

# Carbeth Village

# December 2025



**Lee Elementary  
makes Veteran's Day  
so special for us.**

**They gave us a  
history lesson, sang  
patriotic songs and**

**saluted each**

**Veteran**

**independently. Our  
eyes watered and  
hearts melted.**



**Our outing this month had us  
trying something new, Dynasty  
Buffet in Hastings. They  
offered everything from native  
dishes to onion rings and ice  
cream. We had to take multiple  
trips to try a bit of everything  
we wanted. The whole  
community and staff were so  
helpful, we will be back.**



**Mary N. 12/01**

**Dick H. 12/04**

**Shirley S. 12/09**

**Evelyn E. 12/11**

**Connie L. 12/12**

**Helen F. 12/26**

### **Staff**

**Reyna L. 12/04**

**Kathy M. 12/10**

**Janine S. 12/21**

**Tracie T. 12/22**

**Tamara Z. 12/28**

# **WELCOME**

**Helen M. Rm.165**

**Arlo M. Rm.127B**



**December 2025**  
is set to be a  
month of  
growth,  
particularly in

self-discovery, career, and personal relationships. This is the time to embrace new challenges. It is ideal for setting intentions and goals for the coming year. Reflection on past achievements and envisioning future aspirations will help Sagittarians gain clarity and confidence. This is a powerful time for self-development, with ample support from the planets to shed old habits and adopt new routines that resonate with your true self.



**December 2025**  
offers a unique  
chance to  
reflect on your  
inner journey

and embrace personal growth. Spiritual practices, like journaling or exploring philosophical ideas, will help you gain new perspectives. This month encourages you to release old patterns and embrace change. By setting clear intentions and focusing on self-development, you'll find the strength to overcome obstacles and manifest your goals for the new year.





Pastels with  
Karen

Friday,  
December 5

2pm



Christmas  
SPIRIT WEEK



**Monday, December 22**  
**Candy Cane day**  
**(wear red & white)**



**Tuesday, December 23**  
**Elf Day**  
**(wear red & green)**



**Wednesday,**  
**December 24**



**Thursday,**  
**December 25**  
**Christmas**  
**Sweater Day**



**Friday,**  
**December 26**  
**Flannel Day**

2025  
A Year to  
Remember

**Wednesday,**  
**December 31**  
**2pm**

**Thursday,**  
**December 11**  
*December*  
*Birthday Party!* **2pm**



**Wednesday,**  
**December 24,**  
**2pm**

**Enter the Raffle to choose**  
**from a variety of donations**  
**thanks to the Pleune**  
**Company. You must be**  
**present to choose.**



# Holiday Choir Concert

Performed by: The Thornapple Kellogg HS Honors Choir

**December 12**

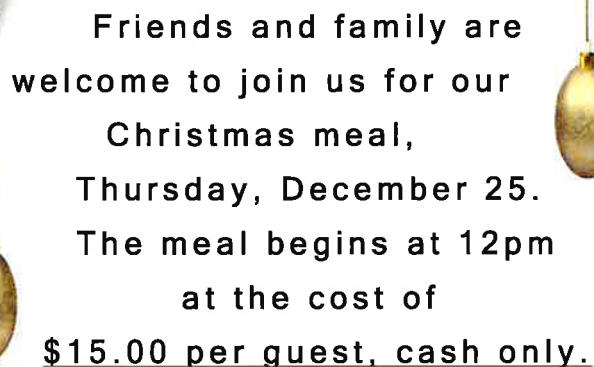
Refreshments at 10:30 AM  
Choir Sings at 11:00 AM



Restoration Christian  
Reformed Church  
708 W. Main St.,  
Middleville

Enjoy classic carols, festive favorites, and a warm community spirit. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

## Sign Up!



Friends and family are welcome to join us for our Christmas meal, Thursday, December 25. The meal begins at 12pm at the cost of \$15.00 per guest, cash only.

We will need reservations by **December 17th**. Or, if you decide you are taking someone out, please let us know. We want them ready when you arrive. You may sign up in person or email us. [dietarymgr@carvethvillage.net](mailto:dietarymgr@carvethvillage.net)  
Thank you.



The custom of bringing evergreens into the home began in the 16th century among northern

and eastern Europeans, primarily Germans, as a means of cleaning up the Christmas tree and making it more uniform. Instead of throwing out cut-off greens, people wove the excess into wreaths.

However, the religious significance is that the circular shape and evergreen material of the wreath represent eternal life. The circle, which has no beginning or end, "symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life we find in Christ."



