

Reflections

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

April 2022



Reflections

Please forgive any errors or omissions. We'd be grateful if you would call them to our attention. Thank you for your cooperation when you are asked to submit a news article—without your help there would be no newsletter! Thank you also to the volunteers who help collate the *Reflections* each month.

Remember in prayer

First CRC Shut-ins in rest homes:

Prairie Ridge Care Center:

Helen Anderson, Elizabeth Dykstra,
Arlys Feenstra, Otto Huizenga, Irene Pennings,
Ben Van Engen, Kathleen Van Wyk,
Esther Wynia

Landsmeer Assisted Living:

Lois De Beer, Pris Huizenga

Royale Meadows: Joan Den Hartog

Good Samaritan Society: (LeMars)

Mary Addink

Whispering Heights: (Rock Valley)

Jake Van Den Hul

Transportation

If you need a ride to a church service or another activity in church, please contact Darrell Schuller or Matt Van Schouwen.

Hospitality

If you are in need of assistance, or know of someone who is, please contact your care unit deacon.

Upcoming Events

April 10- The OC Ministerial Association and OC Atlas are sponsoring a Worship Service of Music and Scripture on Palm Sunday evening, at the Unity Knight Center, 7:00 p.m.

April 15 – Good Friday Communion Service, 7:00 p.m.

April 17 - Combined Easter Worship at Immanuel CRC, 5:00 p.m.



Schedule

Sound Booth

April 3 Greg De Groot
April 10 Gary Jeltema
April 15 Gary Jeltema
April 17 Ryan Raines
April 24 LeRoy De Jager
May 1 Greg De Groot

Tech

April 3 Matt Van Schepen
April 10 Jon Hellinga
April 15 Jon Hellinga
April 17 Ryan Noteboom
April 24 Mike Byker
May 1 Matt Van Schepen

Projection

April 3 Phil Kuiken
April 10 Ryan Van Schouwen
April 15 Shannon Schuller
April 17 Linda Ver Steeg
April 24 Carson Noteboom
May 1 Phil Kuiken

Video

April 3 Nicholas Noteboom
April 10 Austin Van Donge
April 15 Austin Van Donge
April 17 Grant De Groot
April 24 Luke Noteboom
May 1 Nicholas Noteboom



Sunday Evening Greeters

Greeters

April 3

SE-Jeremy & Jennifer Mills
FHE-Ryan & Jennifer Mulder
FHW-Arlin & Karen Klein

April 10

SE-Nick & Maria Noteboom
FHE-Ross & Krista Oolman
FHW-Karen & Rhonda Pennings

April 17

Combined Easter Worship at Immanuel

April 24

SE-Carol & Kate Noteboom
FHE-Bert & Kristi Reinders
FHW-Arlan & Marcia Scholten

May 1

Combined GEMS Worship at Calvary



Coffee Servers

April 3 – Nick & Maria Noteboom, Ryan & Jennifer Noteboom
April 10 – Ross & Krista Oolman, Ryan & Shanelle Raines
April 17 – Bert & Kristi Reinders, Arlan & Marcia Scholten
April 24 – Jeremy & Jennifer Mills, Brent & Anita Nykamp
May 1 – Darrell & Cindy Schuller, Doug & Audrey Schuller
May 8 – Shane & Denise Schuller, Shannon & Bethany Schuller
May 15 – Don & Bev Snieder, Ken & Patty Timmermans
May 22 – Kevin & Janna Van Donge, John & Judy Van Kalsbeek
May 29 – Matt & Lindsey Van Schepen, Matt & Karen Van Schouwen

High School Servers:

April 3 – Emma B. & Brooke J.
April 17 – *No Sunday School*
May 1 – Tyler V.S. & Jacob V.D.

April 10 – Nicholas N. & Clayton R.
April 24 – Carter D.J. & Luke N.



April 3 AM – Shawndra Kuiken, Jennifer Mulder, Molly Zylstra
April 3 PM – Jody De Jong, Amber Vande Zande, Madison Schuller
April 10 AM – Connie Lefever, Becky Visser, Autumn Kroeze
April 10 PM – Jennifer Noteboom, Drew Noteboom, Karli Noteboom
April 15 PM – Christina Zuiderveen, Reagan Noteboom, Gavin Mills
April 17 AM – Maria Noteboom, Jill Jacobsma, Rae Raines
April 17 PM – *Combined Worship at Immanuel*
April 24 AM – Lindsey Van Schepen, Shari Visser, Claire Hellinga
April 24 PM – Marcia Scholten, Brooke Jacobsma, Autumn Clark
May 1 AM – Krista Oolman, Bethany Schuller, Henry Zylstra
May 1 PM – *Combined GEMS Worship at Calvary*
May 8 AM – Amy Bolkema, Heidi De Groot, Olivia Young
May 8 PM – Denise Schuller, Emily Vande Zande, Collin Dykstra
May 15 AM – Audrey Schuller, Leianna Hellinga, Emma Byker
May 15 PM – Gina Zylstra, Becca Dykstra, Lauren Noteboom
May 22 AM – Bev Snieder, Jennifer Mills, Sabrina Timmermans
May 22 PM – Patty Timmermans, Ava Nykamp, Lindsey De Groot
May 29 AM – Kristi Reinders, Nancy Kroeze, Calvin Reinders
May 29 PM – Karen Van Schouwen, Katie Young, Tyce Van Donge



