

October 25, 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 Song: "Gratitude"
"How Great Thou Art"

Invocation

Children's Message: *Mark Van Voorst*

Mission Update: *Bible Translation work in Chiapas, Mexico*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: #229 "At The Cross"
(Offerings for the General Fund & Missionary Support)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Revelations 2:18-19

Message: "Pitfalls for Christ's Church: The Corrupt Church,
Thyatira"

Prayer

*Song: "The Blessing"

*Benediction

*Parting Hymn: #133 "I Love You, Lord"

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

(*please stand if you are able)

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

This evening we will have our Annual Combined Reformation Service with Middleburg Free Grace Reformed. The service will be held Free Grace Reformed Church in Middleburg at 6:30 pm. With Pastor Gary Hegstad preaching the message. No evening service at Carmel.

Today is Reformation Sunday, a day to remember with gratitude those who called the church back to God's Word and the good news of salvation through faith in Christ. We rejoice in the freedom, grace and hope we have in Jesus and welcome all who have gathered to worship Him. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

A warm welcome to Pastor Gary Hegstad as he leads our morning 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-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.

5:30 p.m. – **JR RCYF**

Meet at church for "Gather, Go & Give Night!"

6:00 p.m. – **SR RCYF**

Nursery Attendants: Amy D., Edan B., Akenna S., Hannah V.R.
Door Attendant: Willard. **Ushers:** Brian R. (M), Marlin S. (NE),
Brad B. (SW). **Refreshments:** Denny D.J., Chad R. **Audio:** Nate.
Video: Riley. **Power Point:** Barb. **After Service Greeters:** Brian &
Leon (M), Dennis (NE), Phil (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, October 26

9:00 a.m. – **Women's Bible Study**

Tuesday, October 27

6:30 p.m. – **Diamonds Ministry**

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 p.m. – **Women's Bible Study**

Search Committee Meeting

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

Lesson 81: "David Becomes King"

7:00-8:30 p.m. – **GEMS/Cadets**

Thursday, October 29

1:00 p.m. – **Making Pigs-in-the-blanket**

We need some willing workers to help make pigs. If
you can give a couple hours of your time it would be
greatly appreciated. Come when your schedule
permits. We generally finish by 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31

8:00 a.m. – **Packaging Pigs-in-the-blanket**

NEXT SUNDAY, November 1

Nursery Attendants: Hannah Smolders, Courtney Mesman, Sadie
Janisch, Tacey Van Kekerix. **Door Attendant:** John Leusink.
Ushers: Brad Oostra (M), Sean Robinson (NE), Marlin Van Voorst
(SW). **Refreshments:** Jerry Renes, Gene Sandbulte. **Cookies:**
Rachel Terpstra, Misty Zwart, Kaye Kuyper, Clarice Van Maanen,
Lorna Vander Vliet. **Music:** Scott Van Kekerix. **Special Offering:**
Katelyn's Fund.

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Wayne Te Grotenhuis is recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

Derek Vande Zandschulp 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 Maria Magdalena Reformed Congregation
and Pastor Nathaniel Ryan.

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 Tuesday, October 27 and
Thursday, October 29 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Please contact him if you
would like to set up a meeting outside of office hours.

The newly elected CWM (Carmel Women's Ministry) officers
are Laura Van Ravenswaay-President; Danica DeMeester and Lexi
Van Ginkel-Decorating; Jolene Horstman and Melinda Nibbelink-
Service; Amber Nettinga and Ronda Leusink-Nominating Committee.

Attention Treasurers financial report forms are due Sunday,
November 1! If you have questions, please call Stephanie Schelling.

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.

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

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

We're looking for more nursery volunteers – adults and students! Students must be in 4th 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Hull American Reformed Church will be serving a catered meal held at the Boyden-Hull High School on Tuesday, November 3 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Ticket sales continue until October 26. Please contact Donna at the church 712-439-2058 for tickets.

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!

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 1st 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
Rebecaa Sandbulte-Banks

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering: \$8,056.00
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$321,230.17

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!

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.