During World War II, the United States Playing Card Company joined forces with American and British intelligence agencies to create a very special deck of cards. They distributed them as Christmas gifts to soldiers, but they also helped Allied prisoners of war escape from German POW camps. When wet, individual cards peeled apart to reveal maps of escape routes.



# December Delight

**“Why do you cut the ends off the sausages when you cook them?” Little Susie asks.**

**“Oh, that’s just the way my mother always did it. You’ll have to ask her.”**

**“Granny”, asks Susie the next time her grandmother visits. “Why do you and mommy always cut the ends off the sausages before you put them in the skillet?”**

**“Oh, that’s just the way my mother always did it. “You’ll have to ask her.”**

**“Great Granny”, asks Susie the next time they visit her slightly senile grandmother in the nursing home. “Why do you, Granny and Mommy always cut the ends off the sausages before you put them in the skillet?”**

**“Oh, for goodness sakes”, yells Great Granny. “Are they still using that small frying pan??!!”**

**A man visits his 97-year-old great aunt at the nursing home. It had been several months since his last visit and she was starting to show signs of senility, so when he sees her, he goes up to her and asks, “Do you know who I am?”**

**She looks at him and replies “No, but if you ask the nurse, she’ll tell you.”**

A new retirement home opened in the community with separate floors for men and for women. After the first few weeks of being open all the residents were called into the recreation room so staff could explain the rules. It was emphasized that after hours there would be no men on the women's floor or women on the men's floor and anyone caught violating the rule would be fined \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, and \$100 for the third offense. A hand went up in the back of the room followed by the question:

**“How much for a season pass?”**

**The other day I was visiting my 105-year-old grandfather in the nursing home. I was asking him about what his marriage was like; he was married for 65 years before his wife died. "Grandpa, what was it like being married for so long?" I asked. He was getting to that point where he would often just kind of doze off or drift away mid-conversation, so I gave him a few minutes to stare out the window before answering me.**

**Finally, he said, "FROGS! Listen, Johnny. If you want to boil a frog, you shouldn't put it into a pot of boiling water. It'll just jump right out. What you must do is put the frog in a pot of room temperature water and then slowly, slowly heat the pot up until suddenly it's boiling and the frog cooks alive. Anyway, that's what it was like being married for 65 years."**





