

**November 1, 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 Song: *"Christ Our Hope In Life and Death"*  
*"Death Was Arrested"*

Invocation

Mission Update: Hope Haven

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#646** *"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"*  
(Offerings for the General Fund & Katelyn's Fund)  
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Revelations 3:1-6

Message: **"Pitfalls for Christ's Church: The Dead Church-  
Sardis"**

Prayer

Search Team Update

\*Hymn: **#51** *"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"*

\*Benediction

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

Postlude: *Carrie Maassen*

*(\*please stand if you are able)*

**EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)**

Prelude: *Carrie Maassen*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Hymns: **#122** *"Majesty"*  
**#44** *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Invocation

The Belgic Confession

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn: **#632** *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

Message: **"Christ's Apprentices Are to Worry Less and Pray  
More"**

\*Hymn: **#616** *"Moment by Moment"*

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Carrie Maassen*

*(\*please stand if you are able)*

***On this wonderful day that is designated All Saints' Sunday, we  
have come to invoke the presence of God. We welcome with joy all  
worshippers. Remember with gratitude all who have been faithful to  
God throughout the centuries. 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 Pastor Doug Van Aartsen 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. – Sunday School**

Preschool-1<sup>st</sup> grade meet in the music room.

2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Nursery Attendants:** Hannah S., Courtney M., Sadie J., Tacey V.K.

**Door Attendant:** John. **Ushers:** Brad O. (M), Sean R. (NE), Marlin V.V. (SW).

**Refreshments:** Jack S., Gene S. **Audio:** Josh. **Video:** Tim.

**Power Point:** Tami. **After Service Greeters:** Dennis & Henry (M), Brian (NE), Leon (SW).

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Monday, November 2**

9:00 a.m. – **Women's Bible Study**

### **Wednesday, November 4**

7:00 p.m. – **Women's Bible Study**

7:00-7:45 p.m. - **Wednesday Night Activities for all grades**

**Lesson 82: "God's Promise to David"**

## **NEXT SUNDAY, November 8**

**Nursery Attendants:** Brynn Van Voorst, Kassidy Robinson, Gaby Prins, Morgan Terpstra. **Door Attendant:** Regan Ronning. **Ushers:** Avery Sandbulte (M), Josh Vanden Top (NE), Brady Punt (SW).

**Refreshments:** Jerry Renes, Jared Terpstra. **Cookies:** Carmen Massen, Amy Rozeboom, Frieda Bartels, Erica Robertson, Colleen Bomgaars. **Children's Message:** Laurie Buyert. **Music:** Harlan Van Maanen. **Special Offering:** Mission Projects.

## **UPHOLD IN PRAYER**

*Bob Ver Mulm* will have shoulder replacement surgery on November 3.

*Brian and Donna Renes* are in Suriname for the dedication of the Aukan Bible. They will return home on November 5.

*Wayne Te Grotenhuis* is recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

*Derek Vande Zandschulp* is recovering from surgery to remove kidney stones.

*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 Netherlands Reformed Congregation and Pastor Herman Hofman.

## 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.

### *Birthday this week*

We celebrate the following birthday this week.

May God bless you in the years ahead.

*Ev De Jong – 87<sup>th</sup> birthday, Thursday, November 5*

*Eddie Van Der Weide – 88<sup>th</sup> birthday, Saturday, November 7*

The family of Ramona Van Der Weide would like to thank the congregation, elders, and Pastor Gary for all the support, prayers, cards, and visits for Ramona. All are appreciated greatly and it is wonderful to be a part of a loving family here in Carmel.

“We would like to thank the church for the opportunity to share last week about the Tojolabal dedication. Carmel’s history of support for Bible translations throughout the world demonstrates being the hands and feet of Jesus.”

-Brian and Donna Renes

Pastor Gary will be on vacation November 2-8. Please contact an elder if you have a need.

Please join in celebrating Herb & Alice Remmerde as they mark their 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! An open house will be held on Sunday, November 1 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. at Whispering Heights (1202 21<sup>st</sup> Ave, Rock Valley). All are welcome to stop by and help them celebrate this wonderful milestone!

**Attention Treasurers** financial report forms are due Monday, November 2 by noon!

If you would like the consistory to consider a specific subject for the agenda at our Annual Congregational Meeting in November, please submit your request to a consistory member by November 8. Only items placed on the agenda are eligible for action by the congregation.

Skip cooking supper and come support Diamonds Ministry on Monday, November 9! They will be helping serve at Pizza Ranch in Sioux Center for a Community Impact Night Fundraiser from 4:45-8:00 p.m. Bring your family and friends for an evening of food and fellowship. Tips and eligible fundraiser proceeds will help support Diamonds Ministry and our upcoming CLOTHED retreat.

The Carmel Women’s Ministry Committee will be having its annual meeting on Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Moses Room. This is for all current members as well as for the newly elected members. Please plan to attend as we discuss this coming year’s ministry. Please let Donna Renes know if you are unable to attend or have any questions.

ANEW Worship Collective – Brad & Deb Krommendyk, Shelly Robyn, Lindsey Vonk, Allison Hulstein and Nate Van Otterloo accompanied by Natalie Ysselstein will be leading us in a Praise and Worship night here at Carmel on Sunday evening, November 15 starting at 6:30 p.m. We are looking forward to a night of praise and worship, sharing songs for all generations!

