

September 20, 2026

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

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Hymns: *"House of the Lord"*
"Goodness of God"

Invocation

Baptism: *Ava Romero*

Profession of Faith: *Ava Romero*
Bryce Davelaar

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#486** *"I Surrender All"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & 22:6 Group)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-15, 23-24; Genesis 20:1-13; Job 1:1-13;
Job 27:1-6; Romans 12:1-2

Message: **"God's Permissive Will"**

Prayer

Building Needs Update

*Hymn: **#480** *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

*Benediction

*Parting Hymn: **#297** *"Spirit of the Living God"*

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship: *Psalm 113: 1-3*

Worship Hymns: **#776** *"For The Beauty of the Earth"*
#625 *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*

Invocation

The Belgic Confession

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#437** *"Trust and Obey"*

Scripture: Psalm 84

Message: **"Even the Sparrow ..."**

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

*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

With warm hearts and hands, we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration for us 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 Luke as he leads our evening worship service.

This morning we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with *Ava Romero*. May God bless you.

We will welcome *Bryce Davelaar and Ava Romero* into the communicant family of Carmel Church this morning through Profession of Faith. May God bless you, Bryce and Ava, as you live for Him.

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. – Sunday School

Preschool-1st grade meet in the music room.

2nd-6th grade meet in the sanctuary.

Sunday School Guide Class meets in the library.

Men’s Group

Please meet in the Chapel.

4:30-7:30 p.m. – JR RCYF Kick Off

We will meet at church for a night of fun!

Bring a friend!

4:30 p.m. - SR RCYF Kick Off

We are planning a fun event out at The Ridge golf course in Sioux Center. We will meet at church at 4:30 pm or the kids can meet us at The Ridge at 4:50 pm. We will be meeting out at the 9-hole Flatstick putting course. Please have your child bring a putter and golf ball if they have one. Also, just a reminder to have the kids wear tennis shoes or flat shoes ~ no cowboy boots or anything with a heel. Afterwards, we will have a time of food and games at Jared and Rachel's house (124 18th St Cir SE, Sioux Center).

Nursery Attendants: Londa B., Morgan H., Alydia S., Kinlee W.
Door Attendant: Kelly. **Ushers:** Sean R. (M), Avery S. (NE), Brady P. (SW). **Refreshments:** Hans Smolders, Glenda Van Meeteren.
Audio: Warren. **Video:** Enrique. **Power Point:** Janice. **After Service Greeters:** Brian & Henry (M), Hans (NE), Leon (SW).

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, September 23

6:30 p.m. – **Search Committee Meeting**

7:00 p.m. – **GEMS/Cadets**

2nd-8th grade

Wednesday Night Activities

Kindergarten, 1st grade, 9th-12th grade

Lesson 76: “*God Chooses David*”

NEXT SUNDAY, September 27

Nursery Attendants: Kristi Van Voorst, Jo Moget, Ava Van Roekel, Faithe Van Maanen. **Door Attendant:** Cal Sandbulte. **Ushers:** Owen Sandbulte (M), Brad Oostra (NE), Trevor Pieper (SW).
Refreshments: Chad Robertson, Jared Terpstra. **Cookies:** Frieda Bartels, Erica Robertson, Colleen Bomgaars, Teresa Sandbulte, Jami Sandbulte. **Children’s Message:** Jared Terpstra. **Music:** Nate Van Ginkel. **Special Offering:** Missionary Support.

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Kay Koedam is recovering from surgery.

Harold Vander Vliet is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Lavonne Riphagen is recovering from hip surgery.

Monica Kuyper is recovering from surgery.

Shawn Sandbulte is recovering from surgery.

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 Christ Community Congregation and Pastor Jesse Henkle.

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 *Kody Noble* into the communicant family of Carmel Reformed Church through profession of faith.

Congratulations to *Jamison & Sofia (Sandbulte) Te Slaa* who were united in marriage at Carmel on September 19. May God bless them with a long and happy married life.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Ministry Kick Off Sunday such a wonderful day! We hope everyone enjoyed the day and fellowship together. A special thank you to the SR RCYF for serving lunch, CWM for serving taverns and desserts, and Lydia Van Kley for leading our evening praise and worship!

Marriage Mentors will have a training session with Luke and Fiona on Sunday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m.

We will have a time of devotion and communion at Crown Point on Monday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tuesday, September 22 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 23 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Please contact him if you would like to set up a meeting outside of office hours.

Next week, Pastor Gary will begin a seven-part series of sermons on the Seven Churches of Revelation. The examples of these seven congregations give churches of today a lot to consider.

Nomination ballots for Elders and Deacons are in your mailbox and you are encouraged to **fill them out!** All communicant members of Carmel are eligible to nominate. Please prayerfully consider this matter and return your completed ballot to the box on the Coffee Station (marked Elders/Deacons Nomination Ballots) by Sunday, October 4.

As you have had the opportunity to review the summary of the Vital Church Assessment, and the full reports have been made available to you through email, if you have questions, regarding the assessment, please contact Pastor Gary or one of the consistory members. We will continue to use the assessment as we move ahead in the search process and in the implementation of our ministry. Again, thank you to everyone who participated in the survey from which the assessment was conducted!

Giant-print Bibles are available on the desk in the Library for those who would like to follow along during Sunday worship. Please return them to the Library after the service.

Articles for the October newsletter are due TODAY.

Women's Life is looking for volunteers for childcare on Monday mornings during our fall Bible Study, 8:45-10:15 a.m. Contact Kris Gesink if you are interested.

We are looking for VBS directors for next year. If you are interested, please contact Henry Sandbulte.

We are looking for more people to help coordinate the pigs-in-the-blanket fundraiser. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

We are looking for people who enjoy singing to join our Praise Team. If you're interested, sign up at the Coffee Station, by Sunday, September 27. We'd love to have you be a part of the team!

Women's Life fall Bible study is "*Daring Joy*". What six women in the Bible teach us about the power of celebration when it feels risky, complicated, and even impossible. There will be two sessions starting on Monday, September 28 at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m. Sign up at the Women's Life table in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Life is having a *Gather & Glow* get-together at the North Place Barn on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a cozy evening filled with good food, candle making, conversation, and connection. The candles will be a 9 oz clear vessel and are \$35 per person. Please sign up at their table in the Fellowship Hall, on their Facebook page, or contact the church office.



50's Night Celebration
Wednesday, September 30
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**SERVING: Hot dogs, Coney dogs,
Taverns, and Root beer floats**
(Freewill donation)

There will be plenty of music, 50's fashion and fun!!

Come show off your classic cars and have a bite to eat!

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering: \$6,072.00
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$282,693.39

"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."