APRIL

SW-Don Post
SE-Jacob Van Donge
Center-Rod De Groot
Brian Kroeze

MAY

SW-Harold Hoekstra
SE-Alan De Jong
Center-Dennis Eekhoff
Arlin Klein

Bulletin Delivery

April 3 – Ed & Ethel Kruid
April 10 – Rod & Sondra De Groot
April 17 – Doug Hamming
April 24 – Arlin & Karen Klein
May 1 – Ed & Ethel Kruid

Valet Parking

April – Trevor Mulder
May – John Van Kalsbeek



Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits and food that was brought in when Bob had his hip replacement surgery. Above all thanks be to God for his healing.

--Bob and Carla De Jong

Thank you, dear congregation, for all the kind acts of love you have shown to me during my recent surgery and hospitalizations. I received much encouragement from your get-well cards, kind words, visits and prayers. Thanks very much for the food and delicious meals you brought in! They were a huge help! A special thanks to Pastor Mark, Pastor Jordan, Elder Gary and Anita Jeltema for their frequent, faithful visits, and many ways of help. In sincere gratitude for your love and care displayed. Blessings, Murt Vogel

Thank you so very much for your participation in Operation Christmas Child this past November. The numbers are in: Praise God that >10.5 million shoebox gifts were gathered worldwide and were distributed to children in >100 countries. This significant increase over 2020 (>9.1 million) was reflected at our local drop sites, thanks to your generosity!

Please continue to pray for the children who received shoeboxes...that they would be delighted by these tangible gifts of love, and let to a saving relationship with Christ as they learn of His love, plans and purposes for them.

Loralie Wiese, Sioux Center, OCC Church Relations



Graduates: If you are graduating from grade school, high school, college, or beyond in May, we would like to acknowledge your accomplishments in the May issue of the *Reflections*. Please submit your information of where you are graduating from, and your summer and future plans, to office@firstcrcoc.org by Sunday, April 24.

In Memory



Mrs. Lenore "Lee" Jongerius, age 86, of Orange City, passed away on Friday, March 4, 2022, at the Happy Siesta Health Care Center in Remsen.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 9, at 10:30am, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Orange City. The Rev. Mark Vande Zande and The Rev. Jordan Helming officiated.

Lenore Elaine was born on July 26, 1935, in rural Hull, one of seven children born to Henry and Francis (Vanden Bosch) De Wit. She grew up on her parents' farm west of Rock Valley and attended the Rock Valley Christian School.

On October 1, 1953, she was united in marriage to Donald Gerrit Jongerius in Inwood, where they made their home until Don was drafted into the United States Army. Following his honorable discharge, Don and Lee moved to Canton, South Dakota. While living in Canton, the couple fostered six children before moving to Worthington, Minnesota, where Lee worked at the Campbell Soup Company. In 1972, the family moved to Orange City, and Lee started working at K-Products, where she remained for thirty years. In January of last year, Don and Lee moved to the Pioneer Memorial Home in Orange City. Donald passed away on January 31, 2021, in Orange City, after more than 67 years of marriage. In March of 2021, Lee became a resident of the Happy Siesta Health Care Center.

Mrs. Jongerius was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church in Orange City. She was a talented seamstress, capable of making everything from bridesmaid dresses to clothes for her children and for the dolls in her collection. She liked to garden and bake, and in earlier years she and Don enjoyed going camping and fishing. Being a grandmother was her greatest joy in life, and she was always willing to help take care of her grandchildren.


Those who will miss her most include her three children, Waverly Jongerius, of Hull; Julie, and her husband, Tom Koopman, of Orange City; and Craig Jongerius, and his wife, Nikki, of Sheldon; ten grandchildren, Adri, and her husband, Keith Huls, of Urbandale; Heather, and her husband, Jason Dreckman, of Le Mars; Andrew Henrich, and his wife, Leah, of Rochester, Minnesota; Hailey Justi, of Des Moines; and Jack Jongerius, Caleb Lambertus, Averie Lambertus, Christian Jongerius, Brylee Lambertus, and Maxwell Jongerius, all of Sheldon; two sisters and their husbands, Gertrude and Cornelius Hibma, of Mount Vernon, Washington; and Linda and Simon Kooiman, of Ontario, Canada; and two brothers, John De Wit, and his wife, Greta, of Brandon, South Dakota; and Edward De Wit, of Inwood; as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister and her husband, Ruth and Martin Halma; a brother and his wife, Martin and Joy De Wit; a brother-in-law, Edward Driesen; and a sister-in-law, Mona De Wit.



