November 8, 2026

Carmel's mission is to further Christ's Kingdom through loving God and loving others.

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: *Amanda Van De Berg*

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 19

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Hymn: **#51** *"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"*
#2 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord Almighty" (v. 1-3)*

Invocation

Children's Message: *Laurie Buyert*

Service of Communion Preparation

Liturgy and Heidelberg Catechism #81

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 32:1-5

Hymn: **#343** *"Just As I Am"*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#689** *"How Firm A Foundation"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Mission Projects)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Joshua 3:5-17; Hebrews 11:1-3, 39-40

Message: **"Go and Stand in the River"**

Prayer

*Hymn: **#437** *"Trust and Obey"*

*Benediction

*Parting Hymn: **#2** *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord Almighty" (v. 4)*

Postlude: *Amanda Van De Berg*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Amanda Van De Berg*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Hymns: **#349** *"He Keeps Me Singing"*
#420 *"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"*

Invocation

The Belgic Confession

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: **#682** *"The Bond of Love"*

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-12

Message: **"Christ's Apprentices and Judging Others"**

*Hymn: **#681** *"The Family of God"*

*Benediction

Postlude: *Amanda Van De Berg*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

A friendly welcome to each worshipper! We are pleased to have each of you here to glorify God and sing praises to the Almighty. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

A warm welcome to Pastor Steve Breen 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-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.

2:15 p.m. **– SR RCYF Bowling and Ice Cream**

Please meet at church and we are planning to be back by around 6:00-6:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m. **– JR RCYF Pirates Plunder Outing**

Please meet at church.
Sponsors will bring home students.

Nursery Attendants: Brynn V.V., Kassidy R., Gaby P., Morgan T. **Door Attendant:** Regan. **Ushers:** Avery S. (M), Josh V.T. (NE), Brady P. (SW). **Refreshments:** Jerry R., Jared T. **Audio:** Riley. **Video:** Laura. **Power Point:** Jami. **After Service Greeters:** Phil & Hans (M), Brian (NE), Dennis (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, November 9

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, November 11

6:00 p.m. **– Sunday School Christmas Program Practice**

Scenes 5-8

7:00 p.m. **– Women's Bible Study**

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

Lesson 83: *"David Disobeys God"*

7:00-8:30 p.m. **– GEMS/Cadets**

Thursday, November 12

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.

6:30 p.m. **– CWM Meeting**

This is for ALL current members as well as for the newly elected members. If you cannot attend, please contact Donna Renes.

Friday, November 13

Church Reserved

Saturday, November 14

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

4:30 p.m. **– Wedding for Brandon Sneller and Megan Punt**

NEXT SUNDAY, November 15

Nursery Attendants: Aubrey Van Kekerix, Lexy Van Ginkel, Karlee Leusink, Addison Van Voorst. **Door Attendant:** Kelly Rozeboom. **Ushers:** Trevor Pieper (M), Owen Sandbulte (NE), Eric Ochsendorf (SW). **Refreshments:** Becky Ochsendorf, Jerry Noteboom. **Cookies:** Teresa Sandbulte, Jami Sandbulte, Allison Leusink, Sarah Nibbelink, Cheryl Lange. **Music:** Nursery Choir. **Special Offering:** Village Northwest Unlimited.

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Jim Vande Zandschulp is recovering from his hospital stay.
Mary Ann Zinnel is recovering from foot surgery.
Bob Ver Mulm is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.
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 New Life Reformed Congregation and Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo and Dan Kruse.

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.

Ken Verburg – 82nd birthday, Monday, November 9



Anniversary this week

We celebrate the following wedding anniversary this week.
May God bless your marriage in the years ahead.

Wilbur & Barb Van Grootheest – 57th anniversary, Saturday, November 14

"We want to say a big thank you to everyone for the cards, flowers, visits, and coming to our open house to celebrate with us. What a blessing! God is faithful!"

-Herb and Alice Remmerde

Pastor Gary will be in the office Wednesday, November 11 and Thursday, November 12 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Please contact him if you would like to set up a meeting outside of office hours.

Next Sunday, by the Grace of God we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. There will be communion and devotions at Crown Pointe on December 1.

Absentee ballots are available in the church office after the morning worship service. Any shut-ins wanting a ballot please contact the church office.

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.

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!

The Nursery Choir students (Preschool-1st 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.

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.

During the congregational meeting on Monday, November 16 the JR RCYF will provide free childcare. Ages 0-4 children will meet in the Nursery. Ages 5+ children will meet in the JR RCYF for games and movies.

Monday, November 6 the JR RCYF will be hosting an Ice Cream Social after the congregational meeting. They will be serving ice cream and all of your favorite toppings! Free will donations! Money raised will help the JR RCYF fund their Middle School Retreat and Power Connection next spring and summer.

There will be a prayer meeting in the chapel on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Homebuilders Bible Study will be meeting on Sunday, November 22.

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.

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 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.

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 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. Our next meeting will be Tuesday November 24.

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering: $6,699.00
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: $6,699.00

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) to place your order or talk with a Cadet Counselor to learn more! Make sure you click on the Carmel Reformed Church link.

All orders are due Monday, November 16!

Thank you for supporting our Cadets!

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.