


REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

April 2024



*“My command is this:
Love each other as I
have loved you.”*

—John 15:12

Reflections

Please forgive any errors or omissions. We'd be grateful if you would call them to our attention. Thank you for submitting news articles-without your help, there would be no newsletter! Thank you to the volunteers who help each month.

Members unable to worship with us on a regular basis:

Prairie Ridge Care Center

Helen Anderson, Lois De Beer,
Arlys Feenstra, Otto & Pris Huizenga,
Arie & MaryLou Noteboom,
Irene Pennings

Landsmeer Assisted Living

Henrietta Jeltema, Leona Noteboom

Royale Meadows

Joan Den Hartog

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 13 – Bridal Shower for Janie Schoonhoven and Austin Van Donge

April 28 – Combined GEMS Worship at Immanuel CRC, 5:00 p.m.



Children and Worship

April 7 – *Jesus is Risen* – Leader: Kristi Reinders, Flag Greeter: Shawndra Kuiken

April 14 – *Road to Emmaus* – Leader: Lindsey Van Schepen, Flag Greeter: Julia Dykstra

April 21 – *The Good Shepherd and the Wolf* – Leader: Christina Zuiderveen, Flag Greeter: Reagan Noteboom

April 28 – *The Good Shepherd and Lord's Supper* – Leader: Jenn Mills, Flag Greeter: Lauren Noteboom

Media

April 7 – Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom, Grant De Groot, Shannon Schuller

April 14 – LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker, Riley Mulder, Carson Noteboom

April 21 – Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen, Nicholas Noteboom, Linda Ver Steeg

April 28 – Gary Jeltema, Jon Hellinga, Austin Van Donge, Phil Kuiken

May 5 – Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom, Drew Noteboom, Ryan Van Schouwen

Sunday Evening Greeters

April 7 – SE-Josh & Ema McBrayer, FHW-Nick & Maria Noteboom

April 14 – SE-Brent & Anita Nykamp, FHW-Ryan & Jennifer Noteboom

April 21 – SE-Caleb & Sarah Pluim, FHW-Don & Ruth Post

April 28 – *Combined GEMS Worship at Immanuel*

May 5 – SE-Doug & Audrey Schuller, FHW-Arlan & Marcia Scholten

Sunday Morning Refreshments

April 7 – Ryan & Jennifer Mulder, Trevor & Jayden Mulder

April 14 – Carol Noteboom & Marla Vande Kamp, Nick & Maria Noteboom

April 21 – Ryan & Jennifer Noteboom, Brent & Anita Nykamp

April 28 – Ross & Krista Oolman, Caleb & Sarah Pluim

May 5 – *Potluck – No Coffee*

May 12 – Doug & Audrey Schuller, Shannon & Bethany Schuller

May 19 – Bert & Kristi Reinders, Darrell & Cindy Schuller

May 26 – Shane & Denise Schuller, Don & Bev Snieder

High School Servers for Sunday School

April 7 – Drew Noteboom & Lauren Noteboom

April 14 – Kaleb Hamming & Carson Noteboom

April 21 – Reagan Noteboom & Carissa Reinders

April 28 – Ryan Van Schouwen & Wyatt Nykamp

thank you

Thank you for all the beautiful cards, phone calls, and other expressions of sympathy after the sudden passing of Ruth's sister. It is such a blessing belonging to this caring congregation.

--Ruth and Warren Dekkers

We want to extend our sincere thanks to Geri DeJong's church family for all the prayers, visits, cards and other expressions of love during the last months. We are thankful for Pastor Jordan's words of encouragement when visiting Mom in the hospital, at the nursing home and for the message at Mom's service. Our loss is great, God's love is greater and we are sustained by the sure and steadfast hope we have in Christ.

Lovingly,
the Geri DeJong family
Chris and Marlys Eshelman
Darwin and Arlys DeJong
Leon DeJong
Audley and Bonnie DeJong
Alan and Jody DeJong
John and Valerie Klynsmas

Thank you to all the individuals who use their time and talents to make our church a place of worship. I counted 63 people who serve in leadership positions, that does not include the people who use their talents to bring us special music, play instruments, bring food to the elderly. Thank you again. I love my church.

--Kathy Schuller

The youth group extends a heartfelt thank you to all who attended our Mystery Dinner. We are consistently blessed by your encouragement and support as we continue to make plans for attending the convention in July.

Once again, congregation, you made game night a roaring success for our youth group. Thanks to all who came and participated in the food, the fellowship and the fun!

--First CRC Youth Group

Thank you, church family, for all the expressions of sympathy in the passing of our sister-in-law, Elizabeth Dykstra.

Also, thank for all the prayers, cards, food, visits and calls when Henry had his hip surgery. Also thanks to Janice Hamming for the get well card that her Sunday School class signed. It was all so very much appreciated.

