

August 23, 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 Hymns: **#485** *"Nearer, My God, To Thee"*
#460 *"Be Thou My Vision"*

*Invocation

Children's Message: *Allison Leusink*

Ministry in Music: *Mikayla Ratigan and Addi Vander Wilt*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#599** *"The Closer I Walk"*

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

Scripture: Psalm 73

Message: **"But As For Me"**

Prayer

*Hymn: **#225** *"And Can It Be?"*

*Benediction

*Parting Hymn: **#225** *"And Can It Be?"*

Postlude: *Carrie Maassen*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Carrie Maassen*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Hymns: **#64** *"O Worship The King"*
#65 *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

Invocation

The Belgic Confession

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#154** *"What A Wonderful Savior!"*

Scripture: John 4:39-54

Message: **"Taking God at His Word"**

*Hymn: **#474** *"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Carrie Maassen*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

*With gratitude we come to give thanks to the Lord for God's
boundless grace. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we extend the
hand of friendship and love to all who have come. Please join us for
refreshments after the morning worship service.*

A warm welcome to Justin Bailey as he leads our morning worship
service and Pastor Scott Van Ravenswaay as he leads our evening
worship service.

Thank you to Mikayla Ratigan and Addi Vander Wilt 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: Hannah S., Amber N., Sadie J., Hannah V.R.

Door Attendant: Larry. **Ushers:** Trevor P. (M), Brady P. (NE), Sean

R. (SW). **Refreshments:** Jami S., Aubrey V.K. **Audio:** Nate. **Video:**

Tim. **Power Point:** Jami. **After Service Greeters:** Leon & Hans

(M), Brian (NE), Dennis (SW).

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, August 25

6:30 p.m. – **Diamonds Ministry**

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 p.m. – **Search Team Meeting**

NEXT SUNDAY, August 30

Nursery Attendants: Edan Bomgaars, Courtney Mesman, Gaby

Prins, Tacey Van Kekerix. **Door Attendant:** Willard Hulstein.

Ushers: Avery Sandbulte (M), Owen Sandbulte (NE), Vince Sandbulte (SW). **Refreshments:** Hans Smolders, Chad Robertson.

Cookies: Fonda Post, Cheryl Sandbulte, Hazel Haverhals, Donna

Renes, Rachel Van Roekel. **Children's Message:** Jerry Noteboom.

Special Music: Troy Van De Berg. **Special Offering:** Christian Care Fund.

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Shawn Sandbulte is recovering from surgery on his broken leg.

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 Bethel Christian Reformed Congregation and Pastor Jon Lee.

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.

Henry Wolfswinkel Sr. – 85th birthday, Monday, August 24

Ditty Houtkooper – 82nd birthday, Saturday, August 29

Frieda Bartels – 90th birthday, Saturday, August 29

Anniversary this week

We celebrate the following wedding anniversary this week.

May God bless your marriage in the years ahead.

Jim & Lois Joffer – 54th anniversary, Monday, August 24

Russ & Helen Vande Vegte – 57th anniversary, Saturday, August 29

Articles for the September newsletter are due TODAY!

We have several opportunities for volunteers to serve at church. Teachers are needed for Wednesday Night Activities for Kindergarten and 4th–6th grade, as well as substitutes for Sunday School and Wednesday Night Activities, volunteers to lead children's music (Preschool-1st grade and 2nd-5th grade), and teachers for the adult Bible study on Wednesday evenings. If you feel called to be involved in any of these areas, please contact Education Elder Henry Sandbulte.

We need bean bag games/cornhole boards for the Ministry Kick Off on Sunday, September 13. If you are willing to bring your game, please sign up at the Coffee Station.

Reminder for JR RCYF (7th & 8th Grade students) parents: We look forward to kicking off our JR RCYF year on September 20. Please fill out the following google form if you haven't already done so. <https://forms.gle/AnpqRMSkWKAZGPsU7>

Cody and Tricia Groenveld will be in the area August 28-30. They will be attending the morning worship service on August 30.

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.

The Search Committee requests your prayers for the following:

- Pray for Sam and the Rukes Group as they prepare a draft of the Pastor Profile, which is expected to be ready for our review by the end of this month.
- Pray for wisdom, unity, and God's guidance as we finalize and distribute the profile and begin receiving candidates.
- Pray for our future Pastor, that God is preparing and leading him to Carmel according to His perfect plan.

Next Search Committee Meeting: August 26

Thank you for partnering with us in prayer as we seek God's direction for Carmel's future Pastor!

Marriage Mentors: in the August newsletter Pastor Gary wrote about our church's initiative of *Healthy Singleness, Healthy Marriages*. It was noted that we are in the process of developing mentoring opportunities for the couples of our church and/or community. Luke and Fiona will be training several couples of our church to be mentors, and then we will move forward in engaging couples in the mentoring process. The church does not require couples to be a part of the mentoring opportunity but are providing this with the understanding that all marriages, including healthy marriages can continue to grow and mature. The consistory will be prayerfully considering couples of our congregation to be such mentors. If you have a recommendation that the consistory should consider, please submit your suggestion to Pastor Gary with a simple note as to the qualities the couple have that you see them as possible mentors. Please reply to Pastor Gary by August 25 with an email to garyhegstad@gmail.com.

Bethel CRC in Sioux Center is hosting Divorce Care, a 14-week series, for those who are separated, recently divorced or have been divorced for a long time. The first class is on August 27. Classes and childcare are free. Please contact Holly Case at 760-715-1796 to register, or if you have any questions.

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering: \$4,989.75 Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$257,318.29
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