS

CARMEL REFORMED CHURCH

“Can’t Wait For Sunday”

September 2026

September is here! As I write this the crops look great (I trust no hail or wind will take a toll on them!). The farmers have begun or soon will begin their silage cutting or preparing for fall harvest. It is a busy season for the farmers and the farm community!

With the coming of September, the ministries of church congregations increase as well. Sunday School and youth groups will be starting. Bible studies and other church organizations are looking to re-engage with their ministries. And your consistory is busy and very busy!

In our August consistory meeting the consistory discussed our next steps of moving ahead our new *Healthy Singleness/Healthy Marriage Initiative* with our partners Luke and Fiona (last name withheld on account of their missionary status).

The church assessment report was briefly discussed at our meeting. We will be meeting again on Aug. 27 for a more in depth conversation. This second meeting will include a zoom discussion with Vital Church Ministries who implemented the survey for us. At that 27th meeting the consistory will decide on the best way of communicating the report to you, the congregation. There are many very positive points that were shared. And yes, some points of growth for us as well. Overall, the consistory is pleased with the report.

We reviewed our weekend with Pastor Sam Hamstra and the developing work of our search team. The consistory approved a statement on the sacrament of baptism for the search team to have available to explain to potential lead pastor candidates our understanding of that sacrament. The search team is now on a “two meetings a month” schedule with Sam. The consistory continues to work on an anticipated job description for an associate pastor. This work is taking place now to better inform the lead pastor candidate the expected role the associate pastor will have.

The elders heard professions of faith of two individuals – Ethan Sandbulte and Ava Romero (also to be baptized), received another family through transfer of membership, Tanner and Trinity Douma with children Ivy and Luke. Luke will also be baptized.

Prayer concerns were also addressed in the elders meeting

If all of that is not enough, conversation continues within the consistory pertaining to the additional space needed for ministry. See the separate article on that subject.

God is working in our midst! Let us prepare for the harvest God desires us to bring in for His Kingdom! May we be faithful to our calling as Jesus’ disciples today.

Blessings, Pastor Gary

“Making Room for What God Is Doing”

The following is a statement written by one of our consistory members of which the consistory as a whole envisions as reason for considering an expansion of our facility for ministry:

Carmel church is in a season where we need to look at what God is doing among us and ask, “Are we willing to make room for it?” Our church continues to grow. Our ministries are growing. Our shared desire to reach lives yet untouched by Christ and disciple people new in their faith is growing—and something that is especially exciting is what God is doing among our youth. We have an opportunity right now to invest in the next generation in a way that could impact not only the children who walk through our doors today, but their families, their future children, and generations to come. This isn’t simply about adding square footage or building a bigger facility. It’s about making room for people. It’s about making room for ministry. It’s about making room for God to work. We’ve tried to build momentum before, but perhaps we weren’t ready then. Maybe God has brought us to a different season—a season where the need is clearer, the vision is stronger, and the support is greater. We shouldn’t move forward because it’s easy, and we shouldn’t move forward simply because we want a nicer building. We should move forward because we believe the mission God has given us is worth investing in. If God is opening the door, let’s have the courage to walk through it. Let’s dream bigger than our current walls, invest boldly in the next generation, and build something that serves Christ’s Kingdom long after we’re gone. We may not know exactly how every detail will come together, but we can trust the God who has brought us this far. Let’s pray boldly, plan wisely, work together, and step forward in faith—because we don’t want to look back someday and realize that we had an opportunity to make room for what God was doing, but were afraid to take the step. We don’t want to spend our energy asking whether we have enough room; we want to make room for what God is already doing.”



