

News and Notes from the Center of Hope:

Big need for **bikes**— If you have adult-size bikes which you no longer use, the Center of Hope would love to find a new home for them! So far this year, 450 bikes-for-work have been distributed, and each are minimally-priced from free and then up by \$5 increments depending on their quality.

Winter Clothing is needed at the Center of Hope. Nearly 8,000 winter clothing items are distributed each year as they are priced from free up to a few dollars. The winter clothing is of all sizes and it includes coats, coveralls/snow pants, work shirts/sweatshirts, hats, gloves and boots.

Center of Hope's **Fall Benefit Event 2011** will be November 12. This fun event includes silent and live auctions, a bake sale and a meal. If you are able to help in contributions to the auctions and bake sale, that would be greatly appreciated (Pastor Fred's words!). This can include items of all kinds—handmade crafts, baked goods, sporting goods, gift certificates, and various big ticket items. More details will be coming from Pastor Fred.

FRC's Service Projects:

Saving fronts of cards has been an ongoing project since the beginning of the year. The Service Committee prepared and mailed 45 pounds of cards for shipping to St. Jude's Ranch for Children.

Volga Christian School Supplies: You may bring in your items until the end of the month.

Paper products is the service project for the month of September. A container will be provided in the fellowship hall where you can bring your items. Some suggestions are: Paper towels, toilet tissue, envelopes, white copier paper, styrofoam cups and plates, napkins, coffee and plastic silverware.

First Reformed Church, Volga, SD

September 2011

Glad Tidings

"I bring you glad tidings of great joy..."

Luke 2:10

Four Little Ones Enrolled in Gifts for the Children

Susan Vander Wal led a candlelight service at the recent Gifts for the Children program.

A picture of Jesus welcoming the little children to His kingdom was displayed on the table along with a big white candle symbolizing that Jesus is the light of the world, a light that came to brighten all the dark corners of the earth, that light which can bring peace to a troubled world and joy and salvation to all mankind.

Two yellow smaller candles were lit symbolizing the children in Malawi, Africa. Our hearts are touched and filled with sadness when we think of the children around the world that are not properly cared for, fed and clothed. (The offering taken for Save the Orphans in Malawi amounted to \$105!)

Four blue candles were lit for the following new enrollees:

Tristan Lee Mullet, son of Andrew Mullett and Sarah Turner of Tampa, Florida, grandson of Joel Mullett and great grandson of Bernice Mullett (b. 12/27/2010)

Landon Lee Sapp, son of Jeff and Sarah Sapp of Volga and grandson of Charlie and Ruth (b. 10/30/2010)

Thomas Jude Kleinjan, son of Matt and Juliet and grandson of Tom & Carol (b. 1/7/2011)

Lucas Austin Kleinjan, son of Nicholas & Jennifer and grandson of Tom & Carol (b. 3/26/2011)