

August 16, 2026

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

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: *Shelly Robyn*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Hymns: **#75** *"This Is My Father's World"*
#489 *"Where He Leads Me"*

*Invocation

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#456** *"I'd Rather Have Jesus"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Christian Care Fund)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-24

Message: **"Apprentices Work to Defeat Avarice"**
Prayer

*Song: *"In Christ Alone"*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"In Christ Alone"*

Postlude: *Shelly Robyn*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Shelly Robyn*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Hymns: **#349** *"He Keeps Me Singing"*
#374 *"Sunshine In My Soul"*

Invocation

The Belgic Confession

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#384** *"I Will Sing The Wondrous Story"*

Scripture: Ruth 4

Message: **"Redeemed and Named"**

*Hymn: **#357** *"Redeemed"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Shelly Robyn*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

We come together to "call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised" (Psalm 18:3, NRSV). All are sincerely welcomed to this service of worship and praise. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

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

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: Amy D., Brynn V.V., Akenna S., Brody V.V.

Door Attendant: Wayne. **Ushers:** Luke H. (M), Todd N. (NE), Brad O. (SW). **Refreshments:** Becky O., Glenda V.M. **Audio:** Riley.

Video: Laura. **Power Point:** Tami. **After Service Greeters:** Phil & Hans (M), Brian (NE), Henry (SW).

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, August 18

6:30 p.m. – **Diamonds Ministry Kickoff**

RSVP to Brynn Van Voorst

NEXT SUNDAY, August 23

Nursery Attendants: Hannah Smolders, Amber Nettinga, Sadie Janisch, Hannah Van Roekel. **Door Attendant:** Larry Wolfswinkel.

Ushers: Trevor Pieper (M), Brady Punt (NE), Sean Robinson (SW).

Refreshments: Jami Sandbulte, Aubrey Van Kekerix. **Cookies:** Sarah Nibbelink, Sandi Vonk, Ronda Leusink, Linda Altena, Cheryl Lange.

Children's Message: Allison Leusink. **Special Music:** Wally

Valentine. **Special Offering:** Missionary Support.

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Shawn Sandbulte has multiple fractures in his leg.

Lorna Vander Vliet is recovering from knee replacement 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 Amistad Christiana Congregation and Pastor Eddy Olguin.

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.

At the Elders' meeting, it was their joy to receive *Ethan Sandbulte and Ava Romero* into the communicant family of Carmel Reformed Church through profession of faith.

The membership of *Tanner and Trinity Douma and daughter Ivy* has been received from First Reformed Church of Ireton, IA. Please welcome them into the Carmel Church family.

Anniversary this week

We celebrate the following wedding anniversary this week.

May God bless your marriage in the years ahead.

Marvin & Shari Kruid – 56th anniversary, Friday, August 21

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 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/Church Picnic on Sunday, September 13. If you are willing to bring your game, please sign up at the Coffee Station.

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.

SHARE Group for widows and widowers will meet Thursday, August 20, at 11:30 a.m. at the Hull Pizza Ranch.

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.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sins curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering: \$5,615.20

Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$252,328.54