

REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

February 2025

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For Love Is Of God

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,
Deb De Boer, Arlys Feenstra,
Gladys Hoekstra,
Arie & MaryLou Noteboom,
Leona Noteboom, Irene Pennings,
Marv Vander Veen

Landsmeer Assisted Living

Henrietta Jeltema, Geri Kiel,
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.

Hospitality

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

Upcoming Events

February 5 – GEMS/Gents Night at OCCS, 6:00 p.m.

February 19 – Youth Group Fundraiser, 6:00 p.m.



Media

February 2 – Carson Noteboom, Nicholas Noteboom, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker
February 9 – Linda Ver Steeg, Tyce Van Donge, Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen
February 16 – Phil Kuiken, Drew Noteboom, Jon Hellinga
February 23 – Ryan Van Schouwen, Grant De Groot, Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom
March 2 – Shannon Schuller, Riley Mulder, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker

Sunday Evening Greeters

February 2 – SE- Caleb & Sarah Pluim, FHW-Don & Ruth Post
February 9 – SE-Arlan & Marcia Scholten, FHW-Ryan & Shanelle Raines
February 16 – SE-Shane & Denise Schuller, FHW-Darrell & Cindy Schuller
February 23 – SE-Shannon & Bethany Schuller, FHW-Kevin & Janna Van Donge
March 2 – SE-John & Judy Van Kalsbeek, FHW-Matt & Lindsey Van Schepen

Sunday Morning Refreshments

February 2 – Nate & Christina Zuiderveen, Ross & Amy Bolkema
February 9 – Greg & Angela De Groot, Rod & Sondra De Groot
February 16 – Pete & Laura Zomermaand, Doug & Kathy De Haan
February 23 – Alan & Jody De Jong, Bob & Carla De Jong
March 2 – Loren & Melissa Dykstra, Wade & Aletha Haarsma
March 9 – Jon & Leianna Hellinga, Justin & Stephanie Hellinga
March 16 – Ed & Marla Hoogland, Gary & Anita Jeltema
March 23 – Arin & Karen Klein, Brian & Nancy Kroeze
March 30 – Brice & Lanae Kroeze, Ed & Ethel Kruid

Bulletin Delivery

February 2 – Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort
February 9 – Arlin & Karen Klein
February 16 – Rod & Sondra De Groot
February 23 – Don & Ruth Post
March 2 – Gary & Anita Jeltema

NURSERY WORKERS

FEBRUARY 2 AM-PATTY TIMMERMANS, BECKY VISSER,
KYRA VAN SCHOUWEN
PM-NANCY KROEZE, JANELLE ZUIDERVEEN
FEBRUARY 9 AM-SHARI VISSER, LEIANNA HELLINGA, CARTER SCHULLER
PM-CONNIE LEFEVER, HALEY SCHULLER
FEBRUARY 16 AM-JODY DE JONG, SARAH PLUIM, GRAHAM KUIKEN
PM-JILL JACOBSMA, COLLIN DYKSTRA
FEBRUARY 23 AM-ANITA JELTEMA, JENNIFER NOTEBOOM,
CALVIN REINDERS
PM-MELISSA DYKSTRA, LINDSEY DEGROOT
MARCH 2 AM-MARIA NOTEBOOM, ALLISON TIMMERMANS,
AUDREY ZUIDERVEEN
PM-MARCIA SCHOLTEN, KARLI NOTEBOOM
MARCH 9 AM-ANGELA DE GROOT, BETHANY SCHULLER,
CADEN VAN SCHEPEN
PM-JENN MILLS, GARRETT DE GROOT
MARCH 16 AM-KRISTI REINDERS, JAYDEN MULDER,
AYVA VAN SCHOUWEN
MARCH 16 PM-COMBINED WORSHIP AT CALVARY FOR PRAYER DAY
MARCH 23 AM-JANICE HAMMING, AUDREY SCHULLER, PARKER MILLS
PM-SHAWNDRRA KUIKEN, JULIA DYKSTRA
MARCH 30 AM-JENNIFER MULDER, DENISE SCHULLER,
AUTUMN KROEZE
PM-CHRISTINA ZUIDERVEEN, JOEL HAMMING

Children and Worship

February 2 – Leader: Christina Zuiderveen, Helper: Jill Jacobsma
February 9 – Leader: Shari Visser, Helper: Haley Schuller
February 16 – Leader: Jenn Mills, Helper: Ayva Van Schouwen
February 23 – Leader: Kristi Reinders, Helper: Sabrina Timmermans
March 2 – Leader: Lindsey Van Schepen, Helper: Kyra Van Schouwen

THANK YOU

Thank you doesn't begin to cover it, but thank you. Thank you for the many acts of kindness shown to us in the loss of our dad. Thank you for the visits, the hugs, the cards, the words of sympathy, and the memorial gifts. Thank you to those who helped with the meal following visitation, and for the wonderful ladies who served the meal after the memorial service. A special thank you to Pastor Stephen, Pastor Jordan and Elder Bob De Jong for the many visits. Dad really appreciated them and so did we.

The First CRC congregation was near and dear to Dad's heart. He always enjoyed hearing what was happening at church and watching the services on his ipad. It wasn't that long before he passed away that he said he really wanted to come to church, even though he knew his physical limitations made that too difficult. He missed seeing you and worshipping together!

It was great to hear the memories of our parents that many of you shared with us. While we miss dad, he lived a long life and he is whole and well again. We praise God for that assurance! Thank you again for everything!

