

HIGHLIGHTS

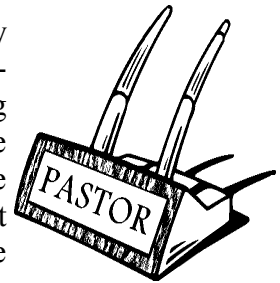
CARMEL REFORMED CHURCH

“Bound in God’s Love”

OCTOBER, 2012



During the days of the Iron Curtain, Albania was a fiercely atheistic country firmly in the grip of communism. As part of its clampdown on religion, various individuals were assigned to scan incoming radio transmissions for the purpose of jamming those stations that were beaming in Christian programming. One of those ‘scanners’ was a man named Albert. Perchance, or better yet, providentially, he discovered a signal carrying a Words of Hope broadcast. Because he liked what he heard, however, he didn’t report his find. Instead, he listened whenever he could. Today Albert is not only a Christian; he is also the broadcaster for Words of Hope in the Albanian language.



In Kashmir, a Muslim region of northern India with borders disputed by Pakistan, Christian converts were being baptized. Someone present recorded the event but then unwisely posted it on YouTube. Soon, everyone on the video, along with their families and a Words of Hope broadcasting team were threatened and had to flee for their lives.

Iran is arguably one of the most oppressive countries in the world—especially for Christians. With secret police everywhere, believers find it difficult to talk about Jesus even with their neighbors because it is hard for them to know who is and who isn’t an informant. Arrest and detention are common. One woman, a medical doctor, heard the Gospel over the radio and became a Christian. After arranging for a Bible to be smuggled to her via a bus driver, she was caught and then forced to call and invite some of her Christian contacts to her home. No one came because all sensed a trap, but the woman has never been heard from again.

In Africa, Niger ranks as one of the poorest countries of the world. Many parts are remote and isolated—some virtually inaccessible. Thankfully, villagers receive wind-up radios and hear about Jesus.

These stories were told at a recent Words of Hope board meeting for a reason. The world is vast; much of it is hostile to the Gospel. How then can the masses be reached? Who will proclaim the Good News when nations declare themselves to be closed? Thankfully, there is a voice that continues to penetrate both borders and hearts—Words of Hope. Please continue to support it. In a day and age of increased giving for local causes which are good, don’t forget the world.

On their literature, Words of Hope has a slogan that goes like this: *Good News. No Boundaries.* That pretty much says it all. The thing they do best is “Reaching the ‘hard places’ for Jesus Christ.”

Pastor Mark



October 7 AM: Jami Sandbulte, Carmen Maassen, Pamela Heijerman, Bailie Sandbulte, Kaleb Kuyper, Meriah Robertson; **PM:** Shelley Heijerman, Graham Vande

Vegte, Brynn Van Voorst.

October 14 AM: LeaAnn Van Regenmorter, Sara Sandbulte, Alyssa Kuyper, Bradyn Van Voorst, Sadie Sandbulte, Spencer Van Ravenswaay; **PM:** Ronda Leusink, Carson Vanden Brink, Ella Zwart.

October 21 AM: Nicole Vanden Brink, Clarice Van Maanen, Jennifer Balderas, James Hooyer, Anna Vonk, Kortney Wolfswinkel; **PM:** Jenn Vande Vegte, Darien Downs, Sydney Gesink.

October 28 AM: Jaimee Vonk, Allison Leusink, Reed Koedam, Logan Renes, Kayla Bomgaars, Jayden Fedders; **PM:** Rhonda Haverhals, Rachel Terpstra, Andrew Frick, Nick Van Regenmorter.

November 4 AM: Rachel Van Roekel, Carol Sandbulte, Tommy Bomgaars, Caleb Nibbelink, Alex Frick, Kelby Haverhals; **PM:** Pat Sandbulte, Avery Sandbulte, Andrea Sandbulte.

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REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

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

October 7 - R-Verlyn Van Regenmorter, Lloyd De Jong; **C-**Lorna Vander Vliet, Beth Te Grotenhuis, Alice Remmerde, Dianne Van Ravenswaay, Jo Te Grotenhuis.

October 14 - R-Harold Vander Vliet, Mike Haverhals; **C-**Erica Robertson, Eug. Sandbulte, Kaye Kuyper, Teresa Sandbulte, Hazel Haverhals.

October 21 - R-Denny De Jong, Jerry Noteboom; **C-**Helen Vande Vegte, Mary Lou Verburg, Carmen Maassen, Linda Mulder, Carol Langstraat.

