

REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

August 2025

BE STRONG
----and courageous----
DO NOT BE AFRAID
do not be discouraged
FOR THE LORD
YOUR GOD
----will be with you----
WHEREVER YOU GO
-JOSHUA 1:9

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, Arlys Feenstra,
Gladys Hoekstra, Geri Kiel,
Arie & MaryLou Noteboom,
Leona Noteboom, Irene Pennings,
Kathy Schuller

Landsmeer Assisted Living

Henrietta Jeltema,
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.

Hospitality

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



Media

August 3 – Ryan Van Schouwen, Grant De Groot, LeRoy De Jager, Matt Van Schepen
August 10 – Shannon Schuller, Riley Mulder, Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen
August 17 – Carson Noteboom, Nicholas Noteboom, Jon Hellinga
August 24 – Linda Ver Steeg, Tyce Van Donge, Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom
August 31 – Phil Kuiken, Drew Noteboom, Gary Jeltema, Mike Byker
September 7 – Ryan Van Schouwen, Grant De Groot, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker

Sunday Evening Greeters

August 3 – SE-Shane & Denise Schuller, FHW-Carter & Lucy Van Hulzen
August 10 – SE-Ken & Patty Timmermans, FHW-Matt & Karen Van Schouwen
August 17 – SE-Matt & Lindsey Van Schepen, FHW-Shannon & Bethany Schuller
August 24 – SE-John & Judy Van Kalsbeek, FHW-Marlyn & Esther Visser
August 31 – SE-Harlan & Linda Ver Steeg, FHW-Pete & Laura Zomermaand
September 7 – Nate & Christina Zuiderveen, FHW-Mark & Gina Zylstra

Sunday Morning Refreshments

August 3 – Ryan & Shanelle Raines, Ken & Patty Timmermans
August 10 – Curt & Pat Ahrenholz, Mark & Gina Zylstra
August 17 – Nate & Christina Zuiderveen, Ken & Dawn Beukelman
August 24 – Ross & Amy Bolkema, Becky & Shari Visser
August 31 – Orv & Joyce Bruxvoort, Grant & Heidi De Groot
September 7 – Greg & Angela De Groot, Rod & Sondra De Groot
September 14 – Alan & Jody De Jong, Bob & Carla De Jong
September 21 – Loren & Melissa Dykstra, Dennis & Margene Eekhoff
September 28 – Matthew & Lana Faulkner, Wade & Aletha Haarsma

Ushers

August: SW-Josh McBrayer

SE-Mark Kuiken

Center-Ross Bolkema, Brice Kroeze

September: SW-Pete Zomermaand

SE-Harlan Ver Steeg

Center-Alan De Jong, Darrell Schuller

Bulletin Delivery

August 3 – Rod & Sondra De Groot
August 10 – Don & Ruth Post
August 17 – Gary & Anita Jeltema
August 24 – Ed & Ethel Kruid
August 31 – Brian Kroeze
September 7 – Doug Hamming

NURSERY WORKERS

AUGUST 3 AM-ALLISON TIMMERMANS, RUBY ZYLSTRA,
CLAIRE HELLINGA

PM-BETHANY SCHULLER, SABRINA TIMMERMANS

AUGUST 10 AM-MARIA NOTEBOOM, ANITA JELTEMA,
BRENNIA BOLKEMA

PM-SARAH PLUIM, LAUREN NOTEBOOM

AUGUST 17 AM-JANICE HAMMING, AUDREY SCHULLER, AUTUMN CLARK
PM-CHRISTINA ZUIDERVEEN, GARRETT DE GROOT

AUGUST 24 AM-SHAWNDRA KUIKEN, KRISTI REINDERS, KYLIE DE GROOT
PM-MELISSA DYKSTRA, SOPHIA TERPSTRA

AUGUST 31 AM-DENISE SCHULLER, ANGELA DE GROOT,
ADDELYN BOLKEMA

PM-JENN MILLS, CONNOR SCHULLER

SEPTEMBER 7 AM-JENNIFER MULDER, KAREN VAN SCHOUWEN,
LILIA VAN SCHEPEN

PM-HEIDI DE GROOT, JANELLE ZUIDERVEEN

SEPTEMBER 14 AM-NANCY KROEZE, HALEY SCHULLER, JOSIAH HELMING
PM-AMY BOLKEMA, LINDSEY DE GROOT

SEPTEMBER 21 AM-JANNA VAN DONGE, JODY DE JONG,
CALVIN REINDERS

PM-BECKY VISSER, AUDREY ZUIDERVEEN

SEPTEMBER 28 AM-PATTY TIMMERMANS, CONNIE LEFEVER,
MEGAN DE GROOT

PM-JENNIFER NOTEBOOM, AYVA VAN SCHOUWEN

Valet Parking

August – Shannon Schuller

September – Trevor Mulder

THANK YOU

Thank you, church family, for all the expressions of sympathy, the phone calls, cards, visits, flowers, food and kind words in the passing of our granddaughter, Rachel Lamfers of Sioux Falls, SD. She left a testimony to many others by the life she lived. -- Henry & Joyce Dykstra

Thank you for your prayers, concerns and many other acts of kindness shown to us in the last few months. A special thanks to Pastor Terpstra and Pastor Jordan for their visits as well. We are so grateful to be part of a loving, caring church family. – Arnie & Marge Van Gelder

Thank You

We would like to thank Pastor Stephen, Pastor Jordan and Bob De Jong for their visits, phone calls and prayers. Also thank you for all the cards and meals brought in and the prepared meal after visitation.

-Beth Vander Veen & family

What a blessing my church family is! The cards, food, visits, prayers and caring were amazing while I healed from a knee replacement. God blessed me with an easy surgery, short recovery, and no knee pain now. Thank you and praise to the Lord.

- Mar Vande Kamp

Dear First CRC,

A sincere Thank You for each of you that made mom's visitation and funeral so special for our entire family. The love we felt was palpable. -Shawn Langkamp (Lois De Beer's daughter)

To FCRC, Rev. Helming and volunteers Thank you so much for all you've done for my grandma (Lois De Beer) and our family. So grateful for your ministry to her in her final years and moments. Also we are grateful for the time you allowed our family to share at your church, and the delicious lunch your volunteers provided on Thursday eve and Friday after the service. It was such a blessing to remember my grandmother this way and your kindness meant so much.

--Katie Bishop

Dear CRC –

Thank you for being such a beautiful, supportive community for Mom all these years. She loved the church. It was a great source of comfort to her spiritually and emotionally. The visits from the pastors were such highlights.

Thank you

--Keith and Sheila De Boer
(Lois De Beer's daughter)

First CRC Hosts Group During RAGBRAI

Adaptive Sports Iowa, an organization from Ames, took lodging in our fellowship hall to kick off the first day of RAGBRAI. Approximately 65 participants arrived on Saturday at about 4:00 p.m. to set up cots, air mattresses, sleeping bags and innovative bicycles for their trek across Iowa. A coach bus arrived with the cyclists along with four large support trucks. With the fellowship hall empty, they claimed their sports to sleep for the night. Most of the riders rode custom made bicycles adapted to cope with their physical needs. On Sunday morning they were awakened at 5:00 a.m. and by 6, they were at the starting point. Many expressed thanks to First CRC for our hospitality.