The family of Otto Huizenga:
Mark and LuAnn Wagenaar
Bryon and Ruth Schelling
Randy and Bev VanDe Griend
Mike and Maria Byker
Orlan and Rebecca Huizenga
and families.

Valet Parking

February – Trevor Mulder

March – Kaleb Hamming

Ushers

February: SW-Trey Kroeze, SE-Logan Dykstra

Center-Wade Haarsma, Kaleb Hamming

March: SW-Warren Dekkers, SE-Tyler Kroeze

Center-Ryan Mulder, Mark Zylstra

January Council Report

- The Council accepted the membership transfers of Deb De Boer from Living Water Community Church and of Lanae Kroeze from Carmel Reformed Church.
- Church Order Article 57 was reviewed. Adults who have not been baptized shall receive holy baptism upon public profession of faith. The form for the Baptism of Adults shall be used for such public professions.
- Committee reports were given. Mission Emphasis Week is scheduled for March 9-16 with the theme of God's Heart for Nations.
- The financial report for December 2024 was reviewed.
- The Council approved a Seminary Internship Program where our church has the opportunity to train, encourage, build up and shape seminary students for life-long productive ministry. This is normally a 10 week summer internship. We will wait to hear of any possible seminary students interested in our church.
- The Council approved Mission, Vision, Ministry Strategy and Principles statements for our church. These statements will be presented to the congregation through sermons and adult Sunday school classes.
- The Council approved three related overtures to Classis Heartland for educational materials in training all officebearers including a study of the Covenant for Officebearers, the Creeds and Confessions, church structure, and the ministry tasks for their particular office.

In His Service,
Curt Ahrenholz, Clerk

I would like to thank the congregation for their cooperation and positive response to the new church picture directory. The committee hopes you find it useful and helpful in your place in this church family. As time goes on we will be able to continue to build the book and easily keep it current, but keep in mind you will need to assist us from time to time when changes need to be made in your information. I also want to give special recognition to my committee members who did a wonderful job putting this all together: Jenn Mills, Jenn Mulder, Anita Nykamp, Christine Terpstra, and Maria Byker

Bruce Lefever, Committee
Chairperson

Thank you for ordering from the frozen meal fundraiser for our trip to Paradise Bound Ministries in Guatemala with Hope CRC.

Nancy and Trey Kroeze

Thank-you, First Christian Reformed Church, for your gift! Outside my office window is the color green, even this time of year; it's in the form of ever green bushes.

Evergreens can always grow, even during a Midwest winter. The greens remind me of how our redeeming God knows each person, and by His grace, He has given them the capacity to know Him back, and to grow in Him. In our Gospel outreach to new Americans, we are blessed to know many who identify with religions which do not know God as the Bible teaches. It's fulfilling to work in, and to empower other believers to work in, the harvest fields of Him who "is patient..., not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). Your support makes a big difference in that. --- Fred W., New Roots Ministry, Sioux Falls

PRISCILLA DE JONG HUIZENGA



Mrs. Priscilla Huizenga, age 89, of Orange City, passed away on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at the Orange City Area Health System.

Priscilla was born on January 15, 1936, in Ireton, the daughter of Peter J. and Anna (Jansma) Statema. She was raised in Ireton and graduated from the Ireton High School. She then went to Northwestern College in Orange City for one year before moving to Volga, South Dakota, where she taught intermediate school for a couple of years.

On June 6, 1956, she was united in marriage to Julius De Jong in Ireton. They made their home in Orange City until 1966, when they moved to Rock Valley. There they were members of the Calvin Christian Reformed Church and Priscilla helped with cleaning at Hope Haven. In 1976, the family opened the Towne House Restaurant, where Priscilla was a cook until 2000. Julius passed away on May 26, 1989, in Rock Valley, after more than 32 years of marriage.

On June 17, 2000, she married Otto Alvin Huizenga in Rock Valley, and they made their home in Orange City, where they were members of the First Christian Reformed Church. In July of 2021, they moved to the Landsmeer Ridge Retirement Community and in May of 2022, she became a resident of the Prairie Ridge Care Center, both in Orange City. Otto passed away on December 29, 2024, in Orange City, after more than 24 years of marriage.

Priscilla enjoyed sewing, especially clothing, and she even made her daughters' wedding dresses. She also liked to read and could play both the piano and organ by ear.

Survivors include her five children, Barb, and her husband, Gary Blom, of Hull; Pam De Jong, of Sheldon; Tim De Jong, and his wife, Lynette, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Nancy, and her husband, Myron Gradert, of Sioux Center; and Mike De Jong, and his fiancé, Angila Moffit, both of Orange City; ten grandchildren, Jonathan Blom, and his wife, Melanie; Libby, and her husband, Dan Faber; Ashley, and her husband, Craig Laackmann; Allie, and her husband, Tyce Bucknell; Zach De Jong; Daniel Gradert, and his wife, Miranda; Josh Gradert, and his wife, Leah; Cody Gradert, and his wife, Katelyn; Matthew De Jong; and Josie De Jong; fifteen great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Bertha Statema, of Ireton; Delores De Jong, of Honey Creek; and Rose Te Grotenhuis, of Orange City; and a brother-in-law and his wife, Wilbur and JoAnn De Jong, of Orange City; as well as Otto's children and their families, LuAnn and Mark Wagenaar and Ruth and Bryon Schelling, all of Lynden, Washington; and Bev and Randy VanDe Griend, Maria and Mike Byker, and Orlan and Rebecca Huizenga, all of Orange City; along with numerous nieces and nephews.