November 22, 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 Songs: *"Gratitude"*
"Worthy Is The Lamb"

Invocation

Children's Message: *Edan Bomgaars*

Mission Opportunity: *Henry Sandbulte*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#464** *"O For A Heart To Praise My God"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Missionary Support)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Revelation 3:7-13

Message: **"7 Churches of Revelation: The Faithful Church, Philadelphia"**

Prayer

*Song: *"Holy Forever"*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"The Blessing"*

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

Song sheets are available for those who are unable to see the screen.

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Hymns: **#17** *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*
#51 *"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"*

Invocation

The Belgic Confession

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#607** *"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"*

Scripture: Romans 7:7-25

Message: **"Our Struggle With Sin"**

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

*Benediction

Postlude: *Jamie Van Voorst*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

We gather with gratitude for the extravagant goodness of Almighty God. As members of the family of God, let us rejoice and reach out in love toward one another. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

A warm welcome to Pastor Gary Hegstad as he leads our morning service and Pastor Harlan De Jong as he leads our evening 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.

6:30 p.m. – **JR/SR RCYF**

8:00 p.m. – **Homebuilders**
Host: The Sandbultes

Nursery Attendants: Juliana V.K., Morgan T., Aniya R., Kinlee W. **Door Attendant:** Cal. **Ushers:** Monty P. (M), Todd K. (NE), Seth S. (SW). **Refreshments:** Mike H., Verlyn V.R. **Audio:** Nate. **Video:** Riley. **Power Point:** Barb. **After Service Greeters:** Phil & Dennis (M), Leon (NE), Brian (SW).

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, November 24
7:00 p.m. – **Search Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, November 25
6:30 p.m. – **Thanksgiving Eve Service**
All undesignated offering will be divided in the following way: 50% for the General Fund; 50% for Mission Fund to be used on an as needed basis. See bulletin insert for a list of causes which you may consider for your Thanksgiving offering. **Doorman:** Jack. **Ushers:** Brad B. (M); Cole S. (NE); Trevor P. (SW).

Thursday, November 26
Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27
Church Office Closed

NEXT SUNDAY, November 29

Nursery Attendants: Londa Boogerd, Jo Moget, Alydia Sandbulte, Faithe Van Maanen. **Door Attendant:** Wayne Te Grotenhuis. **Ushers:** Todd Noteboom (M), Brian Rozeboom (NE), Loren Punt (SW). **Refreshments:** Jami Sandbulte, Aubrey Van Kekerix. **Cookies:** Gene Sandbulte, Rhonda Sandbulte, Lin De Jong, Ronda Leusink. **Children's Message:** Allison Leusink. **Music:** Glenda Van Meeteren. **Special Offering:** Cemetery Fund.

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Brian and Donna Renes are leading a workshop in Cambodia. They return December 6.
Zane White is in the hospital with pneumonia.
Arlyn Keizer is recovering from eye surgery.
Stan Prins is recovering from gallbladder surgery.
Mary Ann Zinnel is recovering from foot 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 United Reformed Congregation and Pastor Jon Bushnell.

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.

Congratulations to *Brandon and Megan (Punt) Sneller* who were united in marriage at Carmel on November 14. May God bless them with a long and happy married life.

"A big **thank you** from the Jr. RCYF to our wonderful congregation for supporting the Ice Cream Social! Your generosity, encouragement, and smiles made the evening so special. We're grateful for all the ways you bless our group – and we can't wait to see you at our next event (The Chili Bash in January)!

-JR RCYF sponsors and students

Thank you to everyone who packed a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, we collected 94 boxes this year! Each box represents more than a gift, it carries a message of love, hope, and the joy of Jesus. The impact reaches far beyond one child – a single shoebox has the potential to introduce others to the love of Jesus Christ. Thank you for being part of spreading the love of Jesus around the world!

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tuesday, November 24 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Please contact him if you would like to set up a meeting outside of office hours.

There will be NO Wednesday Night Activities on Wednesday, November 25. We encourage all families to join us for our Thanksgiving Worship Service.