--Henry and Joyce Dykstra

I was given good news last week! A CT scan revealed the small, even the large, nodules in my lungs have decreased since the last scan. This suggests it was an "infectious/inflammatory process" (bronchitis, sinusitis). There's no need for treatment, just a follow-up scan in a few weeks! Praise God with me! I am so thankful you upheld me with prayers, visits, messages and cards during an anxious time and a lengthy recovery.

--Murt Vogel

Valet Parking
April – Ken Timmermans
May – Ryan Mulder

NURSERY WORKERS

APRIL 7 AM-NANCY KROEZE, PATTY TIMMERMANS, CLAIRE HELLINGA
PM-BECKY VISSER, HALEY SCHULLER
APRIL 14 AM-GINA ZYLSTRA, JENNIFER NOTEBOOM, BEAU HELLINGA
PM-SHAWNDRA KUIKEN, GAVIN MILLS
APRIL 21 AM-ANITA JELTEMA, MARIA NOTEBOOM, CONNOR SCHULLER
PM-AUDREY SCHULLER, AUDREY ZUIDERVEEN
APRIL 28 AM-SARAH PLUIM, JENNIFER MILLS, BRENNA BOLKEMA
PM-*GEMS SUNDAY AT IMMANUEL*
MAY 5 AM- CHRISTINA ZUIDERVEEN, ANGELA DE GROOT, CARISSA REINDERS
PM-LINDSEY VAN SCHEPEN, JOSIAH HELMING
MAY 12 AM-KRISTI REINDERS, ALLISON TIMMERMANS, JOSIE NYKAMP
PM-KRISTA OOLMAN, CALVIN REINDERS
MAY 19 AM-JANNA VAN DONGE, JAYDEN MULDER, KYLIE DE GROOT
PM-JILL JACOBSMA, RUBY ZYLSTRA
MAY 26 AM-JANICE HAMMING, JENNIFER MULDER, SABRINA TIMMERMANS
PM-LEIANNA HELLINGA, REAGAN NOTEBOOM

Bulletin Delivery

April 7 – Ed & Ethel Kruid
April 14 – Brian Kroeze
April 21 – Doug Hamming
April 28 – Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort
May 5 – Arlin & Karen Klein

Ushers:

April: SW-Harold Hoekstra
SE-Trey Kroeze
Center-Irwin De Jong, Harlan Ver Steeg
May: SW-Pete Zomermaand
SE-Dennis Eekhoff
Center-Jacob Van Donge, Bob De Jong

Any Volunteers?

If you are interested in being added to the list for making cookies or bars for our fellowship time after the morning service, please contact Brain Kroeze.

Please Note:

Video of our church services will be moving to YouTube in the near future. Our YouTube channel is functioning and you can access and watch services on our YouTube channel by searching “First Christian Reformed Church Orange City Iowa” on YouTube and bookmark the page. Later this spring the current Livestream channel will no longer be accessible. Please begin transitioning as soon as possible.

2024 GRADUATES!

If you are graduating from middle school, high school, college or grad school, we’d love to celebrate you!

Please email the office (office@firstcrcoc.org) with info about you – education you are completing, future plans, summer plans, and anything else you’d like to include. Please send this info by Friday, April 26 to include in the May Reflections.

February and March Council Report

- The council is very thankful for Rev. Stephen Terpstra's acceptance of our call to be our next pastor. Rev. Terpstra plans to move the end of June with duties beginning July 1 and installation scheduled for July 7. The council greatly appreciates the work of the search committee and for the congregation's support of the council and search committee during our vacancy.
- The council approved an amendment to the church Bylaws to the section on Officers of the Council – B. President – “The regular pastor except during a vacancy” to “The regular pastor or an elder elected annually by the council.” (Many churches are having an elder serve as president and a number of pastor candidates the search committee contacted were not president of their council.)
- The Executive committee structure includes the President, Vice President, Clerk, Treasurer, and General Adjunct. The council approved adding the President of the Deacons to the Executive committee.
- The delegates to the classis meeting gave a report. Rev. Jordan Helming was approved by classis to join the Christian Reformed denomination (from the RCA). An installation service is being planned.
- The council approved the membership transfer for Krista Talsma from Almond Valley CRC, Ripon, CA. Welcome Krista to our church.
- Church Order Article 47 was reviewed, which explains the task of synod.
- Committee reports were given. The Guatemala Team auction and meal were well attended.
- The financial reports for January and February 2024 were reviewed.
- Nominations for elders and deacons were made.

In His Service,
Curt Ahrenholz, Clerk

Offering Schedule

April 7 AM

*Sos & Kara Maletoungou
April Mission of the Month*

April 7 PM

Amistad Cristiana

April 14 AM

Crossroads Prison Ministries

April 14 PM

Unity Christian General Fund

April 21 AM

Hope Haven

April 21 PM

Bethesda Christian Counseling

April 28 AM

GEMS Girls' Club

April 28 PM

Orange City GEMS

May 5 AM

*Geneva Campus Ministry and
Areopagus Campus Ministry
May Mission of the Month*

May 5 PM

Samaritan's Purse

***The second offering every Sunday morning is for Christian Education**