

# HIGHLIGHTS

CARMEL REFORMED CHURCH

*"Can't Wait For Sunday"*

July, 2022

Carmel Church Family,

It has been my great privilege and honor to serve Christ and advance His kingdom with you all over the past 5 years. My last Sunday at Carmel was a special treat. It was a great way to cap off our time together as we broke bread, watched an OSHA-approved children's sermon, studied God's word, worshipped, and enjoyed God's beautiful creation.

As I reflect on my time serving at Carmel Church, I am grateful that I was able to be part of the whole church. What a blessing to witness both young and old profess their faith in Christ! To be invited into the vulnerable and sacred spaces of hospitals, care facilities, and funeral homes. Asked to baptize infants, perform weddings, and visit the homebound. To work with children, youth, teachers, and sponsors. To serve with faithful lay leaders in every ministry of our congregation. To work with humble men on the consistory and wonderful worship leaders on Sunday mornings. To lead prayer meetings and High School Bible studies. To witness resources poured into missions and marriages. I could go on, but I think you get the picture.

While I have heard from many of you how much I have done for Carmel, I believe you have left a greater impact on me and my family. The gift of serving with all of you is greater than you will know. You will always be a special part of our journey in ministry. My family and I have been overwhelmed by your generosity, prayers, and support over the last 5 years. Thank you, Carmel, for what you have done, and will do in the name of Jesus.

My prayer for you is that you continue to be the body of Christ. Going, serving, preaching, teaching, loving, ministering, comforting, and encouraging everyone you meet. I am convinced that the faithful witness of Carmel Church and the work you are called to do will leave an eternal impact on Northwest Iowa and beyond.

Till we meet again,  
Pastor Steve

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## LEARNING FROM UNBELIEVERS

I've often heard pastors complain that unbelievers are more resistant to the Gospel today than in the past. I don't think that is true at all. More often than not, resistance is just poor communication. The message just isn't getting through. Churches need to stop saying people are closed to the Gospel and start finding out how to communicate on the unbeliever's wavelength ....

How do you learn to think like unbelievers? Talk to them! One of the greatest barriers to evangelism is that most believers spend all their time with other Christians. They don't have any nonbelieving friends. If you don't spend any time with unbelievers, you won't understand what they're thinking.

--Rick Warren in The Purpose Driven Church



**July 3:** Lexy Van Ginkel, Kelly Van Kekerix, Ella Zwart, Elyse Zwart.

**July 10:** Rachel Van Roekel, Amanda Borchers, Gaby Prins, Heidi Boogerd.

**July 17:** Kayti Beukelman, Londa Boogerd, Aiden Madsen, Marcus Van Voorst.

**July 24:** Amanda Borchers, Brooke Byker, Karlee Leusink, Railee White.

**July 31:** Ruth De Jager, Danica DeMeester, Sadie Janisch, Alydia Sandbulte.

**August 7:** Lynna De Wit, Rachel Van Roekel, Marcus Van Voorst, Brynn Van Voorst.

PLEASE find a substitute or trade with some one, if you are unable to be in the nursery.

**Please substitute an adult for an adult!**

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**REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE**

R - serve on Sunday morning; C - each bring 5 dozen cookies.

**July 3 - R-**Mike Haverhals, Dale Woudstra; **C-**Rhonda Sandbulte, Fonda Post, Ronda Leusink, Colleen Bomgaars, Frieda Bartels.

**July 10 - R-**John Leusink, Verlyn Van Regenmorter; **C-**Lorna Vander Vliet, Mimi Sandbulte, Alice Remmerde, Jo Te Grotenhuis, Erica Robertson.

**July 17 - R-**Doug Van Beek, Denny De Jong; **C-**Eug Sandbulte, Kaye Kuyper, Teresa Sandbulte, Hazel Haverhals.

**July 24 - R-**Jerry Renes, Hans Smolders; **C-**Helen Vande Vegte, Mary Lou Verburg, Carmen Maassen, Carol Langstraat.

**July 31 - R-**Mike Haverhals, John Leusink; **C-**Anita Van Ravenhorst, Doree Wolfswinkel, Cheryl Sandbulte, Amy Rozeboom, Ryan Oostra.