Next Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, a special season of hope, peace, joy and love as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. May this season be a time of reflection, anticipation, and renewed faith as we journey together toward Christmas!

There will be no Sunday School, JR RCYF, or SR RCYF on Sunday, November 29.

Pastor Gary will be leading communion and devotions at Crown Point on Tuesday, December 1 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

Any youth (preschool-high school) that would be interested in sharing their musical talents, whether it be playing an instrument, piano, singing, etc. during the prelude of the children's Christmas program, please contact Brooke Byker.



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

Articles for December newsletter are due TODAY!

At our Annual Congregational Meeting on November 16, the following were elected to serve on the consistory. Elders: *Scott Van Kekerix and Verlyn Van Regenmorter*; Deacons: *Brad Beukelman and Marlin Sandbulte.* If there is any scriptural reason why these men should not serve, please contact one of the elders. Installation will be on Sunday, January 10.

At our Annual Congregational Meeting, the congregation voted 119-11 in favor of moving forward with exploring the possibility of engaging an architect for our building project. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important vote and for your continued interest, support, and commitment to the future of our church!

There will be no evening service on Sunday, December 27 or Sunday, January 3.

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.

GEMS Christmas Giving Project

This Christmas season, our GEMS girls are leading a special collection to bless a few families within our church community, and we'd love for our entire congregation to join us! We will be collecting donations **now through December 9**. Suggested items include ***shelf-stable groceries, snacks, paper products, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, toiletries, personal-care items, and grocery or gas gift cards.***

Donations can be dropped off in the church library anytime through December 9. Or you can give them to Becky Ochsendorf, Kris Van Voorst, or Kristi Segar.

Our hope is not only to provide some practical support for these families, but also to give our GEMS girls an opportunity to see our church family come together in generosity and care for one another.

Thank you for partnering with our GEMS girls to bless others this Christmas season!

The Search Committee has completed a first interview with a pastoral candidate and is planning a second interview in December. During November, we will also continue reviewing and considering other candidates as we prayerfully seek the person God may be calling to serve our church.

Please join us in praying for:

- Wisdom and discernment for the Search Committee as we continue reviewing and interviewing candidates.
- God's clear direction as we seek the pastor He is preparing to serve our congregation.
- The candidates and their families, that God would give them wisdom, peace, and clarity as they discern His leading.
- Unity and patience for our congregation throughout the search process.
- Trust in God's timing, knowing that He is at work even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

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

PIGS-IN-THE-BLANKET

Pigs-in-the-blanket are available in the freezer in the Moses Room. They are **$15 per dozen.** Sign the sheet on the counter and put your money in the box.

Please do NOT take pigs unless they are paid for.

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering: $7,638.00
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: $20,947.50

Below is a list of causes given to in last year's Thanksgiving offering, as well as some additional causes, for your consideration. Please be especially mindful of our own church funds and mission commitments.

General Fund
Property Fund
Christian Care Fund
Outreach Fund
GEMS
Sunday School
JR RCYF
CWM
The Bridge

Mission Fund
Cemetery Fund
Building Fund
Transportation Fund
Cadets
VBS
SR RCYF
Diamond Ministry

Samaritan's Purse
Rise Ministries
ATLAS
Justice For Al
The Healing Room
Kingdom Boundaries Prison Aftercare

Compelled
Living Stone Prison Church
Words of Hope
Center For Financial Education
Katelyn's Fund

Brian & Donna Renes
Secretary
Family Crisis Center
Center of Hope
Village Northwest Unlimited
Gospel Mission
Huntingtons
Unity Christian High School
Hope Food Pantry
Bible League
KNWC
Royal Family Kids Camp
Western Christian High School
Audio/Video Operators
Rock Valley Christian
Hull Christian
Promise Community Health

Pastor Gary Hegstad
Inspiration Hills
TEC
Sioux Center Christian School
Janitor
Northwestern College
Bookkeeper
Ireton Christian School
The Banquet
Brian Bruxvoort
All Kids Can
Organists/Pianists
22:6/Christian Schools
Dordt University
OMF International
Hope Haven

Undesignated offerings will be split 50% to the General Fund and 50% to the Mission Fund.