

# HIGHLIGHTS

CARMEL REFORMED CHURCH

*“Can’t Wait For Sunday”*

August, 2022

## OXYGEN FOR MINISTRY

Flight attendants instruct airplane passengers that if oxygen masks are needed, we should secure our own before assisting someone else. Why? If we aren’t getting enough oxygen ourselves, we can’t help another person for long.

The Holy Spirit empowers Christians for ministry — the work of loving and caring for our neighbors and God’s creation. But if we aren’t Spirit-fueled on an ongoing basis, we will soon lack capacity to serve. This may manifest as burnout, cynicism, exhaustion or even lack of faith. So how to ensure we’re breathing in the Spirit’s energy and guidance instead of poor-quality “air”?

By taking part in corporate worship regularly, immersing ourselves in the Scriptures (devotional reading and Bible study), praying “continually” (1 Thessalonians 5:17, NIV) and spending time with Christian friends and mentors. Opening ourselves to the Spirit in these ways allows the Breath of God to flow into us, which in turn empowers us to reach out to others in love. —Heidi Hyland Mann

## THE SOUL AS SOIL

Gardeners who’ve dealt with inhospitable conditions can relate especially well to Jesus’ parable of the sower. Drought, invasive critters and thorny weeds often seem to conspire against growers’ efforts. Yet when seeds fall on “good soil,” the crop yield is abundant — up to a hundred times what was sown (Matthew 13:8).

That parable emphasizes the need for hearts to be receptive to God’s Word. But it’s also a reminder to plant Scripture persistently. Just as soil and weather conditions change, so may someone’s attitude toward following Jesus. Pastor J. Ellsworth Kalas writes, “Whenever we serve as witnesses to the faith, we must do so with all earnestness, because one doesn’t know the season in which the soul currently abides. That uninterested, distracted or unresponsive person may be nearer the Kingdom than we — or they — realize.” Kalas adds, “We dare not give up on anyone at any time — including ourselves.”

## ISSUE AN INVITATION!

When I enter that beautiful city  
And the saints all around me appear,  
I hope that someone will tell me:  
It was you who invited me here.

—Carrie K. Butcher



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

**August 14:** Kayti Beukelman, Amanda Borchers, Makai Gesink, Taya Gesink.

**August 21:** Londa Boogerd,

Brooke Byker, Sadie Janisch, Kaylen Wolfswinkel.

**August 28:** Ruth De Jager, Danica DeMeester, Railee White, Alydia Sandbulte.

**September 4:** Amanda Borchers, Jackie Huizinga, Tyke Van Keckerix, Josie Bomgaars.

PLEASE find a substitute or trade with someone, 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.

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

**August 14 - R-**Jerry Renes, Hans Smolders; **C-**Clarice Van Maanen, Donna Renes, Sue Noteboom, Sherri Wolfswinkel, Glenda Van Meeteren.

**August 21 - R-**John Leusink, Verlyn Van Regenmorter; **C-**Cheryl Lange, Rachel Van Roekel, Sandi Vonk, Hannah Smolders, Rhonda Sandbulte.

**August 28 - Ministry Sunday. No refreshments.**

**September 4 - R-**Doug Van Beek, Denny De Jong; **C-**Lin De Jong, Fonda Post, Ronda Leusink, Colleen Bomgaars, Frieda Bartels.

**September 11 - R-**Jerry Renes, Hans Smolders; **C-**Lorna Vander Vliet, Mimi Sandbulte, Alice Remmerde, Erica Robertson, Eug. Sandbulte.

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### HELP!!

What would you do if you heard someone shouting "HELP"? I'm sure you would try and help whoever is in need of help.

Well we need your help. 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 and volunteer today.



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.

- Aug. 7 - Mitchell Banks
- Aug. 14 - Regan Ronning
- Aug. 21 - Glenn Rozeboom
- Aug. 28 - Steve Rozeboom
- Sept. 4 - Alan Sandbulte
- Sept. 11 - Gene Sandbulte
- Sept. 18 - Gary Sandbulte
- Sept. 25 - Harv Sandbulte

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At the July elders' meeting they received the membership of Ken and Linda Altena from Centerpoint Church in Sioux Center.

Ken and Linda make their home in Sioux Center. They are pretty much retired. Ken worked at Sioux Preme for 43 years. He now makes deliveries for Casey's Bakery 3 days a week and he drives for Ver Hoef Automotive when needed. He enjoys watching baseball (especially the Yankees) and every sport the grandkids participate in.

Linda worked for Sioux Center Hospital and Health Center for many years as a nursing assistant and activity coordinator. Most recently she worked for Home Health and Hospice. She enjoys cooking, reading and sewing. She also serves on the Heritage Village board.

