

HIGHLIGHTS

CARMEL REFORMED CHURCH
"Can't Wait For Sunday"

October, 2022

PERSONAL BALANCE

There are four areas which contribute to a person's balance.

First, the eyes keep us oriented with the horizon. The horizon is the invisible line where the sky and the earth's surface appear to meet, the skyline. If we are constantly unaware of where the horizon is, we will lean forward or backward throwing ourselves off balance.

The second factor is in the ears. When there is increased fluid in the ear, the pressure builds and affects the information that is gathered by the cilia (small hair-like sensors) and sent to the brain for interpretation. When the information is faulty it causes the brain to misunderstand the messages, affecting the subconscious adjustments the feet must constantly make to keep you on your feet.

Thirdly, the sense of touch, especially on the bottom of the feet helps keep us oriented. When our feet are numb, the sensations from the feet to the brain become garbled and we can't maintain balance. Those little sensors on the bottom of our feet work so hard, but cannot get the message straight.

The fourth aspect is our core development. Without a healthy, strong core, our muscles will not do their job, which is to hold us up.

These four parts of our body work together in the healthy body. If any one of them doesn't do its bit, the body doesn't work ideally.

Jesus refers to the church as the Body of Believers, His Body. He wants us to work together to spread His Gospel.

If any one of the parts does not work effectively, the body suffers. It is easy to see, if the preacher doesn't preach, how the body is affected. If the secretary doesn't do her job, everyone will know it because they don't know what they need to know. If the safety team or custodial team or the food preparers mess up, it shows.

But what if the person who sends cards doesn't? What if the Women's Ministry neglects their job? What if the Deaconesses fail to put out the meal at a memorial service? What if the newsletter doesn't go out on time? What if no one visits at the hospital or rehab facilities? What if the bills don't get paid?

It might take some time before it is noticed, but it will affect the body! The church family will not function in a healthy way. It's important that we each do our part.

— Laura Robertson



October 2: Becky Ochsendorf, Kristi Segar, Nancy Boogerd, Sarah Boogerd.

October 9: Hannah Smolders, Whitney Van Essen, Gabriel Lerma, Gaby Prins.

October 16: Lexy Van Ginkel, Kelly Van Kekerix, Tacey Van Kekerix, Aiden Madsen.

October 23: Rachel Van Roekel, Kayti Beukelman, Morgan Terpstra, Sadie Janisch.

October 30: Londa Boogerd, Brooke Byker, Hannah Van Roekel, Grace Van Roekel.

November 6: Ruth De Jager, Danica DeMeester, Karlee Leusink, Alydia Sandbulte.

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.

October 2 - R-Mike Haverhals, Dan Buyert; **C-**Amy Rozeboom, Ryan Oostra, Amy McAlpine, Misty Zwart, Sarah Nibbelink.

October 9 - R-Denny De Jong, Tony Rau; **C-**Shelly Sandbulte, Rachel Terpstra, Clarice Van Maanen, Donna Renes, Linda Altena.

October 16 - R-Jerry Renes, Jared Terpstra; **C-**Sue Noteboom, Sherri Wolfswinkel, Glenda Van Meeteren, Cheryl Lange, Rachel Van Roekel.

October 23 - R-Hans Smolders, Becky Ochsendorf; **C-**Sandi Vonk, Hannah Smolders, Lin De Jong, Rhonda Sandbulte, Fonda Post.

October 30 - R-John Leusink, Matt Smolders; **C-**Ronda Leusink, Colleen Bomgaars, Frieda Bartels, Lorna Vander Vliet, Mimi Sandbulte.

November 6 - R-Verlyn Van Regenmorter, Mitch Banks; **C-**Alice Remmerde, Erica Robertson, Eug. Sandbulte, Kaye Kuyper, Teresa Sandbulte.

November 13-R-Mike Haverhals, Gene Sandbulte; **C-**Hazel Haverhals, Helen Vande Vegte, Mary Lou Verburg, Carmen Maassen, Carol Langstraat.

November 20 - R-Dan Buyert, Jack Soodsma; **C-**Anita Van Ravenhorst, Doree Wolfswinkel, Cheryl Sandbulte, Amy Rozeboom, Ryan Oostra.



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.

- Oct. 9 - Nursery Choir
- Oct. 16 - Kevin Sandbulte
- Oct. 23 - Mark Sandbulte
- Oct. 30 - Marlin Sandbulte
- Nov. 6 - Owen Sandbulte
- Nov. 13 - Rick Sandbulte
- Nov. 20 - Cherub Choir
- Nov. 27 - Rodney Sandbulte

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SEEKING OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

After several decades of service to Carmel Reformed Church, Jane De Boer has decided to retire at the end of the year. We are going to miss Jane in the office and we will have a celebration of Jane's years of service to Carmel Reformed Church with more details to come.

