

REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

April 2025

Blessed be the
God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who according to His great
mercy has caused us to
be born again
to a living hope
through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ
from the dead **1 Peter 1:3**

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 in care facilities:

Prairie Ridge Care Center

Helen Anderson, Lois De Beer,
Arlys Feenstra, Gladys Hoekstra,
Arie & MaryLou Noteboom,
Leona Noteboom, Irene Pennings,
Marv Vander Veen

Landsmeer Assisted Living

Henrietta Jeltema, Geri Kiel,
Joan Spronk, Everly Visser

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 Bob De Jong (712-230-2230).

Hospitality

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

Upcoming Events

April 18 – Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m.

April 20 – Easter Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.

April 20 – Easter Worship, 9:30 a.m.

April 20 – Combined Worship at Immanuel, 5:00 p.m.

April 27 – Combined GEMS Worship at Immanuel, 5:00 p.m.

April 30 – Corn Hole Tournament



HE IS RISEN!

Media

April 6 – Shannon Schuller, Riley Mulder, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker
April 13 – Carson Noteboom, Nicholas Noteboom, Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen
April 18 – Linda Ver Steeg, Tyce Van Donge, Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen
April 20 – Phil Kuiken, Drew Noteboom, Jon Hellinga
April 27 – Ryan Van Schouwen, Grant De Groot, Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom
May 4 – Shannon Schuller, Riley Mulder, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker

Sunday Evening Greeters

April 6 – SE-Mark & Gina Zylstra, FHW-Ken & Dawn Beukelman
April 13 – SE-Ross & Amy Bolkema, FHW-Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort
April 20 – *Combined Easter Worship at Immanuel*
April 27 – *Combined GEMS Worship at Immanuel*
May 4 – SE-Orv & Joyce Bruxvoort, FHW-Grant & Heidi De Groot

Sunday Morning Refreshments

April 6 – Bruce & Connie Lefever, Jeremy & Jenn Mills
April 13 – Ryan & Jennifer Mulder, Arlin & Karen Klein
April 20 – *Easter Breakfast – No Coffee*
April 27 – Carol Noteboom & Marla Vande Kamp, Ryan & Jennifer Noteboom
May 4 – Brent & Anita Nykamp, Caleb & Sarah Pluim
May 11 – Ross & Krista Oolman, Don & Ruth Post
May 18 – Ryan & Shanelle Raines, Bert & Kristi Reinders
May 25 – Arlan & Marcia Scholten, Darrell & Cindy Schuller

Bulletin Delivery

April 6 – Arlin & Karen Klein
April 13 – Rod & Sondra De Groot
April 20 – Don & Ruth Post
April 27 – Gary & Anita Jeltema
May 4 – Ed & Ethel Kruid

Ushers

April: SW-Wyatt Nykamp, SE-Ken Beukelman
Center-Clayton Reinders, Shane Schuller
May: SW-Henry Zylstra, SE-Rod De Groot
Center-Arlin Klein, Matt Van Schouwen

NURSERY WORKERS

APRIL 6 AM-JANNA VAN DONGE, KAREN VAN SCHOUWEN,
MADISON SCHULLER
PM-HEIDI DE GROOT, LAUREN NOTEBOOM
APRIL 13 AM-AMY BOLKEMA, NANCY KROEZE, JOSIE NYKAMP
PM-KRISTA OOLMAN, DAVID BOLKEMA
APRIL 18 PM-JODY DE JONG, CLAIRE HELLINGA
APRIL 20 AM-BECKY VISSER, PATTY TIMMERMANS, KYLIE DE GROOT
PM-COMBINED EASTER WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL
APRIL 27 AM-LEIANNA HELLINGA, RUBY ZYLSTRA, CONNOR SCHULLER
PM-COMBINED GEMS WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL
MAY 4 AM-CONNIE LEFEVER, LINDSEY VAN SCHEPEN,
ADDELYN BOLKEMA
PM-JILL JACOBSMA, COLLIN DYKSTRA
MAY 11 AM-SHARI VISSER, JENNIFER NOTEBOOM, GAVIN MILLS
PM-ANITA JELTEMA, SABRINA TIMMERMANS
MAY 18 AM-MARCIA SCHOLTEN, ALLISON TIMMERMANS,
BRENNAN BOLKEMA
PM-MELISSA DYKSTRA, AUTUMN CLARK
MAY 25 AM-SARAH PLUIM, JANICE HAMMING, LILIA VAN SCHEPEN
PM-MARIA NOTEBOOM, KYRA VAN SCHOUWEN
MAY 29 PM-BETHANY SCHULLER, JANELLE ZUIDERVEEN