September 6: Aubrey Van Kekerix,
Kassidy Robinson, Karlee Leusink,
Morgan Terpstra

September 13: Juliana Van Kekerix,
Lexy Van Ginkel, Aniya Robertson,
Addison Van Voorst

September 20: Londa Boogerd, Morgan Hoekstra,
Alydia Sandbulte, Kinlee Wolfswinkel

September 27: Kristi Van Voorst, Jo Moget, Ava
Van Roekel, Faithe Van Maanen

October 4: Nikki Hulstein, Rachel Van Roekel,
Charlee Punt, Ruthie Vanden Brink

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

* * * * *

REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

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

September 6-R– Gene Sandbulte, Jack Soodsma
C– Doree Wolfswinkel, Amy McAlpine, Lorna
Vander Vliet, Rachel Terpstra, Mimi Sanbulte

September 13-R– Denny De Jong, Jerry Renes
C- Anita Van Ravenhorst, Gene Sandbulte, Alice
Remmerde, Lin De Jong, Misty Zwart

September 20-R– Hans Smolders, Glenda Van
Meeteren
C– Kaye Kuyper, Clarice Van Maanen, Carmen
Maassen, Amy Rozeboom, Glenda Van Meeteren

September 27-R– Chad Robertson, Jared Terpstra
C– Frieda Bartels, Erica Robertson, Colleen
Bomgaars, Teresa Sandbulte, Jami Sandbulte

October 4-R– Mike Haverhals, Becky Ochsendorf
C– Allison Leusink, Sarah Nibbelink, Cheryl
Lange, Fonda Post, Sherri Wolfswinkel

*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.

September	6 – Chris Van Essen
September	13 – Harold Van Essen
September	20 – Carmel Quartet
September	27 – Nate Van Ginkel
October	4 – Wilbur Van Grootheest

* * * * *



The church office will be closed Monday,
September 7 in observance of Labor Day. If you
have any concerns, please contact your care elder.

* * * * *

TRANSFER

At the Elder's Meeting, they received the
membership of Tanner and Trinity Douma and
baptize child, Ivy, from First Reformed Church of
Ireton, IA.

Please welcome them into the Carmel
Reformed Church family.

* * * * *

PROFESSION OF FAITH

At the August elder's meeting, it was their
joy to receive Ava Romero and Ethan Sandbulte
into the communicant family of Carmel Reformed
Church through Profession of Faith.

MINISTRY KICK-OFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun-filled day of worship, food, fellowship, and activities for the whole family! We're excited to kick off another year of ministry together, and we hope you'll plan to stay and enjoy the entire day!

9:30 a.m. — Coffee & Cookies

Come early, grab a cup of coffee and a cookie, and enjoy some fellowship before worship.

10:00 a.m. — Morning Worship

We'll gather in the Sanctuary for worship led by Pastor Gary Hegstad.

And don't head home when worship ends! **The fun continues all afternoon!** There will be activities and games for kids and adults, plenty of food, and lots of opportunities to relax and enjoy time together.

Don't forget your lawn chairs!

SR RCYF Grill Out — Following Worship

Come hungry! The SR RCYF will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, and chips for a freewill donation. All proceeds will go toward mission trips and Rocky Mountain High.

CWM Food — Beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The Carmel Women's Ministry will be serving taverns, chips, desserts, and drinks from the kitchen.

Canteen — Open All Afternoon

Stop by the canteen for pop, ice cream, cantaloupe, watermelon, and candy. Items will be available for purchase.

Evening Praise & Worship

Wrap up the day with us at our evening Praise & Worship Service featuring Alydia Van Kley. What a great way to end a great day!

Bean Bag Games Needed!

Do you have a bean bag game we could borrow for the day? We'd love to use it! Please sign up at the Coffee Station if you have one to share.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Carmel Reformed Church's Sunday School is back in session on Sunday, September 20.

Preschool-1st Grade meet in music room

2nd-6th Grade meet in sanctuary

7th-12th Grade meet in your classroom

Adults meet in the library

* * * * *

SR RCYF

We are excited to start another year of SR RCYF! Our theme for this year is *"Together Our Faith Grows Stronger"*. This is based on Proverbs 27:17 *"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another"* and Hebrews 10:24-25 *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one everyone – and all the more as you see the day approaching"*. We have lots of fun events planned for this year and cannot wait to see everyone. We encourage your kids to invite their friends! Here are some of the upcoming dates and events.

Ministry Kick-Off Grill Out

SR RCYF will be hosting a grill out for the ministry kick-off. Join us after the morning worship service on September 13 for burgers, hot dogs, baked beans, and chips for free will donation. All proceeds will go towards our fun trip this coming summer and future mission trip.