**August 7 - R-**Verlyn Van Regenmorter, Doug Van Beek; **C-**Amy McAlpine, Misty Zwart, Sarah Nibbelink, Shelly Sandbulte, Rachel Terpstra.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE REFRESHMENTS**

We need more people to sign up to serve refreshments on Sunday morning. If we don't get more volunteers we may have to discontinue serving coffee and cookies on Sunday.



Call the church office by noon on Monday, to let us know who your special music will be. If you are unable to have special music the scheduled time, please try to exchange with someone. Special music schedule is for the morning worship service.

- July 10 - Jerry Renes
- July 17 - Lavonne Riphagen
- July 24 - Chad Robertson
- July 31 - Sean Robinson
- Aug. 7 - Mitchell Banks
- Aug. 14 - Regan Ronning
- Aug. 21 - Glenn Rozeboom
- Aug 28 - Steve Rozeboom

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

On July 17, immediately after the morning worship service we will have a Congregational Meeting for a formal vote on whether or not to leave the RCA and join the ARC. On July 10, for those who are interested, there will be a time of Questions and Answers after the morning service. For those seeking more information about the ARC, you can go to their website: [ARC21.org](http://ARC21.org).

Absentee ballots are available at the church office. Or you can call the church office and we will send you a ballot which needs to be returned by July 15.

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**NEW ARRIVAL**

We rejoice with Matt and Amy Davelaar who welcomed a son, Klay William into their family on June 6. Klay weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. Klay has a big sister, Paisley who is 10 and a big brother Bryce who is 6. Carmel Church great grandparents are Rod and Carol Sandbulte.

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**TRANSFER**

The membership of Mary Brommer has been transferred to Central Reformed Church of Sioux Center. May God bless her in her new church home.

## PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

At the June Elders' Meeting it was their joy to receive Delanie Roland and Luke Haan into the communicant family of Carmel Church through Profession of Faith.

Delanie, who turns 14 on July 27, will be a Freshman at Sioux Center High School in the Fall. She runs Cross Country and plays Baritone in the band. She will also be involved in FFA. She loves to read and enjoys helping her grandparents at the farm with the horses and she loves riding horse.

Her parents are Rebecca and Mitchell Banks and Will and Gretchen Roland of Floris, IA. Carmel Church grandparents are Alan and Cheryl Sandbulte.

Luke Haan grew up near Holland, MI. He has an older sister who now lives in Canada and his parents and brother live in Michigan. Luke is employed at Bar-K. He enjoys being with friends, family and doing anything truck or farming related. Luke and Kortney Wolfswinkel will be getting married in Carmel Church on July 29.

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## HEART & SOLES

Are you interested in supporting local children as they go back to school? Heart & Soles is a Love INC Ministry focused on providing new, quality tennis shoes for kids in K-4th grade. (This is taking the place of the Clothe-A-Child ministry which Carmel supported in past years.) Stop at the table near the mailboxes and pick up a shoe cut out (pink/girl or blue/boy or green/donation). Please purchase the tennis shoes (no flip flops or slip-on shoes) listed and bring them to the table by July 17. Remember to include a gift receipt!! Donations can be placed in the box on the table.

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## DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Are you looking for some new devotional material to use for your daily devotions? Stop in the church library and browse through the devotional materials that are available for the taking. You can find them on the desk in the library. No need to check them out, just help yourself.



The membership of Sue Dorhout has been received from Central Reformed Church of Sioux Center. Sue and Don Dorhout make their home in Sioux Center. Sue is retired and Don is a partly retired electrician. They have been married for two years. Don has a daughter and a son.

They both enjoy golf and they also have a home in Mesa, Arizona. The Dorhouts have many friends in Carmel Church, but no relatives. When asked what brought them to Carmel they said Carmel has a similar worship style to Grace Church, the church they attend in Mesa, AZ.