Guatemala Mission Trip Update: Two years in a row our trip to Guatemala has been postponed due to the pandemic. The country has continued to extend gathering restrictions as well as a vaccine mandate in their country making the type of mission trip we were planning on not a possibility at this point. Paradise Bound Ministries (PBM) offered for us to wait yet another year or a domestic option. Through much prayer and discernment, PBM is adding domestic Mission Experiences to the list of trips that PBM offers. Domestic missions are not a temporary fix to the challenges

they face with international travel, but an extension of ministry that God has called PBM too. As our team met and talked through our options we felt led to do this trip. We plan to look into a trip to Guatemala in future years if travel to the country looks more feasible. PBM is partnering with a TGM (This Generation Ministry), a ministry organization "near" Fairbanks in the untamed bush of Alaska. Paradise Bound is known for taking the Gospel to remote places, and this is about as remote as it gets here in the U.S. Our team will prepare the campgrounds for TGM upcoming youth camps. These camps are suicide prevention camps. Due to that nature we cannot work directly with the youth. Some of the work we will do is clearing land/brush, facility maintenance and repair, construction projects, help in the sawmill and the kitchen. PBM is still committed to creating the intense spiritual mission experience. Our team will be encouraged to spend quiet time with our Lord each day, and the PBM staff will be leading group devotions. We desire your continued prayers and support as we prepare for this new opportunity.

Read through the Bible



Reading through the Bible in a year: We would love to have members at First CRC read through the Bible in year together. Before the first of each month, there will be a calendar in your mailbox for you to follow daily. Even if you didn't get a chance to start yet, no problem, start today!

A few ideas for you:

Start reading the Bible today – there is no better time and there's no reason to wait.

Set aside a specific time each day. Set your schedule and then stick to it. Mornings are great, but feel free to use any time that works consistently for you.

Read the Bible for the sake of learning, not simply to accomplish the next reading. Say a short prayer to God before you begin, asking the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and understanding, then be refreshed by the words you read!

– The Congregational Life Committee

Opportunity to serve: The deacons have set up an online sign-up to help support those in our congregation that have a need for a meal. Please consider going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4DA5A92CAAF49-1stcrc> for more information and to sign up. (Bookmarking this page will help you find the page quickly each time you want to check it.) This is the way that meals will be handled for most situations, so please check back regularly to see if needs have changed. If you have a need for a meal, please do not hesitate to contact a deacon.

If you are unable to access this link or need assistance signing up, contact the church office during office hours and Maria will help with scheduling.

Upcoming Offerings

April 3 AM–Sos & Kara Maletoungou *April Mission of the Month*

PM–Samaritan's Purse

April 10 AM–Building Fund

PM–Unity Christian High School

April 17 AM–Youth Group Convention Trip

PM–*Combined Easter Worship at Immanuel*

April 24 AM–Amistad Cristiana

PM–Justice for All

May 1 AM–Geneva Campus Ministry and Areopagus Campus Ministry *May Mission of the Month*

PM–*Orange City GEMS – Combined Worship at Calvary for GEMS Sunday*

The second offering each Sunday morning is for Christian Education.

Council Report

The Council met on March 21 to continue the work of the church here in Orange City and the work of the Lord of the universe.

We noted with sorrow the passing of another member, Lenore (Lee) Jongerius on March 4. We console each other and commend her to God. Please remember others in our congregation who need healing in health and in other ways we may not always realize.

Thankfulness and encouragement should be given to our two pastors as they continue their work among us. We pray for strength and grace in their tasks.

Classis Heartland was attended by Pastor Mark, Loren Dykstra and Bruce Lefever. It was a good meeting with prayers for the direction of the church and our overall lives. Delegates to Synod from our Classis are Pastor Jesse Walhof (Living Water, Sheldon), Pastor John Klompien (Calvary CRC), Elder Mike Krommendyk (Calvary CRC), Deacon Darin Dykstra (Calvary CRC). Other Classis business involved the approval of Dan Tracy to be licensed to exhort and Keith Hoekstra (son of our congregation) to be a commissioned pastor at Hope CRC in Hull.

Another important order of business at our regular monthly meeting was nominations for elder and deacon for the upcoming year. Nominations were made and the congregation will be informed when they are made complete. Please pray for these men as they contemplate this important work.

Again, we covet your prayers not only for us as a council and pastors, but also for all the 1st CRC staff and others who serve in the operation of this congregation.

In His service,
Bruce Lefever, Clerk