SR RCYF Kick-Off

Our kick-off will be on September 20. We are planning a fun event out at The Ridge in Sioux Center. We will be using our putting skills at The Flatstick (Himalayan-style putting course). Please have kids bring a lawn chair, golf putter, and golf ball if they have one – we will have some extra on hand if they do not have one. We will meet at church at 4:30 p.m. or the kids can meet us at The Ridge Golf Course at 4:50 p.m. Afterwards, we will have a time of food and games at Jared and Rachel Terpstra's house.

Jared and Rachel Terpstra
Brian and Nicole Rozeboom
Kendrick and Aubrey Van Kekerix
Chad and Morgan Hoekstra

JR RCYF

Unshakable TRUST

We would like to invite JR High students to participate in Carmel JR RCYF this coming year!

We have been praying for this coming year and are excited to see how God will work in and through JR RCYF.

Our theme for this coming year is “*Unshakable Trust*” with Proverbs 3:5-6 as a theme verse. We will be spending time talking about different areas of Trust in our lives.

1. Trusting God’s Character
2. Trusting God in Life’s Challenges
3. Trusting God’s plan
4. Living out Trust every day

We will also be having fun activities, retreats, opportunities to serve, and some fundraisers.

Our meetings are on Sunday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the JR RCYF youth room.

Some dates to remember:

- Sunday, September 20 – Kick-off (more information to come)
- Mid-April 2027 – Middle School Retreat
- July 20-25, 2027 – Power Connection and Work Camp

Please take a few minutes to fill out the google form provided!

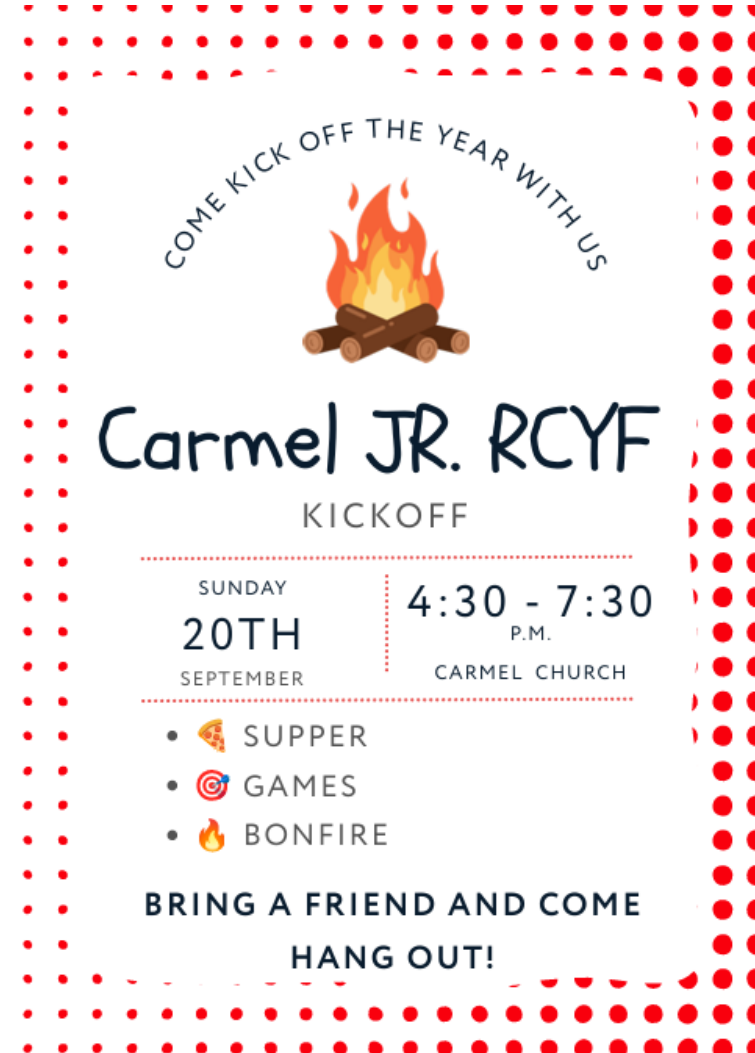
<https://forms.gle/AnpqRMSkWKAZGPsU7>



We want to do our best to get to know your students and have the information we need to communicate well with parents also.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!
We look forward to a fun year of fun, food, faith and fellowship!