The membership of Brian and Nicole Rozeboom and family has been received from First Christian Reformed Church of Hull. The Rozeboom's make their home on a farm two miles northwest of Carmel where Brian owns and operates a dairy/crop farm. Nicole owns and operates B Fierce Boutique in Hull. Sawyer will be a Senior at Western Christian High School. He enjoys working with anything that involves farming and enjoys riding a 4 wheeler. Addison will be a Sophomore at Western Christian where she plays volleyball. She is also active in dance. Brody will be a fourth grader at Hull Christian School. He likes going swimming in the summer and playing with friends. As a family they enjoy boating, riding 4 wheelers and camping when their schedules allow.

The Rozeboom's have several relatives in Carmel Church. Glenn and Betty Rozeboom are Brian's parents. His brother Steve and Amy Rozeboom and niece Morgan and Chad Hoekstra and family also attend Carmel Church.

When asked what brought them to Carmel Church they said they were searching for something different and they found Carmel Church very welcoming to new faces and they all felt comfortable right way. On top of that their kids loved the youth programs. "We just felt as a family Carmel was a really good fit for all of us."

Be sure to welcome these new families to Carmel Church.

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*"What sunshine is to flowers,  
smiles are to humanity."*

—Joseph Addison

## SR. RCYF MISSION TRIP

On July 24 at 2:15 a.m., 38 youth and 8 adults will depart from Carmel Church for a Mission trip to Jacksonville, FL. They will travel by bus to Minneapolis where they will board a plane and fly to Orlando, FL. They will arrive in Orlando at 2:44 p.m. and travel to Jacksonville. They will be working with "TEAMEffort Mission Trips" from Monday to Thursday morning.

TEAMEffort provides youth group mission trips filled with opportunities to put your faith into action and return home with lifelong memories and a renewed excitement for Jesus Christ. The mission trips are designed to be a mixture of hard work, spiritual growth, and good clean adventurous fun. It is their desire that at the end of each mission trip, the youth will return to their churches in more cohesive groups, sharing in memories that will last a lifetime and enjoying a renewed excitement about what Jesus Christ is doing in all their lives.

Thursday afternoon and Friday they will enjoy some fun time with their group. They will return home on Saturday, July 30. They will depart from the Jacksonville Airport at 7:20 a.m. and arrive in Minneapolis at 9:30 a.m. and be back in Carmel around 3:00 – 4:00 that afternoon.

The group covets your prayers as they experience this mission opportunity. Pray for safe travels, health, and safety in the heat, and for great fellowship for the group while down in Florida. Pray that they will find or grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. And that they will be a great blessing in all that they do.

**Prayer Partners wanted:** They are also looking for Carmel members who are willing to be a prayer partner for an individual going on this mission trip. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Coffee Station where you can sign up to be a prayer partner for someone going on this trip.

Those going on the trip are: Kyler Bomgaars, Tara Horstman, Brynn Van Voorst, Josie Zeutenhorst, Ella Zwart, Blake Bomgaars, Thijs Doelman, Taya Gesink, Jaxon Klein, Jenny Luevano, Ayda Maassen, Rashaylee Soodsma, Jocelyn Terpstra, Nate Van Otterloo, Grace Van Roekel, Stella Winterfeld, Samantha Gengler, Bryson Sandbulte, Ethan Sandbulte, Shanelle Soodsma, Katie Van Maanen, Breckyn Van Vugt, David Vander Zwaag, Kierra Wolfswinkel, Hannah Woudstra, Rachel Wynia, Josie Bomgaars, Rylee Bomgaars, Ally Gardner, Lane Maassen, Jayse Niemeyer, Addy Rozeboom, Tielyr Rozeboom, Addison Terpstra, Kavri Van Kekerix, Lane Van Kekerix, Covey Wynia, Elyse Zwart, and adult sponsors, Brad & Kayti Beukelman, Tim & Julie Bomgaars, Sean & Cassidy Robinson, Beau Van Voorst and one additional adult.