October 28 - R-Les Te Grotenhuis, Alan Sandbulte; **C-**Anita Van Ravenhorst, Doree Wolfswinkel, Mary Ann Zinnel, Jo Overman, Cheryl Sandbulte.

November 4 - R-Jerry Renes, Hans Smolders; **C-**Jaci Wynia, Shelly Sandbulte, Melinda Nibbelink, Rachel Terpstra, Betty Sandbulte.



Call the church office by noon on Thursday, with your special number. If you are not able to have special music the scheduled time, please try to exchange with someone.

Top name is AM; bottom is PM:

- Oct. 7 - Mark Heijerman
Arnold Hulshof
- Oct. 14 - Ron Hulshof
Willard Hulstein
- Oct. 21 - Cherub Choir
Chris Hulstein
- Oct. 28 - Bob Janisch
Music Committee
- Nov. 4 - Brian Klarenbeek
Jim Joffer
- Nov. 11 - John Kleyer
Terry Koedam
- Nov. 18 - Carol Kleyer
Marvin Kruid
- Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Day
Herb Kuyper
- Nov. 25 - Scott Kuyper
Nate Landman
- Dec. 2 - Glenn Lange
Carol Langstraat

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GREETERS SCHEDULE

- Oct. 7 AM - Stan Prins
Regan Ronning
PM - Steve Rozeboom
- Oct. 14 AM - Jerry Rus
Harv Sandbulte
PM - Alan Sandbulte
- Oct. 21 AM - Henry Sandbulte
Kevin Sandbulte
PM - Al & Cal Sandbulte
- Oct. 28 AM - Lauren Sandbulte
Owen Sandbulte
PM - Gary Sandbulte
- Nov. 4 AM - Rick Sandbulte
Steve Sandbulte
PM - Howard Sandbulte



SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT

Keep an eye out for airplanes in the education wing. The Sunday School mission offering in September was \$346.51. That's almost enough to send one child to Camp in Alaska. The mission project this year is "Help Fly Kids to Camp!" We want to make a difference by helping MARC (Missionary Aviation Repair Center) share the unconditional love of Jesus Christ in Alaska next summer. How many kids will we be able to help send to camp next summer?? Let's fly high and set a goal of 20 kids. If we all work together we can do it!!

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A benefit fundraiser for Scott and Monica Kuyper and family will be held on Wednesday, October 24, from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship

Hall. Because the Kuypers have been struggling under the weight of large medical bills for a number of years due to Monica's Crohn's Disease, we want to help ease the burden of their bills.

We will be having a Dad's Belgian Waffle Supper for a freewill donation and also a Silent Auction. Anyone who would like to donate an item for the silent auction, please contact the church office before October 15. Anyone who would like to help at the benefit may also contact the church office. Your donations and help would be very much appreciated.



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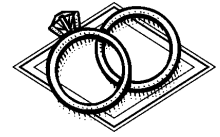


NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Travis and Heidi Dibbet of Pleasant Hill, IA on the birth of a daughter, Harper Lynn on September 2. Harper weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 inches long. Carmel Church grandparents are Dave and Deb Dibbet and CC great grandmother is Junaida Dibbet.

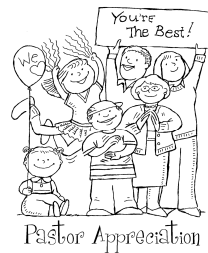
NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rob Sayles (Randi Sandbulte) who were united in marriage on Saturday, September 15th in Carmel. The newlyweds are making their home at 8105 W. Lobbella Street, #4, Sioux Falls, SD 57106. Rob is a Pharmacist at Lewis Drug and Randi is a Pharmacist with the VA Health Care System, both in Sioux Falls. Randi is the daughter of Eugene Sandbulte and Anne Hooyer and CC grandparents are Howard and Bernice Sandbulte.



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PASTOR APPRECIATION



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. The consistory would like to encourage the congregation to show your appreciation to Pastor Mark and his family by word, with a card or other gestures of appreciation you so choose. "Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work," I Thess. 5:12-13.

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On October 28, 7:00 p.m., we will host a Reformation Service here in Carmel with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Middleburg Free Grace Reformed as our guests. Pastor Mark will bring the message. Members from Middleburg will also take part in the service and their praise team will lead us in worship with music. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. Middleburg and Carmel youth groups will also have a combined meeting at the High School in Sioux Center from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. They will enjoy a speaker, food and fun and games.