All for Jesus,
Tom & Misty Zwart
Todd Noteboom
Nate & Kiley Landman



Wayfinder

FOLLOWING THE WAY,
THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

Carmel GEMS is excited to kick off a new season of GEMS! The GEMS girls will explore the Bible's "mountaintop moments" from Genesis to Revelation and encounter the living, Triune God who is present every step of our day. They'll discover how every story points to JESUS—and how their own story is rooted in Him when they trust Him.

Along the way, they'll gain tools that strengthen their faith for the long haul, and meditation, service and more. With the Bible as their compass and God as their guide, girls will persevere with courage and joy as they follow the path God has laid out for them.

Carmel GEMS will become "Wayfinders"—who boldly follow the Way, the Truth, and the Life and lead others to the Way too.

Counselors and the craft team planning, studying Wayfinder, and praying for the GEMS girls and asking God to fill hearts with the joy of Jesus! We covet your prayers for the Carmel GEMS throughout the year!

Carmel GEMS leaders as we attend a regional GEMS meeting at Hope CRC in Hull
September 2 @ 5:30 pm-8:30 pm.

Counselor Meeting @ Thursday, September 10, 2026 - 6:00 pm at The Grain House.

Carmel GEMS will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

Kick Off is September 20 on a Sunday afternoon, Dads are encouraged to join!
Take a fishing pole, and bait, if your dad does not have a fishing license, there will be someone who does have a 🎣 will help!

September 23
October 14, 28
November 11
December 9 - Christmas Party
January 13, 27
February 10, 24
March 10
March 24 - Moms & GEMS
April 4, 2027 - GEMS Sunday



**"Jesus answered, I am the way and truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:5**

CADETS

Cadet kick-off is September 20 at Sandy Hollow from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Dad are encouraged to join! Take a fishing pole and bait, if your dad does not have a fishing license, there will be someone who does to help.



Cadets is for 2nd-8th grade boys. During the year they will have lessons, fundraisers, and fun outing, and don't forget the Cadet Pinewood Derby! They will be meeting at Carmel every 2nd and 4th

Wednesdays of the month starting at 7:00 p.m. The first meeting will be Wednesday, September 23! We cannot wait to see everyone!

This year's theme is *Mountains of Blessings*. It is based on Psalm 125:2 "*As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore.*"

If you have questions, please contact Keaton Van Voorst or the church office.

* * * * *

50'S NIGHT



Mark your calendar for *Wednesday, September 30*, and plan to attend the SR RCYF "50's Night" fundraiser. For a freewill donation they will be serving

taverns, hot dogs, coney dogs, chips and of course Root Beef floats. Serving will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the parking lot behind church. (In case the weather is bad, it will be held indoors). So come out and enjoy the fun and bring a friend! You are also welcome to show off your classic cars as well!!! If anyone has hamburger they would like to donate to the SR RCYF for "50's Night" please contact Jared and Rachel Terpstra.

SEARCH TEAM



The Search Committee requests your continued prayers as we forward in the pastoral search process:

- Pray for the Search Committee and the Rukes Group as we work together to finalize the Pastor Profile. We are hopeful to launch the profile in mid-September!
- Praise god for the partnership we have developed with the Rukes Group. We are encouraged by their expertise and excited about the opportunity to connect with qualified candidates who may be called to serve at Carmel.
- Pray for wisdom, discernment, and unity as we enter the next phase of the search process.
- Pray for our future Pastor and his family, that God would continue preparing them and clearly guide them according to His perfect will and timing.

Thank you for partnering with us in prayer as we seek God's direction for Carmel's next Pastor. We are grateful for the congregation's support and look forward with anticipation to see how God will lead the months ahead.

Next Search Team meeting: September 9

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

When: EVERY Wednesday Night beginning **September 16 at 7:00 p.m.**

Who: ALL students Kindergarten-12th grade

*All grade levels will be studying the same topic.

ABOUT ABC – (ANSWERS BIBLE CURRICULUM)

Mission: Answers Bible Curriculum was developed to present the gospel, beginning in Genesis, to all generations; train believers to know, obey, and defend God's Word; and to encourage believers to become conformed to the image of Christ.

