

September 27, 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: *"Faithful Now"*
"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

Invocation

Children's Message: *Jared Terpstra*

Reception of New Members

Baptism: *Luke Michael Douma*

Ministry in Music: *Adam Nibbelink and daughters*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#119** *"I Will Praise Him"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Missionary Support)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Responsive Reading: *The Belgic Confession, Article 29*

Scripture: Revelation 1:9-20, 2:1-7

Message: **"Pitfalls for Christ's Church: The Loveless Church:
Ephesus"**

Update on Healthy Marriages

Prayer

*Hymn: **#278** *"Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending"*

*Benediction

*Parting Hymn: **#9** *"Glory Be To The Father"*

Postlude: *Carrie Maassen* (*please stand if you are able)

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship: *Psalm 150:1-2,6*

Worship Hymns: **#707** *"Freely, Freely"*
#732 *"I Then Shall Live"*

Invocation

The Belgic Confession

Congregational Prayer

*Song: *"A Man Owned A Vineyard"*

Scripture: Matthew 19:27-20:16

Message: **"The Generous Vineyard Owner"**

*Hymn: **#543** *"Let Not Your Heart Be Broken"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

(*please stand if you are able)

This is the Lord's house. The Lord is here to welcome all who have come. Let us join in the spirit of love and peace for all who worship the Creator of 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 *Luke Michael Douman*, son of Tanner and Trinity Douma. May God bless you.

Thank you to *Adam Nibbelink and his daughters* 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. – 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.

6:30 p.m. – JR/SR RCYF

7:30 p.m. – Marriage Mentor Training

Please meet in the Chapel.

Nursery Attendants: Kristi V.V., Jo M., Ava V.R., Faithe V.M. **Door Attendant:** Cal. **Ushers:** Owen S. (M), Brad O. (NE), Trevor P. (SW). **Refreshments:** Chad R., Jared T. **Audio:** Nate. **Video:** Riley. **Power Point:** Barb. **After Service Greeters:** Henry & Dennis (M), Brian (NE), Phil (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, September 28

9:00 a.m. – **Women’s Bible Study**

6:30 p.m. – **Communion at Crown Pointe in the Community Room**

Tuesday, September 29

6:30 p.m. – **Diamonds Ministry**

Wednesday, September 30

5:00-7:00 p.m. – **50’s Night Fundraiser**

7:00 p.m. – **Women’s Bible Study**

Wednesday Night Activities for all grades

Lesson 77: “David Defeats Goliath”

NEXT SUNDAY, October 4

Nursery Attendants: Nikki Hulstein, Rachel Van Roekel, Charlee Punt, Ruthie Vanden Brink. **Door Attendant:** Jack Soodsma.

Ushers: Luke Haan (M), Seth Sandbulte (NE), Cole Steendam (SW).

Refreshments: Mike Haverhals, Becky Ochsendorf. **Cookies:** Allison Leusink, Sarah Nibbelink, Cheryl Lange, Fonda Post, Sherri Wolfswinkel. **Music:** Wilbur Van Grootheest. **Special Offering:** Christian Care Fund.

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 Pastors Mark Johnson and Carlos Perez.

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.

Our sympathies to the family of *Kelly and Gina Rozeboom and Charles and Lindsay Kor* on the death of their mother, *Judy Johnsrud*, who passed away Monday, September 21. May God grant peace and comfort to their families.

Our sympathies to *Herb and Kaye Kuyper and family* on the death of Kaye's sister, *Lucia Vander Ploeg*, who passed away Tuesday, September 22. May God grant peace and comfort to their families.

Pastor Gary will be in the office Wednesday, September 30 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 1 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please contact him if you would like to set up a meeting outside of office hours.

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.

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!

Hard copies of the October *HIGHLIGHTS* are available at the Coffee Station.

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 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 on their Facebook page or contact the church office.

Please join us for a baby shower honoring Calissa Keller as we celebrate the upcoming arrival of their little one. The shower will be held on Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 a.m. at Carmel Church. We would love for our church family to join us in celebrating this special blessing.

Search Committee: The Church Profile is now live, and the Rukes Group has begun receiving candidate recommendations and connecting with pastors they believe may be interested in serving at Carmel Church. Our hope is to begin first-round interviews next month.

As we move into this next stage of the search process, we invite you to join us in prayer:

- Pray for the Search Committee as we develop interview questions and seek wisdom and discernment. May we have eyes to see and ears to hear what the Lord is leading us toward.
- Pray for the candidates who are considering Carmel Church and seeking God's direction for their future.
- Pray that God will continue preparing our future pastor according to His perfect timing and plan.

Thank you for your continued prayers as we enter this new phase of the journey. As anticipation grows, may we all remain patient and trust God's guidance throughout the process.

If you would like to recommend a candidate, please reach out to Tim Gesink or any member of the Search Committee.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m.



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: \$7,741.00
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$290,434.39