Charley Dibbet is attending Southwest Minnesota State. His address is: Homestead #404, 1465 Birch Street, Marshall, MN 56258 (12-16)

If there are any others who are attending college and were not listed in the September *HIGHLIGHTS*, please let the church office know.

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INFORMATION COMMITTEE FORMED

The consistory has formed a New Building Information Committee. They will be working in the next few months with the purpose of gathering thoughts and opinions from the congregation regarding the new building. The committee members are: Tom Zwart, Kristi Segar, Nate Maassen, Donna Renes, and Shawn Sandbulte. The congregation is encouraged to share your thoughts and suggestions with any of these committee members. We are greatly interested in and welcome your input.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

What began with one empty shoe box in 1993 will be multiplied into nearly 100 million gift boxes this year which will reach children for Christ — one heart at a time. Operation Christmas Child works through local churches who are dedicated to reaching children and their families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Along with the gift boxes, they hand out evangelistic booklets in over 60 languages. Imagine how sweet it is to be able to bring smiles to the faces of kids — especially those who have never gotten a gift in their lives. Even greater is to be able to share with them the hope of eternal life in Christ.

Carmel Church will once again participate in Operation Christmas Child. This will be our 7th year. Last year we collected 132 gift boxes. Can we top that this year?? Let's give it a try. Instructional brochures will be here soon. We hope your family plans to participate. Filled boxes will be collected the week of Nov. 12.

WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING

All women of East and West Sioux Classis are invited to the Fall Gathering on Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 p.m. at Middleburg Free Grace Reformed Church.

The Theme is "Bringing God's Word to India and Asia through Audio Scripture Ministries." The speaker will be John Paul Sundarajan. J.P. and Katy Sundararajan serve with Audio Scripture Ministries. J.P. an India-Asia director and Katy as India-Asia administrative coordinator. They work in India and other parts of Asia, helping local organizations give non-readers access to the Bible in their own language. They also spend time in North America, speaking at church gatherings about the work of Audio Scripture recording and distribution. "We feel that God has called us to be cultural interpreters for groups of people in these two context," they say.

An offering will be received and following the Gathering there will be a time of refreshments and fellowship. Make plans to attend this inspirational and informative meeting.

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3RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S EXPO

Come join us for the 3rd Annual Sioux Center Women's Expo on October 20 from 9:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m. at New Life Reformed Church. Women of all ages are encouraged to attend! Over 40 vendors, 15 breakout sessions, Concert by Revelation, 2 Free Makeover & Reveals, First 100 receive a Goodie Bag, Door Prizes, and food will be available benefiting the Family Crisis Center. Come & go as you want or stay all day – enjoy every aspect! For more information call the Chamber Office at 722-3457.

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Community Unity Meal. Bring your family, neighbors and friends to enjoy a FREE meal together at New Life Reformed Church on Thursday, October 11, serving from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. The meal is free and open to everyone. Meal host is Bridge of Hope.



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- 1 - Brendan Downs
- 2 - Kade Van Voorst
Mrs. LaDonna Franken
- 3 - Mrs. Alicia Wolfswinkel
Mrs. Kay Koedam
Glenn Vander Lugt
- 4 - Kelly Zinnel
The Harold Dykstra's
- 5 - The Bob Janisch's
- 6 - Michael Sas
Rodney Sandbulte
Arnold Hulshof
Mike Overman
- 7 - Kyler Bomgaars
Dustin Doornink
Mrs. Rachel Terpstra
Pete Vonk
- 8 - Mrs. Marcia Vander Weide
- 9 - Rylee Bomgaars
Mrs. Betty Wolfswinkel
- 11 - Chloe Wynia
Tom Franken
- 12 - Ben Haverhals
Mrs. Amy Davelaar
Mrs. Erica Robertson
- 13 - Spencer Van Ravenswaay
Kyler Kooi
Mrs. Kristi Van Voorst
- 14 - Dan Kaufman
*Brian Renes
The James Vanden Brink's
- 15 - Terry Vande Vegte
Dave Dibbet
Roger Oldenkamp
- 16 - Dave Vande Zandschulp
Laura Heijerman
Gene Sandbulte
Mrs. Dorene Hulshof
- 17 - The Henry A. Wolfswinkel's
- 18 - Joshua Franken
Mrs. Ramona Vander Weide
- 19 - Camryn Pottebaum
- 20 - Brody Hooyer
Mrs. Rachel Van Roekel
- 21 - Bryce Robertson
Colin Robertson
Nick Oostra
- 23 - Virginia Leusink
Todd Van Essen
Mrs. Melanie Pottebaum
Hans Smolders
Mrs. Deb Vander Weide
The Dan Klein's
- 24 - Jayden Fedders
Harold Van Essen
The Herb Remmerde's
- 25 - The Jerry Renes'
- 26 - Grace Van Roekel
Terry Nibbelink
- 28 - Ryan Haverhals
Mrs. Kristi Oostra
Wayne Te Grotenhuis
- 29 - Alli Huizenga
Michon Moget
- 30 - Michelle Vander Kooi
*Brianna Bruxvoort