Overview: The 2009 book *Already Gone* by Ken Ham and Britt Beemer (and the scientific study on which the book is based) reveals the reasons why young people are leaving the church. In much of the teaching to day in our churches, the Bible is disconnected from the real world, and the authority of Scripture is undermined and replaced with secular reasoning using man's ideas.

The church has failed to teach the Bible as relevant fact. We have, intentionally or unintentionally, taught the Scriptures as nothing but "stories" that relate to spiritual matters and have avoided engaging the challenging question from the secular world that bombard church children and adults the other 166 hours of their week. As a result, children are beginning to doubt the Bible – and the gospel message that it presents – as early as elementary school. Many studies confirm that more than 60% of young people leave the church after they graduate from high school.

Answers Bible Curriculum was designed and written to provide answers to the questions and issues that confront youth and adults in school, in the media, from friends, at work, etc. It is our hope and prayer that God will be pleased to use this curriculum to instill a lifelong trust in the Bible and in the God who authored it.

SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>UNIT:</u>	<u>DATE:</u>	<u>UNIT:</u>
September 16	Lesson 75: Israel's First King	March 31	Unit 10 Review
September 23	Lesson 76: God Chooses David	April 7	Lesson 101: God Protects Joash
September 30	Lesson 77: David Defeats Goliath	April 14	Lesson 102: God Answers Hezekiah
October 7	Lesson 78: Jonathan Warns David	April 21	Lesson 103: God Promises the Messiah
October 14	Lesson 79: Saul Hunts David	April 28	Lesson 101-103 Review/Fun Night
October 21	Lesson 75-79 Review		
October 28	Lesson 81: David Becomes King		
November 4	Lesson 82: God's Promise to David		
November 11	Lesson 83: David Disobeys God		
November 18	Lesson 84: Absalom Rebels		
November 25	No Lesson		
December 2	Lesson 85: Praises to God		
December 9	Lesson 86: Solomon Asks for Wisdom		
December 16	Lesson 87: Solomon Builds God's Temple		
December 23	No Lesson		
December 30	No Lesson		
January 6	Lesson 88: Wisdom from God		
January 13	Lesson 89: Israel is Divided		
January 20	Unit 9 Review		
January 27	Lesson 91: Kings of Israel and Judah		
February 3	Lesson 92: Elijah Stands for God		
February 10	Lesson 93: God Protects Elijah		
February 17	Lesson 94: God Calls Elisha		
February 24	Lesson 95: Elisha and the Syrians		
March 3	Lesson 96: God Warns Israel		
March 10	Lesson 97: God Sends Jonah		
March 17	Lesson 98: God Loves Israel		
March 24	Lesson 99: God Judges Israel		



If anyone was omitted from this list, let the church office know.

(Birthdays are in parenthesis)

Rylee Bomgaars is attending Northwestern College. Her address is 1502 Juneau Pl SE, Apt. 1, Orange City, IA 51041. *(10/9)*

Shaina Dibbet is attending SMSU. Her address is 3054 360th Street, Sioux Center, IA 51250. *(6/3)*

Ben Haverhals is attending Morningside University. His address is 3609 Peters Ave, PMB 494, Sioux City, IA 51106. *(10/12)*

Jennifer Luevano is attending Northwestern College. Her address is 608 5th Street SE, Orange City, IA 51041. *(1/22)*

Gabriela Noble is attending the University of South Dakota's Knudson School of Law. Her address is 1214 Ave E, Hawarden, IA 51023. *(2/18)*

Delanie Roland is attending South Dakota State University. Her address is SDSU-Pierson Hall #257 box 2804, Brookings, SD 57007. *(7/27)*

Addison Rozeboom is attending Dordt University. Her address is DU2807 6th Street NE, Sioux Center, IA 51250. *(2/2)*

Eli Segar is attending Northwest Community College. His address is 2953 340th Street, Hull, IA 51239. *(8/13)*

Rashaylee Soodsma is attending Dordt University for her master's in business. Her address is 2438 Harrison Ave, Doon, IA 51235. *(12/17)*

Shanelle Soodsma is attending Dordt University. Her address is Dordt University 700 7th Street NE, DU 3490, Sioux Center, IA 51250. *(12/6)*

Tava Steendam is attending Dordt University. Her address is 816 16th Circle NE, Sioux Center, IA 51250. *(12/18)*