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## POWER CONNECTION

Members of the Jr. RCYF will be attending Power Connection July 29 - 31 at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. Sustained is the theme for this year's Power Connection. To be truly connected to God, and to know ourselves in light of who God says we are will greatly impact the relationships around us. We are created for relationship. Knowing that we are always supported by God allows us to love others the same way.

Featured at this year's Power Connection will be speaker Heather Flies, the Orchard Hill Collective Band, and Illusionist and Youth Pastor David Wood. The group will also enjoy a time at Valley Fair.

Those attending are: Cole Bomgaars, Makai Gesink, Wyatt Leusink, Jeremy Meendering, Cozyn Rozeboom, Lucas Sandbulte, Tyke Van Kekerix, Marcus Van Voorst, Averi Huizenga, Izabella Klein, Delanie Roland, and Julie Sandbulte. Going along as sponsors are Edan & Thomas Bomgaars, and Nikki & Ross Hulstein.

Keep them in your prayers as they travel, are blessed by the speaker, and enjoy a fun time together.

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**MINISTRY KICK-OFF**—Sunday, August 28. Mark your calendar and watch for details of what will be happening with the fall ministries at Carmel Church!!

**BIBLE LEAGUE**  
**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

The Bible League Christmas in July will be held July 25, at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in Orange City. Mark your calendar and plan now to attend. You will enjoy a short program which will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will be followed by a silent auction. Donations are appreciated for the silent auction. Your participation will help spread the gospel in many countries of the world. There will also be a coffee time fellowship. See you there!!

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**COLLABORATIVE**  
**CHRISTIAN CARDS**

**Poker Run Fundraiser**

Saturday, July 16 at 1:00 p.m.

We are excited to announce the first ever Collaborative Christian Cards a "Poker Run" Fundraiser. This fundraiser will benefit the following: Justice For All, ATLAS of Sioux Center, Habitat for Humanity, Inspiration Hills, and Oaklyn Foundation. Enjoy a day of fun, filled with prizes, a freewill donation meal, and learn more about some of the great nonprofits in our community! All are welcome to participate! \$50 per hand. Register now at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/collaborative-christian-cards-tickets--260264607447>. Or scan the code on the poster on the bulletin board. Or you can contact any of the nonprofit participants to register as well.

Don't miss out on this fun opportunity to benefit some great nonprofits in our local communities.

# Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

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| ADAM    | REUBEN   |
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| ABEL    | ASHER    |
| SETH    | JUDAH    |
| NOAH    | LEVI     |
| HAM     | GAD      |
| HEM     | NAPHTALI |
| JAPHETH | SIMEON   |
| ELKANAH | ISSACHAR |
| SAMUEL  | ZEBULUN  |
| AARON   | BENJAMIN |
| NADAB   | JOSEPH   |
| HUR     | MANASSEH |
| CALEB   | EPHRAIM  |
| ABRAHAM | SAUL     |
| ISHMAEL | JONATHAN |
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| ESAU    | SOLOMON  |
| JACOB   |          |

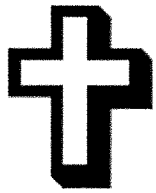
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Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called puzzleb\_0622 on this month's CD and on the website, [www.NewsletterNewsletter.com](http://www.NewsletterNewsletter.com).

**HOORAY FOR VBS!**

For many churches, vacation Bible school is a summer highlight. The event leads to lasting memories and changed hearts. It also sparks laughter. Maybe you've seen VBS humor online, such as the quote, "I'm tired, I mean like ... vacation Bible school kind of tired!" Another post reads, "You know you're obsessed with VBS when ... you're excited about cardboard on the side of the road." And anyone with an earworm at week's end can relate to this meme: "My parents hid my VBS CD. It's for the best."

For hungry young learners, snacks make an especially big impression. One excited preschooler shared that she enjoyed "juice and Billy Graham crackers" at VBS. Another boy raved about the first day, saying, "We heard stories and drew pictures. Then we went to play, and when we came inside, God had juice and cookies waiting for us!"



## Deacons Corner — July

**Outreach Fund** – The Outreach Fund is available to assist Carmel Reformed Church members participation in mission projects/trip by providing financial assistance for registration and travel expenses. This does not include normally scheduled JR/SR youth group trips.