Adoption Support Meeting. Katelyn's Fund Orphan Ministry invites you to please join us at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 11 at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Topic: Play Therapy and Emotional Health in Children. Therapist Jeremy Koerselman will guide parents and caregivers in a discussion on the usefulness of play therapy and how to cultivate emotional healthiness in children who come from hard places. Mr. Koerselman is a registered play therapist and a licensed independent social worker.

ATLAS of Sioux Center invites you to Harp & Bowl Community Prayer every Thursday evening from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at First Reformed Church Chapel. Come and go as your schedule allows. For more details and prayer topics visit www.siouxcenterpandw.blogspot.com.

SIouxLAND
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting Homeownership applications for families wanting to live in the Sioux Center area. If you know of a family in need of decent, affordable housing, please encourage them to apply. For an application and more information about the program, visit www.siouxlandhabitat.org or contact Kurt Franje at 641-780-9054 or kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org.

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HOPE HAVEN TO HOST
INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR

Hope Haven will be hosting an informational seminar about "Special Needs Trusts" at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 11 in the south conference room at the Hope Haven building in Rock Valley. It's an opportunity for people to learn about an estate planning option that can support loved ones with special needs into the future. Loren Veldhuizen, LLP (retired attorney from Orange City) will be presenting and will be available to answer questions about planned giving options. Contact the Hope Haven Foundation with questions and to RSVP: 712-476-3174 or info@hopehaven.org.

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COMMUNITY
PRAYER GATHERING



The Rock Valley Ministerial Association will be sponsoring a weekly community prayer gathering. These 30 minute times for prayer will be held each Friday at the Lighthouse in downtown Rock Valley (next to the Pizza Ranch) beginning at noon. The hope for the prayer gatherings is that God's people will come together to pray for the community, nation and world that God has blessed us with. Your congregation is encouraged to join us for these community prayers.

SAVE THE DATE

The Alpha Center of Sioux Falls is coming to our area! A Faith Promise Dinner is being planned. It will be in Rock Valley at the Valley Banquet Hall (next to the Pizza Ranch) on November 12 at 7:00 p.m. There will be great food, testimonies, updates on the Alpha Centers' work, and area talent will be performing. The Alpha Center is a non-profit agency that provides a full range of services to women and men involved in unplanned pregnancy. Visit www.alphacenterfriends.com for more information or call 605-361-3500 to RSVP.

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WALK/RUN FOR PRO-LIFE

Become a fundraising walker/runner or a sponsor in Alpha Center's Walk/Run for Pro-Life on Saturday, October 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the O'Gorman High School football field in Sioux Falls. This event supports the ministry of Alpha Center, which serves over 5,500 individuals in the tri-state area who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy.

Everything you need to register for the Walk/Run for Pro-Life is online at www.alphacenterfriends.com or you can pick up a registration/pledge form from the literature rack across from the church office.

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**Pig-in-the-Blanket coordinator needed.** It's getting that time of year when Pigs-in-the-Blanket are a delicious treat to have on hand. We are looking for someone who would be willing to help organize this fundraiser for Carmel Church. If you would be willing to do this, or have any questions about this, please call the church office soon.

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Northwestern Raider Days 2012. Northwestern College invites you to attend Raider Days (Homecoming/Family Weekend) on Saturday, October 6, on the campus green. The Morning on the Green kid's carnival runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon, followed by a picnic lunch in the tent on the green beginning at 11:15 a.m. For a complete schedule, visit www.nwciowa.edu/raider-days or call 712-707-7134 for more information.

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**Greater Sioux Community Health Center 4th anniversary celebration.** Please join us at 6:00 p.m. on October 15 at the Terrace View Event Center to help us celebrate four years of service to the community. The anniversary will feature wine reception, dinner, auction of themed bags and baskets (\$100 bill hidden in one), 1st annual community service award presentation, unveiling of the center's new name and logo! Tickets for the dinner and celebration are \$25 each or you may wish to purchase a table of 8 tickets for \$200. Contact GSCHC at 722-1700.