

# REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church  
Orange City, Iowa

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December 2024

REJOICE

AND BE

GLAD

*Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.*

## 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,  
Otto & Pris Huizenga,  
Arie & MaryLou Noteboom,  
Irene Pennings, Marv Vander Veen

### **Landsmeer Assisted Living**

Henrietta Jeltema, Geri Kiel,  
Leona Noteboom, Bill Van Zanten,  
Everly Visser

### **Royale Meadows**

Joan Den Hartog

### **Whispering Heights (Rock Valley)**

Jake Van Den Hul

### **Heartland Care Center (Marcus)**

Joan Spronk

## Transportation

If you need a ride to a church service or another activity in church, please contact Bob De Jong or Greg De Groot.

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## *Hospitality*

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

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## Upcoming Events

December 22 – Service of Lessons and Carols, 6:00 p.m.

December 25 – Christmas Day Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Come let us  
*Adore*  
Him



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## Media

December 1 – Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom, Riley Mulder, Shannon Schuller  
December 8 – LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker, Nicholas Noteboom, Carson Noteboom  
December 15 – Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen, Tyce Van Donge, Linda Ver Steeg  
December 22 – Jon Hellinga, Riley Mulder, Phil Kuiken  
December 25 – Jon Hellinga, Grant De Groot, Ryan Van Schouwen  
December 29 – Gary Jeltema, Mike Byker, Drew Noteboom, Shannon Schuller  
January 1 – Gary Jeltema, Mike Byker, Nicholas Noteboom, Carson Noteboom

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## Sunday Evening Greeters

December 1 – SE-Henry & Joyce Dykstra, FHW-Loren & Melissa Dykstra  
December 8 – SE-Dennis & Margene Eekhoff, FHW-Wade & Aletha Haarsma  
December 15 – SE-Doug & Janice Hamming, FHW-Justin & Stephanie Hellinga  
December 22 – SE-Gary & Anita Jeltema, FHW-Ed & Marla Hoogland  
December 29 – SE-Tyler & Trey Kroeze, FHW-Arlin & Karen Klein

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## Sunday Morning Refreshments

December 1 – Arlan & Marcia Scholten, Darrell & Cindy Schuller  
December 8 – Shane & Denise Schuller, Ken & Patty Timmermans  
December 15 – Don & Bev Snieder, Shannon & Bethany Schuller  
December 22 – Kevin & Janna Van Donge, Brent & Anita Nykamp  
December 29 – Matt & Lindsey Van Schepen, Matt & Karen Van Schouwen  
January 5 – Harlan & Linda Ver Steeg, Shari & Becky Visser  
January 12 – Tunis & Kathy Vollink, Mark & Gina Zylstra  
January 19 – Curt & Pat Ahrenholz, Ken & Dawn Beukelman  
January 26 – Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort, Grant & Heidi De Groot

## Bulletin Delivery

December 1 – Doug Hamming  
December 8 – Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort  
December 15 – Arlin & Karen Klein  
December 22 – Rod & Sondra De Groot  
December 29 – Don & Ruth Post  
January 5 – Gary & Anita Jeltema

## NURSERY WORKERS

DECEMBER 1 AM-JENNIFER NOTEBOOM, JODY DE JONG, PARKER MILLS

PM-CONNIE LEFEVER, KYLIE DE GROOT

DECEMBER 8 AM-LEIANNA HELLINGA, ANITA JELTEMA,

AUTUMN KROEZE

PM-SARAH PLUIM, JOSIE NYKAMP

DECEMBER 15 AM-ANGELA DE GROOT, JILL JACOBSMA,

DAVID BOLKEMA

PM-MARIA NOTEBOOM, MADISON SCHULLER

DECEMBER 22 AM-ALLISON TIMMERMANS, MELISSA DYKSTRA,

CONNOR SCHULLER

PM-KRISTI REINDERS, GAVIN MILLS

DECEMBER 25 AM-JAYDEN MULDER, MARCIA SCHOLTEN,

JULIA DYKSTRA

DECEMBER 29 AM-JENN MILLS, AUDREY SCHULLER, CLAIRE HELLINGA

PM-BETHANY SCHULLER, BRENNIA BOLKEMA

JANUARY 1 AM-KAREN VAN SCHOUWEN, LAUREN NOTEBOOM,

ADELYNN BOLKEMA

JANUARY 5 AM-CHRISTINA ZUIDERVEEN, DENISE SCHULLER,

JOSIAH HELMING

PM-JENNIFER MULDER, RUBY ZYLSTRA

JANUARY 12 AM-JANICE HAMMING, AUTUMN CLARK,

LILIA VAN SCHEPEN

PM-JANNA VAN DONGE, SABRINA TIMMERMANS

JANUARY 19 AM-HEIDI DE GROOT, LINDSEY VAN SCHEPEN,

BEAU HELLINGA

PM-AMY BOLKEMA, SOPHIA TERPSTRA

JANUARY 26 AM-KRISTA OOLMAN, SHAWNDR A KUIKEN,

KALEB DE GROOT

PM-COMBINED WORSHIP AT CALVARY (CADET SUNDAY)

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## Children and Worship

December 1 – *Off for Thanksgiving*

December 8 – Leader: Lindsey Van Schepen

Greeter: Karli Noteboom

December 15 – Leader: Shari Visser; Greeter: Jennifer Mulder

December 22 – *Off for Christmas*

December 29 – *Off for New Years*

## THANK YOU

We want to say thank you to everyone who supported us both when Sadie initially spent time in Sioux Falls back in September and when she had her surgery in October. Whether it was a card, food, gifts to put a smile on Sadie's face, helping with our other kids, or an encouraging note or prayer, every little thing added up to be a huge support for our family. It was such a blessing knowing so many people were praying for us. A special thanks to Pastor Jordan for visiting us in the hospital, and to Doug and Kathy for visiting and graciously going out of their way to give Matt and Sadie a ride home from the hospital. We appreciate our church family so much!

- the Van Schepens

Thank you for the prayers and cards for our extended family as we mourn the passing of our niece and cousin, Sarah Jelgerhuis. Our hearts are heavy but we are comforted in our sadness by the peace that comes from God's promises of grace and salvation.

- Mike & Maria Byker and family

Thank you for the kind words, cards, and gifts we received during Pastor Appreciation Month. It is a joy to serve this congregation, and we are grateful for your support and encouragement.

- Pastor Jordan

In March of 2024, our church had the opportunity to assemble lights that would be sent to the Ukraine. Each unit, once charged by 8 hours of sunlight, can provide 10+ hours of light for one room, or a dim nightlight for a week. On November 20, we received word that the lights had made it to the Ukraine and were being distributed! Below are pictures of the assembly of the lights, followed by pictures of the same lights in the Ukraine.