The Altena's have 4 daughters. Kristi and Mark Van Voorst of Hull (also Carmel members); Lisa and Shawn Jasper of Alton; Kari and Chad Rea of Sioux City; and Julie and Jason Ulrikson of Canton, SD. They also have 14 grandchildren.

When asked what brought them to Carmel Church they said they decided to join Carmel because of the preaching of the Word, the prayers of the congregation and the fellowship. Plus they love being able to worship with their family members. They also said, "Thank you for the warm welcome!"

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*"A life without love is like a year without summer." —Swedish proverb*

**TRANSFER**

The membership of Austin Vonk has been transferred to the First Reformed Church of Hull. May God bless him in his new church home.

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**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

On Sunday, August 7, by the Grace of God, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Any shut-ins or Nursing Home residents who would like communion served to them, please contact an elder or the church office.

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We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Jo Dirksen who passed away on July 18, at the age of 70. Jo made her home in Sioux Center since 2010 when she and her husband Arlyn moved here from California to be closer to their grandchildren. Arlyn passed away in 2012. Jo became a member of Carmel in 2018.

She worked at MJ's and did various sewing work for people. She was also a licensed insurance agent for Farm Bureau.

She is survived by her three children; Joisanne Dirksen, Arthur (Marianna) Dirksen and Allison (Josh) Leusink (also Carmel members). She is also survived by 8 grandchildren.

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**ALL** Carmel members and regular attendees who will be attending college, graduate school, trade school or taking online classes this fall, please get your college information to the church office. Please turn in your information (school attending, address and birthday) even if you live at home or the information is the same as last year. A sheet to fill out can be found on the coffee station or on the mailboxes. You can also e-mail the info to the church office at [carmelch@mtcnet.net](mailto:carmelch@mtcnet.net). Please do so by August 22nd, so we can include a list in the September **HIGHLIGHTS**.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Granstra (Kayla Bomgaars) who were united in marriage in Carmel, on July 9. The newlyweds are making their home in Sheldon. Kayla is employed at Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City as a CNA and she also teaches preschool at Bright Start in Hull. Ben is a farmer and works on their family's feedlot near Sheldon.

Kayla is the daughter of Tim and Julie Bomgaars and the granddaughter of Carmel member Colleen Bomgaars.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brayton Van Kekerix (Juliana Huizenga) who were united in marriage on July 16, in Harrisburg, SD. The newlyweds are making their home on a farm northwest of Rock Valley. Brayton works on the family farm Van Kekerix Farm. Juliana works as a CNA at Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City.

Brayton is the son of Scott and Erika Van Kekerix.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dylan Rozeboom (Haley Van Ginkel) who were united in marriage on July 23, in Carmel. They are making their home in Hull. Dylan is employed at AWS in Hull as a service Technician. Haley works at Village Northwest Unlimited in Sheldon as a Direct Support Professional. She will also be a Senior Education Major at Iowa State this fall.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Luke Haan (Kortney Wolfswinkel) who were united in marriage on July 29, in Carmel. Luke is employed at Bar-K and Kortney is a Middle School 6th-8th grade Math teacher at Orange City Christian School. They will be making their home in Carmel.

Kortney is the daughter of Jerry and Sherri Wolfswinkel and the granddaughter of Carmel members Henry and Betty Wolfswinkel.

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*"A good marriage is the union of two forgivers."*  
—Ruth Bell Graham

# Wednesday Night Activities

What: ABC – (Answers Bible Curriculum)

When: Wednesday nights beginning September 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Who: ALL Students Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

\*And there may be something coming for our adults too

\*All grade levels will be studying the same topic.

\*Family Devotionals will be available to further your study at home.

We encourage everyone to join us as we study God's Word and dig into scripture so we can stand strong in God's Truth when the winds of the world blow on us.

**About ABC** – (Answers Bible Curriculum)

## Mission:

Answers Bible Curriculum was developed to present the gospel, beginning in Genesis, to all generations; to train believers to know, obey, and defend God's Word; and to encourage believers to become conformed to the image of Christ.

## Overview:

The 2009 book *Already Gone* by Ken Ham and Britt Beemer (and the scientific study on which the book is based) reveals the reasons why young people are leaving the church. In much of the teaching today in our churches, the Bible is disconnected from the real world, and the authority of Scripture is undermined and replaced with secular reasoning using man's ideas.