The consistory is starting the process of searching for a replacement. Key job responsibilities of this position will include but are not limited to:

- Preparation of the weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, educational manual, etc.
- Helping facilitate communication to the congregation including answering phones, sending prayer concern emails, assisting in event registrations, etc.
- Maintain and update the church directory. Assist the pastoral staff, consistory, and all church organizations in various tasks as requested.

This is a full-time position with some flexibility in hours for the right applicant. If you or someone you know might be interested in applying for the office administrator position at Carmel Reformed Church or you have questions about the position, we encourage you to contact Dave Dibbet by phone or text at (712) 441-4328.

NOMINATION BALLOTS

Nomination ballots for Elders and Deacons are in your mailbox. All communicant members of Carmel are eligible to nominate. Please prayerfully consider this matter and return your completed ballot to the box in the narthex by October 9.

If you would like a specific subject on the agenda at our Annual Congregational Meeting in November, please submit your request to a Consistory member before the October 10 Consistory meeting. Only items placed on the agenda are eligible for action by the congregation.

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Welcome Potluck

Mark Sunday, October 16 on your calendar and plan to attend the potluck dinner as we welcome the Ukrainian family, Artem and Brihitta (Birgitta) Takalo and children Abigail (4) and Naomi (8 months); sisters to Birgitta, Oleksandra (Sondi) and Veronika Mishchenko and brother to the sisters Oleksandr (Sasha) Mishchenko.

The potluck will begin immediately after Sunday School at 11:45 a.m. Each family is asked to bring a hot and a cold dish to share. Rolls and beverages will be provided.

Join us as we welcome this family to our Carmel Church family.

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Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, November 23, 6:30 p.m.— Thanksgiving service.

Sunday, December 18, 6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Christmas Program. (Note time)

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day morning worship service. No Sunday School, RCYF or evening worship service.

Sunday, January 1—Morning worship service as usual. No Sunday School, RCYF or evening service.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

October 2 is World Communion Sunday and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Any shut-ins or those in the Nursing Homes who would like Communion served to them, please contact an elder or the church office.

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TRANSFER

The membership of Jordan and Breena Leusink and children Virginia, Charlotte and Jacob has been transferred to First Reformed Church of Hull. May God bless them in their new church home.

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PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

At the September Elders' Meeting it was their joy to receive Cole and Dennica Rozeboom into the communicant family of Carmel Church through profession of faith. Cole and Dennica make their home in Inwood. Dennica is a Med-Aid working at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley and Cole is a machinist at Siouxland Machine in Rock Valley. They will be publicly received on October 9.

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PIGS-IN-THE-BLANKET



Help make pigs

It's time to make those delicious pigs-in-the-blanket that are a favorite of so many. We will be making them on Thursday, October 27 at 1:00 p.m. and again on November 3 at 1:00 p.m. and a final date yet to be determined. So watch your bulletin for the details and plan to help with this fundraiser.

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"If you feel like you're losing everything, remember that trees lose their leaves every year and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come." —Unknown

CARMEL GEMS FUNDRAISER

The Carmel GEMS are selling handcrafted greeting cards for a fundraiser. They are handmade cards for all occasions with coordinating envelopes in a keepsake box. There are cards for birthdays, holidays, celebrations, thank yous and more!

Contact a GEMS member or counselor to purchase these beautiful boxed cards. Or stop at the table in the Fellowship Hall and see what is available. Deadline to order is October 3.

Your support is very much appreciated.

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CADET FUNDRAISER

The Cadets will have a BEC Foods Fundraiser October 3 - 17. They will be selling a variety of soups and Holiday Cut-Out Cookies, pies and desserts. They will also be offering BBQ and teriyaki ribs, meatballs, pulled pork, pulled chicken and ready to bake cheesy potatoes. Plan now to stock up on these delicious items and help the Cadets raise funds for Carmel's Cadet Program.

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AREA MEN'S EVENT

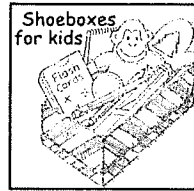
Men, plan to attend the area men's event on Thursday, November 3, 7:00 p.m. It will be held at The Triple Box, 4758 Ironwood Ave, Orange City. The theme for the evening is "It Starts With You!" The featured speaker will be Kris Korver, Northwestern College Men's Basketball Coach.