Children and Worship

April 6 – Leader: Lindsey Van Schepen, Helper: Julia Dykstra
April 13 – Leader: Shari Visser, Helper: Autumn Clark
April 20 – *Easter – No Children and Worship*
April 27 – Leader: Christina Zuiderveen, Helper: Lauren Noteboom
May 4 – Leader: Jenn Mills, Helper: Bethany Schuller

Valet Parking

April – Ryan Raines
May – John Van Kalsbeek

Outreach Committee Report

As a congregation, we can reflect on a challenging and rewarding Mission Emphasis Week. A thank you goes out to Pastor Stephen and Pastor Jordan for providing solid messages and helping us to develop a heart for missions through our Mission/Vision statement.

Orange City Food Pantry thanked us for generously stocking their depleted shelves with items for those in our community with needs.

We had a very successful book drive, providing Global Gospel Books with an abundant amount of materials to help aid the spread of the gospel all over the world. Thanks to Phil Bach for giving direction in the packing process.

For those who provided funds for Leanne Gillson, she gives a hearty thank you. This money was used to purchase items for Leanne to use that go beyond the curriculum of Rehoboth. Being there over 35 years, Leanne has a passion for the students and families of Rehoboth. The items purchased will help students who are dealing with sensory, behavior, social and anger issues. A thank you to Pat Ahrenholz who purchased the items and had them shipped directly to Leanne. She has already received them! Leanne is thrilled to use these items for Kingdom work.

The week concluded with a presentation from One Body One Hope. Karl Kaemingk provided wonderful growth stats, as well as need challenges for the spread of the gospel in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Mission Emphasis Week 2025; to God be the glory!

March Council Report

- The council approved offering a seminary internship to Abraham Niranjana this summer for ten weeks. He will be doing some preaching and visiting along with shadowing Rev. Terpstra and Rev. Helming. We will be looking for a place for him to stay.
- The council approved the professions of faith of Matt and Lana Faulkner. Public profession of faith is scheduled for April 6 along with the baptism of their daughter Violet.
- Delegates to the Classis Heartland meeting March 8 gave a report. The three overtures we submitted were approved. Rev. Terpstra was nominated to attend Synod 2025.
- The council approved the membership transfer request from Jayden Mulder to the Middleburg Free Grace Reformed Church. God's blessings to Jayden in her new church home.
- Church Order Article 59 was reviewed. Baptized members are encouraged to make a public profession of faith, which includes testimony of their faith, life, and doctrine, including a commitment to the creeds and confessions of the church. The article also covers confessing members coming from other congregations both from Christian Reformed and other churches in communion.
- Committee reports were given. The recently completed Mission Emphasis Week was reviewed. Thank you to those who donated books, Bibles, Bible studies, and Sunday School materials for Global Gospel Books; food items for the Orange City Food Pantry; and funds for Leanne Gillson's school project at Rehoboth. A congregational life event is being planned for April and a church potluck is planned for May.
- The financial report for February 2025 was reviewed.
- Nominations for elders and deacons were made.

In His Service,
Curt Ahrenholz, Clerk

Upcoming Offerings

April 6

AM – Sos & Kara Maletoungou

April Mission of the Month

PM – Samaritan's Purse

April 13

AM-Gideons

PM-Unity Christian High School

April 18

PM-Benevolent Fund

April 20

AM-Center for Financial Education

PM-Combined Worship at Immanuel

April 27

AM-GEMS Headquarters

PM-Orange City GEMS

Combined Worship at Immanuel

May 4

AM-Geneva & Areopagus Campus
Ministries

May Missions of the Month

PM-Amistad Cristiana

**The second offering each Sunday
morning is for Christian Education.**