**Monday, December 1**

**Decorating from 10:30am-4:30pm**

**Movies on Ch.02 @ 10:30am & 2pm**

**Tuesday, December 2, 2pm**

**Casey Germain**

**Friday, December 5, 2pm**

**Pastel Painting with Karen**

**Saturday, December 6, 2pm**

**Restoration Church Activities**

**Monday, December 8, 6pm**

**Bell Choir**

**Tuesday, December 9, 2pm**

**Sing-along with Charlie Mench**

**Wednesday, December 10**

**2pm Christmas Placemats**

**6:45pm First Baptist Church Activities**

**Thursday, December 11, 2pm**

**Birthday Bar**

**Friday, December 12**

**10:15am Outing to TKHS Honors Choir**

**2pm Doug Smith**

**Saturday, December 13, 2pm**

**Visit from Middleville Clovers**

**Monday, December 15, 2pm**

**Chris Sloan**

**Tuesday, December 16, 2pm**

**Eddie Francisco**

**Wednesday, December 17, 2pm**

**Forgetful 4+**

**Saturday, December 20, 2pm**

**Music with Mitch & Family**

**December 22-26 Spirit Week**

**Monday, December 22, 2pm**

**Col 3:16**

**Tuesday, December 23, 2pm**

**David Molinari**

**Wednesday, December 24, 2pm**

**Christmas Raffle**

**Wednesday, December 31, 2pm**

**2025 Memories**

***\*All Activities Subject to Weather Complications\****



**Forum**

**Makeovers**


**Lunch Outing**



# December Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Lunch</b> ===== <b>Supper</b>	1 <b>Burrito Bake</b> ===== <b>Crispy</b> <b>Chicken Wrap</b>	2 <b>Hot Beef</b> <b>Sandwich</b> ===== <b>Loaded Baked</b> <b>Potato</b>	3 <b>Baked</b> <b>Chicken</b> ===== <b>Spaghetti</b>	4 <b>Baked</b> <b>Whitefish</b> ===== <b>Sloppy Joe</b>	5 <b>Chipped Beef on</b> <b>Toast</b> ===== <b>Sticky Ham</b> <b>Buns</b>	6 <b>Anna's</b> <b>Shepherd's Pie</b> ===== <b>White Chicken</b> <b>Chili</b>
7 <b>Herbed Pork</b> <b>Roast</b> ===== <b>Hot Chicken</b> <b>Salad Croissant</b>	8 <b>BBQ Chicken</b> <b>Thighs</b> ===== <b>French Onion</b> <b>Beef Casserole</b>	9 <b>Smoked</b> <b>Sausage</b> ===== <b>Fiesta Chicken</b> <b>Casserole</b>	10 <b>Au gratin</b> <b>Potatoes w/ Ham</b> ===== <b>Crispy Chicken</b> <b>Sandwich</b>	11 <b>Lasagna</b> <b>Casserole</b> ===== <b>Breakfast</b> <b>Croissant</b>	12 <b>Reva's Fried</b> <b>Chicken</b> ===== <b>Shrimp Scampi</b>	13 <b>Swedish</b> <b>Meatballs</b> ===== <b>Biscuit &amp; Gravy</b> <b>Casserole</b>
14 <b>Swiss Steak</b> ===== <b>Beef Enchilada</b> <b>Tortellini Bake</b>	15 <b>Chicken</b> <b>ala King</b> ===== <b>Steak</b> <b>Quesadillas</b>	16 <b>Brats</b> ===== <b>KFC Bowls</b>	17 <b>Hot Pork</b> <b>Sandwich</b> ===== <b>Goulash</b>	18 <b>Chicken</b> <b>Penne Alfredo</b> ===== <b>Corn Dogs</b>	19 <b>3 Brothers</b> <b>Pizza</b> ===== <b>Tuna</b> <b>Casserole</b>	20 <b>Country Fried Steak</b> ===== <b>Mac &amp; Cheese w/</b> <b>Honey Pepper</b> <b>Chicken</b>
21 <b>Beef Roast</b> ===== <b>BBQ Pork</b> <b>Grilled Cheese</b>	22 <b>Hot Turkey</b> <b>Sandwich</b> ===== <b>Chili</b>	23 <b>Smothered Pork</b> <b>Cutlets</b> ===== <b>Cheesy Garlic</b> <b>Chicken Wraps</b>	24 <b>Beer Battered</b> <b>Fish</b> ===== <b>Beef Stew</b>	25  <b>Grilled Cheese &amp;</b> <b>Tomato Soup</b>	26 <b>Pepperoni</b> <b>Chicken</b> ===== <b>Ham &amp; Cheese</b> <b>Croissant</b>	27 <b>Chicken</b> <b>Cordon Bleu</b> ===== <b>Mushroom Swiss</b> <b>Burger Casserole</b>
28 <b>Cranberry</b> <b>Glazed Pork</b> <b>Roast</b> ===== <b>Beef &amp; Broccoli</b> <b>Bowl</b>	29 <b>Meatloaf</b> ===== <b>Southwest</b> <b>Chicken Wrap</b>	30 <b>Salmon</b> <b>Patties</b> ===== <b>Beef Stir Fry</b>	31 <b>Elsie's Chicken</b> <b>Thighs</b> ===== <b>Flatbread Pizza</b>	<b>Ask Server about</b> <b>Vegetable &amp; Side</b> <b>options with meal.</b> <b>Don't Forget</b> <b>A la Cart options!</b>		

# December Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>****=</b> <b>Evening Activity</b>	<b>1</b> 10am Exercise Christmas Decorating Day	<b>2</b> 10am Dominoes 2pm Tunes	<b>3</b> 10am Exercise 10:30am Cards 2pm Bingo	<b>4</b> 10:30am Bible Stories 2pm Greg & Jeanne	<b>5</b> 10am Exercise 10:30am King in Corner 2pm Pastel Painting	<b>6</b> 2pm Restoration Church Activities
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<b>14</b> 5:45 Van Til Worship	<b>15</b> 10am Exercise 10:30am Goal 2pm Tunes	<b>16</b> 10am Dominoes 2pm Tunes	<b>17</b> 10am Exercise 10:30am Cards 2pm Forgetful 4+	<b>18</b> 10:30am Bible Stories 2pm Greg & Jeanne	<b>19</b> 10am Exercise 10:30am King in Corner 2pm Bingo	<b>20</b> 2pm Music with Mitch & Family
<b>21</b> 5:45 Van Til Worship	<b>22</b> <b>Candy Game Day</b> 10am Exercise 10:30am Tenzi 2pm Tunes	<b>23</b> <b>Elf Day</b> 10am Dominoes 2pm Tunes	<b>24</b> <b>PJ Day</b> 10am Exercise 10:30am Cards 2pm Christmas Raffle	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Sweater Day</b> 	<b>26</b> <b>Flannel Day</b> 10am Exercise 10:30am Uno 2pm Bingo	<b>27</b>
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