

October 11, 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: *"Lord, I Need You"*
"Faithful Now"

Invocation

Children's Message: *Eric Van Roekel*

Baptism: *Wylde Henry Doelman*

Profession of Faith: *Ethan Sandbulte*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#720** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Property Fund)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Revelation 2:12-17

Message: **"Pitfalls for Christ's Church: Pergamum"**

Prayer

*Hymn: **#668** *"The Church's One Foundation"*

*Benediction

*Parting Hymn: **#269** *"He Is Lord"*

Postlude: *Shelly Robyn*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

Song sheets are available for those of you who cannot see the screen.

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Shelly Robyn*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Hymns: **#20** *"Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"*
#276 *"Rejoice, The Lord is King"*

Invocation

The Belgic Confession

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#600** *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

Scripture: John 13:36-38; 18:15-18, 25-27

Message: **"Before the Rooster Crows"**

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

*Benediction

Postlude: *Shelly Robyn*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

Welcome to all who have gathered to praise God today. May we worship with grateful hearts and reach out to one another in the love and fellowship of Christ. 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 Harlan De Jong as he leads our evening worship service.

This morning we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with *Wylde Henry Doelman*, son of Thijs and Kaylen Doelman May God bless this family richly.

We will welcome *Ethan Sandbulte* into the communicant family of Carmel Church this morning through Profession of Faith. May God bless you, Ethan, 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 p.m. – **SR RCYF**

Please meet at church. We will be doing a scavenger hunt and will have pizza and pop afterwards.

Nursery Attendants: Amy M., Ruth D.J., Marcus V.V. Slayden S.

Door Attendant: Wayne. **Ushers:** Luke H. (M), Seth S. (NE), Todd K. (SW). **Refreshments:** Jami S., Aubrey V.K. **Audio:** Riley.

Video: Laura. **Power Point:** Jami. **After Service Greeters:** Phil & Dennis (M), Leon (NE), Brian (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, October 12

9:00 a.m. – **Women’s Bible Study**

Tuesday, October 13

6:30 p.m. – **Diamonds Ministry**

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 p.m. – **Search Committee Meeting**

Women’s Bible Study

7:00-7:45 p.m. - **Wednesday Night Activities for K-1st and 9th-12th**

Lesson 79: “Saul Hunts David”

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. – **GEMS**

Lesson 1: “Wayfinder”

What to bring: GEMS bag, pen/pencil

Registrations: Please bring your completed registration forms if you have not turned them in yet.

7:00 p.m-8:30 p.m. - **Cadets**

NEXT SUNDAY, October 18

Nursery Attendants: Jami Sandbulte, Amber Nettinga, Ava Sandbulte, Brody Van Voorst. **Door Attendant:** Larry Wolfswinkel.

Ushers: Todd Noteboom (M), Loren Punt (NE), Vince Sandbulte (SW). **Refreshments:** Jerry Noteboom, Verlyn Van Regenmorter.

Cookies: Alice Remmerde, Lin De Jong, Ronda Leusink, Hazel Haverhals, Donna Renes. **Music:** Brayton Van Kekerix. **Special**

Offering: Inspiration Hills.

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Derek Vande Zandschulp will have surgery on Thursday, October 15.
Brian Renes is will be in Fiji training translation teams in the South Pacific Island area. He will return October 22.

Ramona Vander Weide is in hospice care.

Don Dorhout 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 Church of God Congregation and Pastor Dustin Bolks.

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 *Pastor Ron and Karen and family* on the death of their grandson, *Isaiah VanSlambrouck*, who passed away Monday, October 5. May God grant peace and comfort to Pastor Ron and Karen and Scott and Grace VanSlambrouck and family. Pastor Ron and Karen's address is 51 Newcastle Dr. Zeeland, MI 49464.

Birthdays this week

We celebrate the following birthdays this week.

May God bless you in the years ahead.

Ron Dieck – 84th birthday, Thursday, October 15.

Dorene Hulshof – 97th birthday, Friday, October 16.

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tuesday, October 13 and Wednesday, October 14 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Pastor Gary will be out of town from October 15-19. Please contact him if you would like to set up a meeting outside of office hours.

Ballots for CWM (Carmel Women's Ministries) officers are in due TODAY! Please put your ballots in the box on the Coffee Station.

Articles/schedules for the November newsletter are due Sunday, October 18.

Prayer Meeting in the Chapel on Wednesday, October 21 starting at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join!

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

Attention Treasurers the end of the Fiscal Year is October 31! Financial Report Forms will be in your mailboxes by October 18. These will need to be turned in by November 1! If you have questions, please call Stephanie Schelling.

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.

Carmel GEMS is packing OCC boxes! We are looking for donations and we challenge you to pack a box as well. Did you know you are able to go to the OCC website and put a box together!

-Donations: A tote is located by the bulletin table for any trinkets or items to brighten a child or teen's day. Now is a great time to check local store clearance sections!

-Monetary Gifts: Cash donations to help cover the \$10 shipping/expense cost per box would be greatly appreciated. Let's see how many boxes Carmel Church and Carmel GEMS are able to put together!

If you have questions please contact Kris Van Voorst or Becky Ochsendorf.

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.

On Sunday, October 25, Brian and Donna Renes will share about their trip and participation of the Dedication of the Tojolabal Bible in Chiapas Mexico during the morning worship service.

The Consistory would like to remind the congregation that October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We would like to encourage you all to reach out to Pastor Gary with a token of appreciation to say thank you for the tireless work to make an impact for the Kingdom of God, by serving our congregation and the surrounding community. You can offer a gesture of gratitude in many ways, a card, a note, an email, a text, a phone call, a personal thank you, an invitation for a meal together, or other gifts. Most importantly, continue to support him by praying for him.

Gospel Gold Quartet from Sioux Falls, South Dakota will be at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley on October 25, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Gospel Gold performs a variety of gospel music with a special focus on the old hymns and anthems of our faith. Everyone is invited to attend! Together we will raise our hearts and voices in praise using songs we know and love.

Safari Adventure: Join Bible League International on Saturday, October 31, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. for a tour of the Green Oaks Museum & Educational Center, located 3 miles south of Fairview, SD (29043 486th Ave). See 150+ taxidermized animals in natural habitats from the Anden Van Beek family's global hunting trips. Refreshments and Q&A will follow, with an opportunity to learn more about Bible League. Free admission. Free will donations will benefit Bible League and the Mongolian orphanage supported by the Van Beek family. Children are welcome!

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.

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, October 29 & 8:00 a.m. – Saturday, October 31
- 1:00 p.m. – Thursday, November 12 & 8:00 a.m. – Saturday, November 14

We will begin at 1:00 p.m. on those Thursdays 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!



Can you help make
Pigs-in-the-blanket?

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 a 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.

Deacon Accounts Balances as of 9/30

General Fund: \$70,042.23

General Fund CD: \$195,997.56

Online Giving: \$3,038.04

Mission Fund: \$105,718.57

Cemetery Fund: \$923.04

Outreach Checking & Savings: \$28,754.61

Property Fund: \$87,843.82

Multipurpose Building Fund: \$165,971.12

Multipurpose Building Fund CD: \$269,648.07

Transportation Fund: \$10,372.27

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering: \$6,286.00

Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$306,342.82