Addison Terpstra is attending Northwest Community College. Her address is 124 18th Street Circle SE, Sioux Center, IA 51250. *(2/13)*

Landyn Van Kekerix is attending the University of Iowa. His address is 525 S Riverside Dr Apt 616, Iowa City, IA 52246. *(8/22)*

Kavri Van Kekerix is attending Northwestern College. Her address is 1506 Juneau PL SE Apt 1, Orange City, IA 51041. *(10/28)*

Jace Van Meeteren is attending South Dakota State University. His address is 306 Thunder Ln, Apt 35, Brookings, SD 57006 *(1/30)*

Brynn Van Voorst is attending Northwest Community College. Her address is 3424 290th Street, Hull, IA 51239. *(6/2)*

Carson Vanden Brink is attending University of Sioux Falls. His address is 2838 360th Street, Rock Valley, IA 51247. *(6/28)*

Covey Wynia is attending Northwest Community College. His address is 3579 Grant Ave, Sioux Center, IA 51250. *(2/7)*

Elyse Zwart is attending Dordt University. Her address is DU 2268 700 7th Street NE, Sioux Center, IA, 51250. *(11/2)*

Emma Zwart is attending Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Her address is 101 E. Lime Ct., Ames, IA 50010. *(9/25)*



Deacons Corner — SEPTEMBER

Outreach Fund – The Outreach Fund is available to assist Carmel Reformed Church members participation in mission projects/trip by providing financial assistance for registration and travel expenses. This does not include normally scheduled JR/SR youth group trips. The fund will reimburse ½ of travel and registration costs up to \$750.00 per individual per calendar year. Please contact the Outreach Fund deacon Chris Van Essen or one of the other deacons for an application form.

Christian Care – The Christian Care Fund is available to assist with financial needs for those who are encountering difficult circumstances and are struggling to cover their basic financial needs. Please see the Christian Care Fund Deacon, Adam Nibbelink and Elder, Dennis De Jong if you are in need of assistance.

Adoption Fund – For those considering an adoption please consider inquiring as to whether you will qualify for the Carmel Reformed Church Adoption Assistance Fund. This fund makes available up to \$1,500 to assist active Carmel Reformed Church members with adoption costs. See any deacon for details and a copy of the application form. All requests will require consistory approval.

Online Giving – Supporting the ministry at Carmel Church is easier than ever with our secure online giving option. Whether you're traveling, working, or watching from home, you can give anytime—anywhere. Simply visit carmelchurch.org and click the "Give" button. You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations in just a few steps. We're still passing the offering plate on Sundays, so you're welcome to give in person if you prefer. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity!

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in the "Tee Up for Tomorrow" Golf Outing Fundraiser. We hope that the evening was full of laughter, fun and fellowship.

Thank you to all of our corporate sponsors that helped make the golf outing memorable for all the participants. Be sure to thank them and support these businesses throughout the year!

AgriVision
Ver Hoef Automotive
Furniture Mart
Children's Dental
HoneyHomb
Hull CoOp

Pat's Jewelry
Peoples Bank
Hair on Hickory
Fareway
Rolling Hills Golf Course
American State Bank

Jimmy John's
Culvers
Beaver Eye Care
Snap Fitness
Frosted Frog

A huge thank you to Paula Van Voorst for all the work and coordination that she put into the golf outing. Without her help, the evening would not have been a great time for all that were involved!

Finally, the Deacons of Carmel Reformed Church want to say thank you Carmel Church members, friends, and visitors for your generosity in the giving of your gifts and talents for the furtherance and blessings of His Kingdom in Carmel Church as well as throughout His creation. We continue to covet your prayers.