- ◆ Come for a night of encouragement
- ◆ Have a powerful Worship time together
- ◆ Hear about the Mendistry Ministry
- ◆ Be challenged by a speaker to walk closer with God

The event is sponsored by Mendistry and area churches. Men, invite your friends and don't miss this great evening planned for you. Remember "It Starts With You!"

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"God is a busy worker, but he loves help."
—Basque proverb



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's that time of year again to start thinking about packing a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. For 16 years Carmel has been collecting boxes for OCC. Unfortunately last year was the second lowest number of boxes we've collected over the years. Won't you fill a box this year and bring smiles to the faces of kids — especially those who have never gotten a gift in their life. And even better yet is to be able to share with them the good news of Jesus. At the distribution center each shoebox has a greatest gift Gospel Booklet placed in it. When you donate \$10 with each box you are helping send the gospel to the ends of the earth without leaving home!!

Take an ordinary **regular size** shoe box (**no oversized boxes, please as they do not fit in the packing crates**) fill it with toys and other presents, and you have an extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope.

Need ideas of what to put in the box?? Pick up a sheet from the table in the Fellowship Hall that has lots of ideas of what to pack in the box. (Also included is a list of items **not** to include.)

Don't have a shoe box? No problem. Pick up a red and green GO box (preprinted decorative Gospel Opportunity boxes) from the table in the Fellowship Hall. We have 125 boxes on hand and we would love to see them all filled!!

Also on the table that's new this year are sheets entitled "Let's Be Friends" and "All About Me" that your child or grandchild can fill out about themselves and include in the box.

Brochures on how to pack a shoe box gift are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. **Carefully read and follow the instructions.**

The supplies will be out in the Fellowship Hall soon. Filled boxes can be brought to the table in the Fellowship Hall any time through November 18. **Remember to include a \$10 donation per box** to cover shipping and other project costs (such as providing the Gospel Booklets for each box). If you use the Follow Your Box feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!

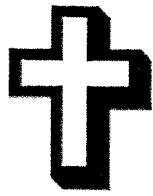
Let's see how many boxes we can fill this year and help spread the gospel around the world.

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Share some laughs — or groans — with these autumn themed jokes:

What did the tree say to autumn?
"Leaf me alone!"

How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
With a pumpkin patch.



Deacons Corner — October

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.

WORDS OF HOPE PRESIDENT WILL SPEAK IN CARMEL

On Sunday evening, October 9, Jon Opgenorth, president of Words of Hope, will be with us at our evening service. Words of Hope is one of Carmel's Mission Projects. Plan to attend this service and hear an update on the work of Words of Hope. Show your support with your attendance and be blessed by how God is using your gifts to further His kingdom.

NEWS FROM OUR MISSION PARTNER JUSTICE FOR ALL

JUSTICE FOR ALL invites you to join us at the combined Annual Meeting/Fall Auction on Thursday evening, Oct 27 at the Parkview Events Center in Rock Valley. A great evening is being planned! A delicious meal will be served from 5:00-6:30 p.m. (A Freewill Gift will be taken for the meal). At 6:15 there will be a Business Meeting which will include celebrating JFA ministry from the past year and looking at opportunities ahead, as well as presenting a new budget and new board members. Then at 6:30 p.m. our Fall Auction will begin with Mark Zomer and company. There will also be auction items online from October 13-31 that you can bid on at zomerbid.com. We hope you can join us for this very important fundraiser for JFA ministry efforts!!

JFA 2023 SERVICE AND LEARNING TRIPS

JUSTICE FOR ALL is very excited to announce dates for upcoming 2023 Service and Learning Trips! Please prayerfully consider joining us on one of these trips. The trips are designed to be an opportunity to use our hands and feet to bless others through work projects, but also to learn and experience a different culture than our own and see what God is doing through the incredible ministry partners serving in these communities. The sites/dates are: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez MX – Jan 20-27; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson MS – Feb 3-10; JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – Feb 11-17; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – Mar 3-10; Grace Reigns, Hildale UT – Mar 24-31. There is more information about each project on the JFA website (www.jfa-nwiowa.org). If you would like to sign up or want more information on any of these opportunities, please contact Nick LeLoux at JFA at 712-476-2804, nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org.