The church has failed to teach the Bible as relevant fact. We have, intentionally or unintentionally, taught the Scriptures as nothing but "stories" that relate to spiritual matters and have avoided engaging the challenging questions from the secular world that bombard church children and adults the other 166 hours of their week. As a result, children are beginning to doubt the Bible—and the gospel message that it presents—as early as elementary school. Many studies confirm that more than 60 percent of young people leave the church after they graduate from high school.

Answers Bible Curriculum was designed and written to provide answers to the questions and issues that confront youth and adults in school, in the media, from friends, at work, etc. It is our hope and prayer that God will be pleased to use this curriculum to instill a lifelong trust in the Bible and in the God who authored it.

## Wednesday Night Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lesson</b>
Wed. September 7	God's Word is our Foundation
Wed. September 14	Attributes of God
Wed. September 21	We Can Know God Exists
Wed. September 28	The Trinity
Wed. October 5	God's Word Guides Us
Wed. October 12	God Preserves His Word
Wed. October 19	God's Word is Complete
Wed. October 26	Don't Change God's Word
Wed. November 2	The Gospel Is Good News
Wed. November 9	Unit Review
Wed. November 16	Thanksgiving Lesson
Wed. November 23	NO CLASS
Wed. November 30	Christmas Lesson
Wed. December 7	Christmas Fun Night

\*\*\*We will resume class on Wed., January 4 – Wed. March 15.

## GET PLUGGED IN TO OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

If you are a regular attender of Carmel Church and wish to have your children participate in our education programs (if they are not already included in the class list), please contact the church office with your child's name and grade. The Education programs include Sunday School (3½ years to 12th grade), Wednesday night programs (K-12th), GEMS or Cadets (2nd—8th grade) and Junior and Senior High Youth Groups. You may also contact the church office with any questions.

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of Hope Haven, Inc., I want to thank the VBS of Carmel Reformed Church for your recent donation of \$1,300.00 We're grateful for the servant hearts of these little ones, teaching them the words of the Apostle Paul when they are young: *"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."* Galatians 6:2)

*Thank  
You!*

We're thankful for all our donations but they're extra special when they come from children. Thank you for your commitment to the children of your congregation, and for opening their eyes to the world beyond their own community, and to people who may look or act differently than they do. God has brought special individuals to Hope Haven, both to serve and to be served, and your kindness makes it possible for us to continue with our ministries.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your generous donation and pass on to the kids how much we truly appreciate their enthusiasm and support.

With gratitude,  
Rich Koele  
Manager of Church and Public Relations

Matt Buley  
Chief Executive Officer

\*Thank you so much for the support and for the invite to spend some time at your VBS! ... And all those socks! Wow!

Rich K.

## LOVE INC LOVE & LEARN CLASSES

Love & Learn Classes will begin August 30th and will be every Tuesday night at 6:45 p.m. at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley. Please enter through the southwest door. To register call 712-476-5990 or email: [ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org](mailto:ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org). The deadline to register is August 26.

Below is a list of the classes being offered.

### Faith and Finances

Learn financial skills such as budgeting, saving or paying off debt. A mentor will help you apply what you learn in class to your personal finances.

### Parenting: Have a New Kid by Friday

Learn some practical tips and tools that equip you for the daily challenges of parenting kids of any age.

### Boundaries

Cultivate habits of setting and maintaining healthy boundaries at home, work, and even on social media.

### Grief Share

Receive encouragement and support after the death of a loved one through your journey of grief. Learn more at [www.griefshare.com](http://www.griefshare.com).

### Redemptive Compassion

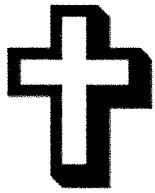
A Biblical exploration of how God has called the Church to love and serve our neighbors.

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The 2022 Tri-State Bible League Conference is scheduled for Monday, September 19 (dinner) and Tuesday, September 20 (conference) at Centerpoint Church (formerly First Reformed) in Sioux Center. The Power of the Word is the theme for the conference. The Keynote Speakers: Mike & Lynn Wilder. Former Mormons now Bible-believing Christians. The true story of how they found their way into the loving arms of Jesus' grace.

Registration forms will be in your mailbox soon, so mark your calendar and save the date.



## Deacons Corner — August

**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.



Join us for

# FOOD TRUCK Fellowship!



As we kick off our Fall Ministries in Carmel  
**Sunday, August 28**

Browse around and check out our ministry booths and enjoy some “good eats” (at no charge) from the Food Trucks. Mark your calendar for *Sunday, August 28*.

You don't want to miss our food trucks, fun, and fellowship.....EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**Ministry Booths:**

Sunday School  
Wednesday Night Activities  
GEMS  
Cadets  
Sr. RCYF  
Jr. RCYF  
Women's Life  
and more....