-Carmel Church Deacons



SEPTEMBER

- | | | | |
|-----|---------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| 2- | The Eddie Vander Weide's | 20- | Rogan Ranschau |
| 3- | Jayse Niemeyer | | Julie Sandbulte |
| | Luke Haan | | Kraig Hulstein |
| 4- | Kyle Wolfswinkel | | The Eric Van Roekel's |
| | Mrs. Laura Van Ravenswaay | 21- | Hudson Hoekstra |
| | Mrs. Hazel Haverhals | 22- | Brielle Maassen |
| | The Kevin Sandbulte's | | Mrs. Samantha Van Ginkel |
| 6- | Doug Van Beek | | Seth Haverhals |
| 7- | Monty Prins | | Evelyn Moss |
| 8- | Tielyr Rozeboom | 23- | Maguire DeMeester |
| | Shawn Sandbulte | | Nathan Van Otterloo |
| | Curt Vander Vliet | | Mrs. Amanda Ranschau |
| | Marcus Van Voorst | | Mrs. Geneva Van Kekerix |
| 9- | The Kade Van Voorst's | | Gary Sandbulte |
| | The Matt Segar's | | John Kleyer |
| 10- | Remi Hoogendoorn | 24- | Mrs. Deb Swets |
| | Katie Van Maanen | | The Derick Niemeyer's |
| | Dennis De Jong | | The Jack Soodsma's |
| | The Brad Beukelman's | 25- | Emma Zwart |
| | The Mark Swet's | | Mrs. Sherri Wolfswinkel |
| 11- | Lennyx Koedam | | The John Hoogendoorn's |
| | Attyson Prins | 26- | The Austin Rozeboom's |
| | The Monty Prins' | 28- | Mrs. Deb Fedders |
| | The Terry Koedam's | | The Randy Vande Vegte's |
| 12- | Ty Vande Vegte | | The Marlin Van Voorst's |
| | Anthony Janisch | | The Leon Franken's |
| | Mrs. Courtney Mesman | 29- | Blake Bomgaars |
| | Larry Wolfswinkel | 30- | Remington De Wit |
| | The Steve Rozeboom's | | Ruthie Vanden Brink |
| 13- | Ayda Maassen | | Gracie Vanden Brink |
| | Avery Sandbulte | | Austin Vande Vegte |
| | Mrs. Jaimee Vonk | | Mrs. Anita Soodsma |
| | The Dillan Baartman's | | |
| 14- | The Warren Vonk's | | |
| 15- | The Rob Sayles' | | |
| 16- | Kaylee Anderson | | |
| | Herb Kuyper | | |
| 17- | Alaynna Nibbelink | | |
| | Johnny Van Voorst | | |
| | The Wally Valentine's | | |
| 18- | Mrs. Becky Vanden Brink | | |

JUST FOR KIDS

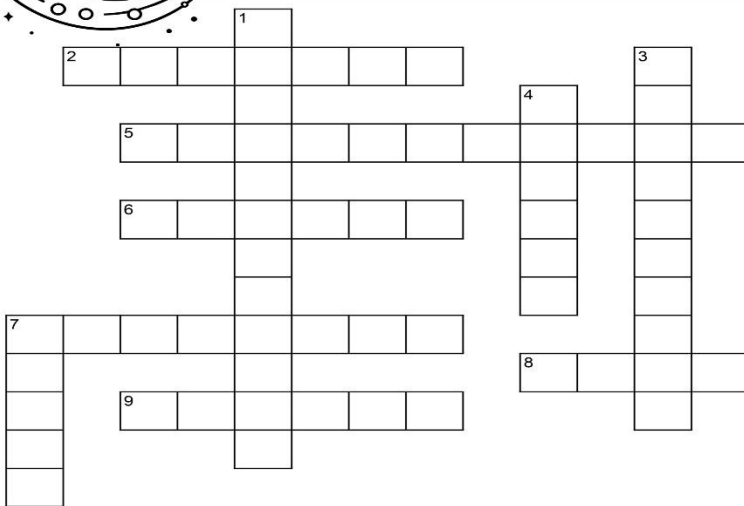


Puzzle!



BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, NIV.



ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
5. Blessed are the _____, for they will see God.
6. Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after righteousness.
7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the _____, for they will inherit the earth.
9. Blessed are those who hunger and _____, for they will be filled.

DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.

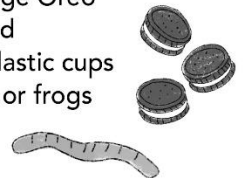
Answer key: 2 Across: Rejoice, 5 Across: pureinheart, 6 Across: hunger
7 Across: merciful, 8 Across: meek, 9 Across: thirst, 1 Down: poorinspirit
3 Down: persecuted, 4 Down: reward, 7 Down: mourn



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