The fund will reimburse ½ of travel and registration costs up to \$500.00 per individual per calendar year. Please contact the Outreach Fund deacon Monty Prins, or one of the other deacons for an application form.

**Christian Care** – The Christian Care Fund is available to assist with financial needs for those who are encountering difficult circumstances and are struggling to cover their basic financial needs. Please see the Christian Care Fund deacon, Marlin Sandbulte, if you are in need of assistance.

**Adoption Fund** – For those considering an adoption please consider inquiring as to whether you will qualify for the Carmel Reformed Church Adoption Assistance Fund. This fund makes available up to \$1,500 to assist active Carmel Reformed Church members with adoption costs. See any deacon for details and a copy of the application form. All requests will require consistory approval.

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### SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

Thank you for your prayers over the last 15 months. We have researched and contacted many pastors during that time and are learning that the pool of candidates has become smaller in recent years. Our team continues to meet twice each month to review potential pastor candidates. At each of those meetings, we review and discuss several candidates. Between meetings we listen to messages, contact pastors and find new candidates to research.

We are encouraged by your prayers and have a couple of specific requests: Please pray for candidates to feel God leading them to consider learning more about Carmel, and please pray for patience for the congregation as well our team. Thank you!

Kiley Landman

Kristi Segar

Anita Van Ravenhorst

Nate Maassen

Beth Te Grotenhuis

Dale Woudstra

Monty Prins

Chris Van Essen

Tom Zwart

Sofia Sandbulte

Scott Van Kekerix

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### 22:6 FROZEN SWEET CORN FUNDRAISER

Proverbs 22:6 *“Train up a child in the way he should go;  
even when he is old he will not depart from it”*

22:6 is a group of Carmel Church families coming together to support Christian Education tuition. Carmel’s diversity is spread out to several different communities and six different Christian Schools. This new group of families and any other Carmel families who may be interested in Christian Education are planning a fundraiser.

22:6 plans to kick off the school year in August by selling bagged frozen sweet corn. When the corn is ready they will be coming together as a group to harvest, clean, cook and put the sweet corn in quart sized bags. The preserved corn will be ready to be frozen with all the work done for you. Order forms can be found in your church mailbox or on the Coffee Station.

Order forms are due by July 17. Put your completed form, along with the money in the box on the Coffee Station. Checks should be made payable to Carmel Reformed Church with 22:6 in the memo. Sweet corn will need to be picked up the day it is processed unless other arrangements are made. Questions? Contact Rachel Terpstra, 712-441-7042 or Rachel Van Roekel, 712-449-5564.