Carmel’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. at which time we will elect two elders and two deacons to the Consistory. The nominees for elder (in alphabetical order) are: Tim Gesink, Steve Rozeboom, Scott Van Kekerix, and Verlyn Van Regenmorter; the nominees for deacon (in alphabetical order) are: Brad Beukelman, Sean Robinson, Marlin Sandbulte, Beau Van Voorst. We will also be talking about a building expansion. Throughout this year the consistory has been continuously encouraged by many people of the congregation to restart the planning for a possible building expansion. The consistory agrees and believes it is time to do so. We will have a vote during our congregation meeting on November 16 asking for your affirmation if you also believe it is time to move forward towards the planning of a possible expansion. The November vote is not a final vote on a specific plan nor on the final decision to build.

The open offering for November 29 will go towards the Cemetery Fund.

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

Diamonds Ministry invites women to CLOTHED, a weekend to step away from the noise, lay down the labels we carry, and discover our identity in Christ. Inspired by Isaiah 61:10, this retreat will be filled with worship, teaching, prayer, and genuine community. Registration is open! Scan the QR code to sign up. We also welcome Carmel members to support the weekend through snacks, food, borrowed quilts, and prayer partnerships. Above all, please pray for the women attending.



The Nursery Choir students (Preschool-1<sup>st</sup> grade) will be singing in church on Sunday, November 15 during the morning worship service. Please bring your child(ren) to the music room by 9:20 a.m.

Hard copies of the November *HIGHLIGHTS* are available on the Coffee Station. Articles for December newsletter are due Sunday, November 22.

We're looking for more nursery volunteers – adults and students! Students must be in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older. We're currently on an 8–9-week rotation and would like to extend it, giving volunteers more time between scheduled weeks. Contact Morgan Hoekstra if you or your child would like to be added to the rotation. Additionally, if you're interested in helping with or taking over nursery scheduling, please reach out.

We will be going through the library and decluttering. We do have old services on DVD from 2012-2019, if anyone is interested in these please contact Heidi Vande Zandschulp.

Men and Young Men: When the Big crisis comes, who will help you get through it? Come to the Mendistry Area Men's Event on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. at The Triple Box, just outside Orange City, and hear Justin Schrock share his story of his business being destroyed by fire and the unexpected help and hope he received.

**Search Committee:** The Search Committee has reviewed several candidates and is planning to conduct a first-round interview with one candidate at our next meeting.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for the Search Committee as we evaluate candidates and seek God's guidance throughout this process.
- Pray for the candidate being interviewed, that the conversation would be open, honest, and productive.
- Pray for patience and clarity as the search continues. An interview is an important 1<sup>st</sup> step, but it does not necessarily mean the search is coming to an end.
- Pray that God would lead the right person to this opportunity in His perfect timing.

Please note that we are **still receiving and reviewing candidates**. If you would like to recommend a candidate, please reach out to **Tim Gesink** or any member of the Search Committee.

#### **Search Committee Members:**

Tim Gesink  
Randy Van Der Weide  
Janice Luevano  
Matt Smolders  
Phil Hooyer  
Alex Koedam  
Adam Nibbelink  
Rebecca Sandbulte-Banks

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| <p><b>GENERAL FUND GIVING:</b> Offering: \$4,586.00<br/>Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$325,816.17</p> |
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### PIGS-IN-THE-BLANKET

It's time to make Pigs-in-the-blanket, and we need your help!  
Join us on:

- *1:00 p.m. – Thursday, November 12 & 8:00 a.m. – Saturday, November 14*

We will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday and work until the meat and dough are gone. Then, at 8:00 a.m. on the following Saturday, we will gather to package the pigs for the freezer.

Whether you can stay all afternoon or just help for an hour, we would love to have you join us. It usually takes around 4 hours, so the more people who help, the faster we'll finish!

Come enjoy some fun, laughter, and fellowship while learning how to make Pig-In-The-Blanket. Everyone is welcome, young, old, women & men!

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Stop at the table in the Fellowship Hall and pick up a red and green GO box. Fill it with toys and other presents and you have an **extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope.**

How to pack shoebox brochures are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. **Carefully read & follow the instructions (regular size shoeboxes, please).**

Also on the table are sheets with ideas of what to put in the shoe boxes as well as what NOT to put in the boxes. "Let's Be Friends!" and "All About Me" sheets that your kids can fill out and include in your box can also be found on the table.

**DON'T FORGET to include a \$10 donation per shoebox gift which is critical to help cover shipping and other ministry expenses.**

Please bring your filled shoe boxes to the church by Sunday, November 15.

### CARMEL CADETS

The Carmel Cadets are hosting a fundraiser with Stensland Dairy!

There are all kinds of delicious ice cream flavors, cheese curds, block cheese, jarred goods, gift boxes, and more! Whether you're craving something sweet or looking to try something new, there's something for everyone!

Scan the QR code or visit their online store ([www.stenslandonthego.com](http://www.stenslandonthego.com)) to place your order or talk with a Cadet Counselor to learn more!

All orders are due Monday, November 16!

Thank you for supporting our Cadets!