**BIRTHDAYS
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ANNIVERSARIES**

OCTOBER

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| <p>1 - Rowan DeMeester
2 - Kade Van Voorst
3 - Mrs. Alicia Wolfswinkel
Mrs. Kay Koedam
Glenn Vander Lugt
Bob Ver Mulm
4 - Kelly Zinnel
5 - Daniel DeMeester
The Bob Janisch's
6 - Ashayla Soodsma
Rodney Sandbulte
Arnold Hulshof
7 - Kyler Bomgaars
Mrs. Rachel Terpstra
Pete Vonk
The Glenn Rozeboom's
8 - Everlee Nibbelink
Mrs. Marcia Vander Weide
9 - Rylee Bomgaars
Mrs. Betty Wolfswinkel
10 - Bowen Punt
11 - Chloe Wynia
12 - Ben Haverhals
Lane Van Kekerix
Mrs. Amy Davelaar
Mrs. Erica Robertson
The Austin Vande Vegte's
13 - Spencer Van Ravenswaay
Mrs. Kristi Van Voorst</p> | <p>14 - Mrs. Lynna De Wit
Mrs. Erika Van Kekerix
Brian Renes
The James Vanden Brink
15 - Brock Anderson
Chris Van Meeteren
Dave Dibbet
Ron Dieck
16 - Gene Sandbulte
Mrs. Dorene Hulshof
17 - Chad Hoekstra
The Henry A. Wolfswinkel's
18 - Mrs. Ramona Vander Weide
20 - Mrs. Rachel Van Roekel
21 - Tyke Van Kekerix
Bryce Robertson
Colin Robertson
23 - Kashton Soodsma
Hans Smolders
Mrs. Deb Vander Weide
24 - Mrs. Jayden Oostenink
Mrs. Stephanie Vande Vegte
Harold Van Essen
The Herb Remmerde's
25 - Anna Haverhals
The Jerry Renes'
26 - Grace Van Roekel
The Brian Rozeboom's
28 - Kavri Van Kekerix
Mrs. Kristi Oostra
Wayne Te Grotenhuis
The Anthony Rau's
29 - Jack McAlpine
Alli Huizenga</p> |
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PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is designated as Pastor Appreciation Month. Since we are without a pastor at this time you are encouraged to show your appreciation to our Consistory members for their leadership during our time of vacancy; to Pastor Rog Voskuil, as he serves as our moderator during our vacancy; and to the various pastors who have filled our pulpit during this time. Show your appreciation by word, with a card or other gestures of appreciation you so choose.

"We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." I Thess. 1:3 NIV.



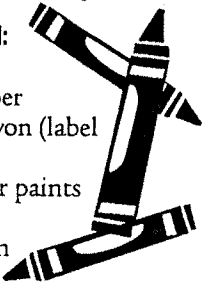
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Create some invisible art and then reveal the seasonal design.

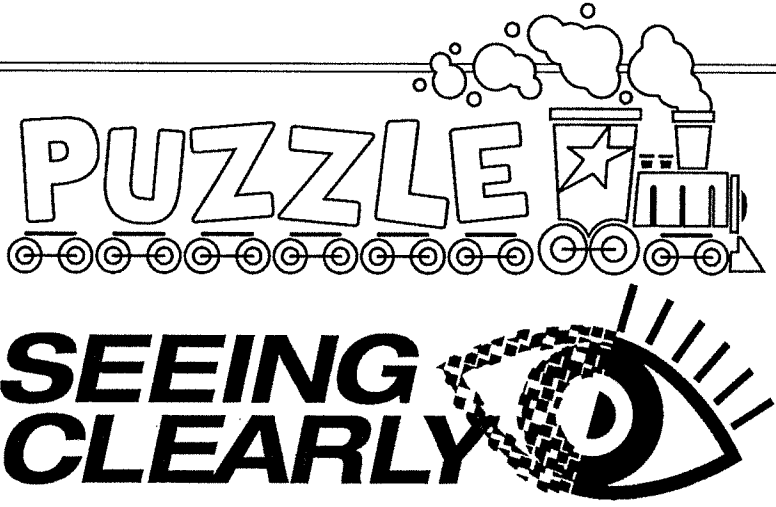
What you need:

- Leaves
- White paper
- White crayon (label removed)
- Watercolor paints
- Water
- Paintbrush



What you do:

1. Gather leaves of different shapes and sizes. On a table, arrange them flat without overlaps. Set the paper over them.
2. Hold the crayon sideways and use the long edge to color over the leaves. You'll make an invisible rubbing of them.
3. Then paint over the paper with watercolors. The areas with crayon will resist the paint and reveal the hidden leaf designs.



God's character is evident through what he made.

Directions: Hold up the puzzle to a mirror. Then write the backward words correctly to complete Romans 1:20, NIV.

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Answer: creation, invisible, eternal, divine, clearly, understood, people, Romans