**Food Trucks:**

Burn's BBQ Unit  
Sherri's Kitchen  
Taco Torres



## AUGUST

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| 1 -  | Bob Janisch<br>Arlyn Keizer   | 14 - | Brayden Beukelman<br>Tikvah Tea  |
| 2 -  | Barry Van Kekerix<br>Mrs. Trish Sandbulte<br>Jerry Noteboom<br>The Mike Haverhals'                    | 15 - | Faithe Van Maanen<br>The Willard Hulstein's  |
| 3 -  | The Phil Hooyer's   | 16 - | Matt Segar<br>Marlin Van Voorst<br>The Chad Hoekstra's<br>The Tom Zwart's  |
| 4 -  | Weston Maassen<br>Isaac Hooyer<br>Art Van Ravenhorst<br>The Thomas Bomgaars'<br>The Loren Punt's      | 17 - | Gabriel Lerma<br>Mrs. Tricia Vande Zandschulp<br>Ken De Boer   |
| 5 -  | Zoey Laakmann<br>The Daniel DeMeester's<br>The Glen Vander Lugt's                                     | 18 - | Mrs. Lois Joffer<br>The Austin Hofman's<br>The Jeremy Stiltz's   |
| 6 -  | Jacob Leusink<br>Kaleb Kuyper<br>The Mike Bomgaars'<br>The Harold Vander Vliet's                      | 19 - | The Tim Gesink's   |
| 7 -  | Kaitlyn Van Der Zwaag<br>The Cole Rozeboom's<br>The Keith Byker's<br>The David McAlpine's             | 20 - | Luke Leloux  |
| 8 -  | Paul Leusink  | 21 - | Jacob Sandbulte<br>Mrs. Linda Diekevers<br>The Marvin Kruid's  |
| 9 -  | Kyle Van Ginkel<br>Nate Landman<br>Mrs. Emily Meendering<br>Mrs. Deb Dibbet<br>Mrs. Helen Vande Vegte | 22 - | Landyn Van Kekerix<br>Sean Robinson<br>The Verlyn Van Regenmorter's  |
| 10 - | Jomei Tea<br>Keaton Van Voorst<br>The Logan Renes'  | 24 - | Mrs. Nora Bohl<br>Henry J. Wolfswinkel   |
| 12 - | Alydia Sandbulte<br>Trevor Segar<br>Zach Boneschans<br>Mrs. Randi Sayles<br>The John Horstman's       | 25 - | Charli Bomgaars<br>Dallas Rozeboom<br>Nate Van Ginkel<br>Heidi Vande Zandschulp<br>The Jim Joffer's                                |
| 13 - | Bryce Davelaar<br>Eli Segar<br>Ethan Hooyer<br>Ken Altena   | 26 - | Brody Van Voorst<br>Brian Rozeboom<br>The Bob Ver Mulm's   |
|      |   | 27 - | Mrs. Cassidy Robinson<br>Mrs. Teresa Sandbulte   |
|      |   | 28 - | Alvin Sandbulte<br>Calvin Sandbulte  |
|      |   | 29 - | Loren Punt<br>Mrs. Dittie Houtkooper<br>Mrs. Frieda Bartels<br>The Jordan Leusink's<br>The Dave Dibbet's<br>The Russ Vande Vegte's |
|      |   | 30 - | Micah Albert   |
|      |   | 31 - | Mrs. Whitney Van Essen<br>Mrs. Melinda Nibbelink<br>The Dennis De Jong's   |

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### JUST FOR PUN!

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.      Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.  
If you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.



# Superior BANANA SPLIT

Fruit and yogurt combine for this healthy take on a sweet treat.



**What you need:**

- Bananas
- Plain Greek yogurt
- Assorted berries and fruit
- Granola
- Honey

**What you do:**

1. Using a butter knife, split the banana in half length-wise. Lay the halves open in a bowl.
2. Add several dollops of yogurt atop the banana halves.
3. Arrange other fruit, such as berries and grapes.
4. Top the banana split with a sprinkle of granola and a drizzle of honey. Enjoy!

# PUZZLE

## Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



*Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.*

	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P	Pepper	O	U
Carrot	E	O	Spinach	R	S
Tomato	Y	R	Watermelon	H	P
Grape	C	F	Broccoli	G	N
Eggplant	T	D	Pumpkin	T	Y
Celery	I	N	Pear	F	C
Banana	K	M	Asparagus	L	R
Cucumber	N	W			

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo\_e, j\_ \_\_, pea\_e,  
 pa\_ie\_ce, \_\_ind\_ess, go\_dne\_s,  
 fait\_ful\_ess, gen\_leness, sel\_-cont\_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control