## JULY

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| 1 -  | Andrew Van Ginkel  | 16 - | Mrs. Betty Rozeboom<br>Mrs. Lorna Vander Vliet<br>The Eric Ochsendorf's   |
| 2 -  | The Tanner De Jager's<br>The John Leusink's  | 17 - | Ava Sandbulte<br>John Leusink<br>Mrs. Kaye Kuyper<br>The Mitchell Sandbulte's<br>The Brian Renes'<br>The Ken De Boer's                              |
| 3 -  | Meriah Robertson<br>Kayla Bomgaars   | 18 - | Mrs. Gina Rozeboom<br>The Alec Vanden Brink's<br>The Brad Oostra's<br>The Pete Vonk's<br>The Dale Woudstra's  |
| 4 -  | Bryer Van Meeteren<br>Morgan Terpstra<br>Karlee Albert   | 19 - | Mrs. Aubrey Van Kekerix<br>Taylor Wolfswinkel<br>Mrs. Jennifer Prins<br>Lauren Sandbulte<br>The Scott Van Kekerix's                                 |
| 5 -  | Mrs. Ashley Anderson   | 20 - | Corey Hulstein  |
| 6 -  | Case Vanden Top<br>Kelsi Noteboom<br>Mrs. Amy McAlpine<br>Lyle Diekevers<br>The Jean Ponce Tea's<br>The Loren Hooyer's | 21 - | Bailie Sandbulte<br>Scott Van Kekerix<br>The Tony Madsen's<br>The Rod Moget's   |
| 7 -  | Sydney Gesink<br>Tony Madsen<br>Mrs. Shelly Sandbulte  | 23 - | Emma Van Roekel<br>Trevor Van Meeteren<br>Dechlyn Borchers<br>Mrs. Nohemi Sandbulte<br>The Kayden Glade's<br>The Jake Anderson's<br>The Todd Kooi's |
| 8 -  | Leo Van Ginkel<br>The Josh Meendering's  | 24 - | Grayson Vande Vegte<br>The Art Van Ravenhorst's   |
| 9 -  | Matt Davelaar<br>The Mitch Nettinga's  | 26 - | Mitchell Sandbulte<br>Josh Meendering<br>Mrs. Janet Renes   |
| 10 - | Jake Anderson<br>Jim Joffer  | 27 - | Delanie Roland<br>Eric Van Meeteren   |
| 11 - | Chris Van Essen<br>Mrs. Jami Sandbulte<br>Mark Van Voorst<br>Mrs. Marla Schmith<br>Mrs. Shar Swets                     | 28 - | Clara Vande Vegte<br>Kortney Wolfswinkel<br>The Jordan Moss'<br>The Jim Vande Zandschulp's  |
| 12 - | Anna Vonk<br>The Regan Ronning's   | 29 - | Jessa Oostra<br>Brexton Hulstein<br>Mrs. Jolene Hooyer<br>The Mitchell Banks'   |
| 13 - | Mrs. Ruth De Jager<br>Tanner De Jager<br>The Steve VanWyhe's<br>The Randy Vander Weide's                               | 30 - | Mrs. Sandi Vonk   |
| 14 - | Carter VanWyhe<br>Paul Albert<br>Mrs. Sue Noteboom   | 31 - | Jaxson Oostra<br>Tara Horstman<br>Mrs. Tasha Oostra<br>John Horstman<br>The Nate Landman's  |
| 15 - | Ethan Sandbulte<br>Enrique Luevano<br>Bernie Schoep<br>The Alan Sandbulte's  |      |   |
| 16 - | Ryder Sayles<br>Mrs. Kristi Gesink<br>Mrs. Jeanne Ver Mulm   |      |   |

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*"A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing."*



# SANDY SCENES

Make a scene with this fun summer craft you can create outdoors.

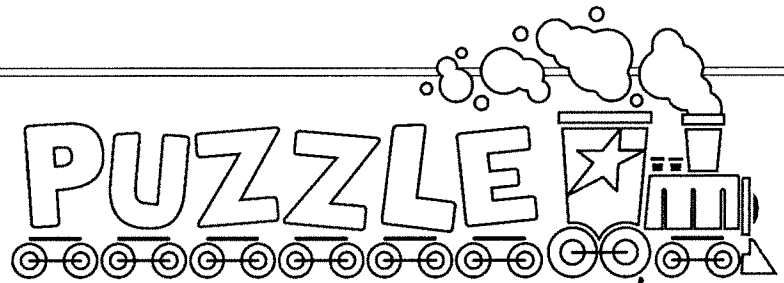


### What you need:

- Play sand
- Spoons
- Empty jars
- Powdered tempera paint
- Cardstock paper and pencil
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush

### What you do:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of sand into empty jars. (You need one jar for every color of paint you make.)
2. Add a small amount of powdered paint to the sand and then mix. Experiment with the amount, using more paint to create deeper colors.
3. Lightly sketch a design on cardstock.
4. Working in one small section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.
5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.



# Beyond number

God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

*Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.*



How \_\_\_\_\_ to me are your \_\_\_\_\_, God!  
 $13+10$   $12+6$



How \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of them!  
 $8+11$   $10+3$



Were I to \_\_\_\_\_ them,  
 $15+6$

they would \_\_\_\_\_ the grains of \_\_\_\_\_  
 $3+12$   $4+18$

when I \_\_\_\_\_, I am still with you.  
 $13+4$



**PSALM 139:17-18, NIV**



Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake