November 15, 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

Ministry in Music: *Nursery Choir*

*Worship Songs: *"Hymn of Heaven"*
"Just As I Am"

Invocation

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#688** *"The Church's One Foundation"*
(Offerings for the General Fund & Village Northwest Unlimited)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-5

Message: **"Servants, Saints, Partners"**

Prayer

The Lord's Supper

*Song: *"The Power of The Cross" (vs. 1-3)*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"The Power of The Cross" (v. 4)*

Postlude: *Shelly Robyn*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

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.

The author of Psalm 42 remembers going with the crowd to the house of God "with the voice of joy and praise" (Psalm 42:4, NKJV). May we share that same spirit of gladness today as we gather to worship our Creator and approach his throne of grace. A warm welcome to all! Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

A warm welcome to Pastor Mark Heijerman, formal Pastor of Carmel from 2000-2013, as he leads our morning service and ANEW Worship Collective as they lead our evening Praise and Worship.

Thank you to the *Nursery Choir* for their ministry in music this morning.

This morning 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 RCYF**

Nursery Attendants: Aubrey V.K., Lexy V.G., Karlee L., Addison V.V. **Door Attendant:** Kelly. **Ushers:** Trevor P. (M), Owen S. (NE), Eric O. (SW). **Refreshments:** Becky O., Jerry N. **Audio:** Warren. **Video:** Enrique. **Power Point:** Janice. **After Service Greeters:** Dennis & Brian (M), Henry (NE), Hans (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, November 16

9:00 a.m. **– Women's Bible Study**

7:00 p.m. - **Annual Congregational Meeting.** We will be electing two elders and two deacons to serve three-year terms on 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. The Jr. RCYF will provide free babysitting during the meeting. Ages 0-4 children will meet in the Nursery. Ages 5+ children will meet in the JR RCYF for games and movies.

8:00 p.m. **- Ice Cream Social hosted by JR RCYF**
Following the Congregational Meeting for a **freewill donation** the JR RCYF will have ice cream and lots of toppings!

Tuesday, November 17

6:30 p.m. **– Diamonds Ministry**

Wednesday, November 18

6:15 p.m. **– Sunday School Christmas Program Practice**
Scenes 1-4

7:00 p.m. **– Prayer Meeting in Chapel**

7:00-7:45 p.m. **- Wednesday Night Activities for all grades**
Lesson 84: *"Absalom Rebels"*

Friday, November 20-Saturday, November 21
Diamonds Ministry CLOTHED

NEXT SUNDAY, November 22

Nursery Attendants: Juliana Van Kekerix, Morgan Terpstra, Aniya Robertston, Kinlee Wolfswinkel. **Door Attendant:** Cal Sandbulte. **Ushers:** Monty Prins (M), Todd Kooi (NE), Seth Sandbulte (SW). **Refreshments:** Mike Haverhals, Verlyn Van Regenmorter. **Cookies:** Fonda Post, Sherri Wolfswinkel, Mimi Sandbulte, Anita Van Ravenhorst, Cheryl Sandbulte. **Children's Message:** Edan Bomgaars. **Music:** Chris Van Meeteren. **Special Offering:** Missionary Support.

UPHOLD IN PRAYER

Stan Prins will be having gallbladder surgery on Monday, November 16.
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.
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 Peace Lutheran Congregation and Pastor Ken Wallace.

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.

The membership of *Amanda Van De Berg* has been received from Good Shepherd Church of Sioux Center, IA. Please welcome her into the Carmel Church family.

Birthday this week

We celebrate the following birthday this week.
May God bless you in the years ahead.

Russ Vande Vegte – 83rd birthday, Thursday, November 19

"Thank You to all those who donated items and monetary donations to help cover expenses for the Operation Christmas Child! The GEMS enjoyed putting the boxes together!! Our prayer is that the boxes bless all those who receive them!

New cards have been added to the card rack by the office. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Birthday, Anniversary, Sympathy, and Thank You cards! Please put payment in the black box; checks must be made out to Carmel GEMS.

-Carmel GEMS wishes you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tuesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 18 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Please contact him if you would like to set up a meeting outside of office hours.

Absentee ballots are available in the church office during office hours.

A copy of the Annual Financial Report of Carmel Church is in your mailbox. This is to allow you to review the report before our annual meeting on Monday evening. Reports will *not* be handed out at the meeting, please bring your copy with you.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes are due TODAY! Please bring your packed shoebox to the table in the Fellowship Hall!

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.

Articles for December newsletter are due Sunday, November 22.

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

The open offering for November 29 will go towards the Cemetery Fund.

Pastor Gary will be leading devotions and communion at Crown Point on Tuesday, December 1.

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.

GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering: $6,610.50
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: $13,309.50

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.

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.

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 lonk

All orders are due Monday, November 16!

Thank you for supporting our Cadets!