

September 6, 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

Prayer

*Christian Greeting

Praise Through the Psalms – Psalm 100

Hymn: **#39** *“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”*

Praise Through the Prophet – Isaiah 12

*Hymn: **#74** *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*

****Praise of the People Around the Throne***

*Hymn: **#2** *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”*

Children's Message: *Pastor Steve Breen*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#559** *“All The Way My Savior Leads Me”*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Cemetery Fund)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Mark 9:14-29

Message: **“The Unsettling Mixture of Faith and Doubt”**

Prayer

*Hymn: **#51** *“Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”*

*Benediction

*Parting Hymn: **#269** *“He Is Lord”*

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Hymns: **#84** *“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”*
#85 *“Amazing Grace”*

Invocation

The Belgic Confession

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#243** *“Blessed Redeemer”*

Scripture: Titus 2:11-3:11

Message: **“Grace Trains Us”**

*Hymn: **#225** *“And Can It Be?”*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

Welcome Friends! On this marvelous Sunday, let us open our spirits to the loving presence of God that we may be spiritually fed and renewed by his grace. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

A warm welcome to Pastor Steve Breen as he leads our morning worship service and Nick Andersen 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: Aubrey V.K., Kassidy R., Karlee L., Morgan T.

Door Attendant: John. **Ushers:** Josh V.T. (M), Brad B. (NE), Todd

K. (SW). **Refreshments:** Gene S., Jack S. **Audio:** Josh. **Video:**

Laura. **Power Point:** Barb. **After Service Greeters:** Dennis & Phil (M), Henry (NE), Leon (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, September 7

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

6:30 p.m. – **Diamonds Ministry**

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 p.m. – **Search Team**

Thursday, September 10

6:00 p.m. – **GEMS Counselor Meeting**

Please meet at The Grain House

Friday, September 11

Church Reserved

NEXT SUNDAY, September 13

Ministry Kick Off! AM service starts at 10:00 a.m. and PM service starts at 5:30 p.m.

Nursery Attendants: Juliana Van Kekerix, Lexy Van Ginkel, Aniya Robertson, Addison Van Voorst. **Door Attendant:** Regan Ronning.

Ushers: Eric Ochsendorf (M), Marlin Van Voorst (NE), Monty Prins (SW). **Refreshments:** Denny De Jong, Jerry Renes. **Cookies:** Anita

Van Ravenhorst, Gene Sandbulte, Alice Remmerde, Lin De Jong,

Misty Zwart. **Children's Message:** Jami Sandbulte. **Music:** Harold

Van Essen. **Special Offering:** Mission Projects.

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Harold Vander Vliet is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Lavonne Riphagen is recovering from hip surgery.

Monica Kuyper is in the Avera hospital recovering from surgery.

Shawn Sandbulte is recovering from surgery on his broken leg.

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 Carmel Reformed Congregation.

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.

Pastor Gary will be in the office Wednesday, September 9 and Thursday, September 10 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Please contact him if you would like to set up a meeting outside of office hours.

We are looking for people who would be willing to work in the canteen during the afternoon of the Ministry Kick-Off, Sunday, September 13. The more people we have who volunteer the more time everyone will have to enjoy the afternoon activities. Sign up to help at the Coffee Station in the Fellowship Hall.

Do you have a bean bag toss game we can use at the Ministry Kick-Off, Sunday, September 13?? If we can use your game, please sign up at the Coffee Station in the Fellowship Hall.

3rd and 9th Grade parents: we will be handing out Bibles to the 3rd graders and 9th graders on Sunday, September 13 during the morning worship service. If you know you will be gone that Sunday, please contact Education Elder Henry Sandbulte.

Ministry Kick-Off Grill Out: The 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 a freewill donation. All proceeds will go towards our fun trip this coming summer and future mission trips/Rocky Mountain High.

The Vital Church Assessment Summary is on the Coffee Station if you would like a hard copy. If you have any questions, please contact your care elder.

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>

GEMS and Cadets kickoffs will be Wednesday, September 23 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the church. GEMS and Cadets are for 2nd-8th grade students, and will meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

Wednesday nights will look a bit different this year. Kindergarten-1st grade and 9th-12th grade will have Wednesday Night Class every Wednesday. 2nd-8th grade will have GEMS and Cadets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday and Wednesday Night Class the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays.

Hard copies of the September *HIGHLIGHTS* are available at the Coffee Station. Articles for the October newsletter are due Sunday, September 20.

SR RCYF is looking for hamburger donations for their “50’s Night” Fundraiser. If you are willing to donate any, please contact Jared and Rachel Terpstra.

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.

SHARE Group for widows and widowers will meet Thursday, September 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hull Pizza Ranch.

<u>GENERAL FUND GIVING:</u> Offering: \$6,875.10 Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$271,638.39

MINISTRY KICK-OFF – Sunday, September 13

Please note the times of the worship services.

Bring your lawn chair!

9:30 a.m. – Refreshments

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship Service in sanctuary.

11:30 a.m. – SR RCYF Grill Out

SR RCYF will be serving burgers, hot dogs, baked beans, and chips for a free will donation. All proceeds go towards their mission trips.

11:30 a.m. – Canteen will be open.

Items available for purchase are:

Pop, ice cream, cantaloupe, watermelon, candy

The Canteen will be open throughout the afternoon.

Canteen purchases are *CASH* only.

1:00-4:00 p.m. – Afternoon Fun and Games

Fishing pond	Plinko
Golf	Dunk Tank
Bouncy House	Mini Train Rides
9 Square	Mosh Pit
Bean Bag Toss Tournaments (kids & adults)	

(bring appropriate clothes, you will get wet)

2:00-5:00 p.m. – CWM will be serving taverns and desserts in the Kitchen

5:30 p.m. – Praise and Worship with Lydia Van Kley

Everyone is encouraged to stay for some good food and fellowship with our church family.

We will need help putting the tent up and taking the tent down!

Mission Update

Brian and Donna Renes, along with Lori, Rachel, Amy McAlpine, and Becky Vanden Brink are in Chiapas, Mexico. The translation has been completed and the Tojolabal Bible was dedicated Saturday, September 5. Thousands came from villages near and far to celebrate the event. They will return to their homes, their churches and communities with “their” Bible. This is the first Bible in their language. On Sunday, September 6, many will go to worship carrying a brand new, hardly opened Tojolabal Bible. The pastor or preacher may pause and even reflect on the fact that the sacred words of Scripture, about to be read, have never been heard in worship before.

To each of you, we thank you for being partners with us in this journey. You have supported and encouraged us tremendously all along the way. Your faithfulness is part of this story and you have helped make the celebration on Saturday a reality. You may not be able to read the language but we will bring back a copy of the Tojolabal Bible to share with you, a brand new, hardly-ever opened Bible that represents a new chapter for the Tojolabal people. Quoting Isaiah 55:11 “So is my Word ... it will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” The Tojolabals can now read that verse in their own language.

We join the Tojolabals in thanksgiving,
Brian, Donna and “the girls”.



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!