

October 4, 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 Hymns: *"Reason I Sing"*
"This Is Our God"

Invocation

Profession of Faith: *Kyler Bomgaars*
Kody Noble

Baptism: *Harper Jimena Noble*
Beverly Elizabeth Pieper

Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture: Revelation 1:1-8, 2:8-11

Message: **"Pitfalls for Christ's Church: The Compromising
Church; Smyrna"**

Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Song: *"Love Of God"*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"Love Of God"*

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

*Pastor Gary will be leaving immediately after the morning service to
represent the Alliance at a meeting at First Reformed Church in Hull so he
will not be greeting at the door today.*

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Hymns: **#30** *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*
#142 *"Wonderful Savior"*

Invocation

The Belgic Confession

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#134** *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-25

Message: **"Why Do You Follow Jesus?"**

*Hymn: **#468** *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

***On this World Communion Sunday, we join with Christians around
the world in sharing the Lord's Supper. We warmly welcome all who
have gathered for worship and encourage everyone to greet one
another with the love 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 Rev. Ben Aguilera as he leads our evening
worship service.

We will welcome *Kyler Bomgaars and Kody Noble* into the
communicant family of Carmel Church this morning through
Profession of Faith. May God bless you, Kyler and Kody, as you live
for Him.

This morning we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with *Harper Jimena Noble*, daughter of Kody and Gabriela Noble and *Beverly Elizabeth Pieper*, daughter of Trevor and Jayden Pieper. May God bless these families richly.

This morning, by the Grace of God, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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**

Nursery Attendants: Nikki H., Rachel V.R., Charlee P., Ruthie V.B.

Door Attendant: Jack. **Ushers:** Luke H. (M), Seth S. (NE), Cole S. (SW). **Refreshments:** Mike H., Becky O. **Audio:** Josh. **Video:** Tim.

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, October 5

9:00 a.m. – **Women's Bible Study**

6:30 p.m.—**Elder's Meeting.**

Anyone desiring to make profession of their faith may meet with the elders at 7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.—**Consistory Meeting**

Wednesday, October 7

6:30 p.m. – **Women's Life *Gather and Glow* at The North Place**

7:00 p.m. – **Women's Bible Study**

Wednesday Night Activities for all grades

Lesson 78: "Jonathan Warns David"

Saturday, October 11

4:45 p.m. – **JR RCYF *ALL Things FALL Outing***

Please meet at church at 4:45 pm or Tom & Misty Zwart's house (3023 Ibex Ave. Hull) at 5:00 p.m.
Sponsors will bring kids home.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 11

Nursery Attendants: Amy McAlpine, Ruth De Jager, Marcus Van Voorst, Slayden Sandbulte. **Door Attendant:** Wayne Te Grotenhuis.

Ushers: Luke Haan (M), Seth Sandbulte (NE), Todd Kooi (SW).

Refreshments: Jami Sandbulte, Aubrey Van Kekerix. **Cookies:** Mimi Sandbulte, Anita Van Ravenhorst, Cheryl Sandbulte, Rhonda Sandbulte, Gene Sandbulte. **Children's Message:** Eric Van Roekel.

Music: Barry Van Kekerix. **Special Offering:** Property Fund.

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Ramona Vander Weide is on hospice care.

Don Dorhout is recovering from surgery.

Kay Koedam 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 the King Catholic Congregation and Father Mauro Sanchez.

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.

Betty Wolfswinkel – 81st birthday, Friday, October 9.

“Dear Church Family, thank you for holding us in your prayers and comforting us with your kind words after the passing of Bev. Special thanks to Pastor Gary for his phone calls and visits. We are blessed to be part of a caring church family.”

-Betty Valentine and family

“We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, and food that have been given and provided. We truly appreciate the love shown by the Carmel congregation. What a blessing to be apart of the loving family of God here at Carmel. Thank you so much.

-Shawn, Jami, Alydia, and Akenna

A huge Thank You to everyone who came out and supported the SR RCYF 50s Night! We had such a fun evening and are so grateful to everyone who joined us, donated, and helped make the night a success.

-SR RCYF Sponsors and Students

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tuesday, October 6 and Wednesday, October 7 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Please contact him if you would like to set up a meeting outside of office hours.

Nomination ballots for Elders and Deacons are due TODAY!

Ballots for CWM (Carmel Women's Ministries) officers are in your mailbox. Place your completed ballot in the box (marked CWM Ballots) on the Coffee Station by October 11.

There will be no JR RCYF on Sunday, October 11.

The consistory has approved for the Diamonds Ministry and the High School Wednesday Night Activities class to meet in the parsonage basement, and for GEMS to meet in the Library.

Hard copies of the October *HIGHLIGHTS* are available at the Coffee Station. Articles/schedules for the November newsletter are due Sunday, October 18.

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.

Attention Treasurers the end of the Fiscal Year is October 31! Financial Report Forms will be in your mailboxes soon. These will need to be turned in by November 1st!

Marriage Mentors: Each of these couples have accepted their invites to be on the marriage mentors' team.

Mike & Nikki Bomgaars, Ross & Nikki Bomgaars, Josh & Allison Leusink, David & Amy McAlpine, Sean & Cassidy Robinson, Shawn & Jami Sandbulte, Barry & Kelly Van Kekerix, Eric & Rachel Van Roekel, Tom & Misty Zwart.

Marriage Mentoring Consistory Liaison Elder Brian Renes.

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.

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.

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.

<u>GENERAL FUND GIVING:</u> Offering: \$9,622.43 Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$300,056.82
