

REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

February 2026



*"So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has
for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God,
and God abides in him."*

1 JOHN 4:16

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

Landsmeer Assisted Living

Henrietta Jeltema,
Joan Spronk, Everly Visser

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

February 1 – Ice Cream Social and Hymn Sing

February 18 – Youth Group Fundraiser



Media

February 1 – Shannon Schuller, Tyce Van Donge, Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen
February 8 – Carson Noteboom, Drew Noteboom, Jon Hellinga
February 15 – Phil Kuiken, Grant De Groot, Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom
February 22 – Ryan Van Schouwen, Nicholas Noteboom, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker
March 1 – Shannon Schuller, Lindsey De Groot, Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen

Sunday Evening Greeters

February 1 – SE-Alan & Jody De Jong, FHW-Warren & Ruth Dekkers
February 8 – SE-Loren & Melissa Dykstra, FHW-Matt & Lana Faulkner
February 15 – SE-Mark & Cindy Huizenga, FHW-Justin & Stephanie Hellinga
February 22 – SE-Rev. Jordan & Luralyn Helming, FHW-Gary & Anita Jeltema
March 1 – SE-Bruce & Connie Lefever, FHW-Mark & Vi Kuiken

Sunday Morning Refreshments

February 1 – Curt & Pat Ahrenholz, Ross & Amy Bolkema
February 8 – Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort, Grant & Heidi De Groot
February 15 – Greg & Angela De Groot, Rod & Sondra De Groot
February 22 – Phil & Shawndra Kuiken, Bruce & Connie Lefever
March 1 – Alan & Jody De Jong, Loren & Melissa Dykstra
March 8 – Wade & Aletha Haarsma, Ed & Marla Hoogland
March 15 – Bob & Carla De Jong, Matt & Lana Faulkner
March 22 – Jon & Leianna Hellinga, Justin & Stephanie Hellinga
March 29 – Arlin & Karen Klein, Brian & Nancy Kroeze

Ushers

February: SW-Gavin Mills

SE-Arlin Klein

Center-Matt Van Schepen

Bert Reinders

March: SW-Henry Zylstra

SE-Doug Hamming

Center-Mark Kuiken

Matt Van Schouwen

Bulletin Delivery

February 1 – Gary & Anita Jeltema

February 8 – Ed & Ethel Kruid

February 15 – Brian Kroeze

February 22 – Doug Hamming

March 1 – Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort

Valet Parking

February – Ryan Mulder

March – Shannon Schuller

NURSERY WORKERS

FEBRUARY 1 AM-NANCY KROEZE, JANNA VAN DONGE, JOSIE NYKAMP
PM-AMY BOLKEMA, AUTUMN CLARK

FEBRUARY 8 AM-KAREN VAN SCHOUWEN, CONNIE LEFEVER, JOSIAH HELMING
PM-ALLISON TIMMERMANS, LAUREN NOTEBOOM

FEBRUARY 15 AM-ANGELA DE GROOT, JODY DE JONG, KALEB DE GROOT
PM-JENNIFER NOTEBOOM, CALVIN REINDERS

FEBRUARY 22 AM-LEIANNA HELLINGA, BECKY VISSER, DEACON OOLMAN
PM-PATTY TIMMERMANS, CLAIRE HELLINGA

MARCH 1 AM-JANICE HAMMING, MARCIA SCHOLTEN, JACOB ZUIDERVEEN
PM-JENNIFER MILLS, BRENNIA BOLKEMA

MARCH 8 AM-HEIDI DE GROOT, SHARI VISSER, BEAU HELLINGA
PM-PRAYER DAY WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

MARCH 15 AM-SARAH PLUIM, BETHANY SCHULLER, JANELLE ZUIDERVEEN
PM-MARIA NOTEBOOM, CARTER SCHULLER

MARCH 22 AM-SHAWNDRA KUIKEN, LUCY VAN HULZEN, PARKER MILLS
PM-MELISSA DYKSTRA, LILIA VAN SCHEPEN

MARCH 29 AM-JILL JACOBSMA, KRISTA OOLMAN, GRAHAM KUIKEN
PM-ANITA JELTEMA, AYVA VAN SCHOUWEN

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

February 1 – *The Great Pearl*
Leader: Jenn Mills Helper: Autumn Kroeze

February 8 – *The Sower*
Leader: Kristi Reinders Helper: Sophia Terpstra

February 15 – *No Children and Worship*

February 22 – *The Good Samaritan*
Leader: Shari Visser Helper: Lindsey De Groot

March 1 – *The Great Banquet*
Leader: Christina Zuiderveen Helper: Haley Schuller

We would like to thank everyone who sent us birthday wishes and also to our youth group and their leaders for the snack bags they brought us. We are thankful for our caring church.

--Jim & Marilyn Goslinga

Thank you so much for the pumpkin pie, I shared it with my family. Thank you for the sack of goodies from the youth group, the poinsettia from the council and the carolers that came to sing. I'm so grateful for the love shown to me from our church family during the holidays and always.

--Mary Obbink

We are so thankful for the many cards, kind words, gifts, and hugs we received when both of Jordan's grandparents died in recent weeks. Christ continues to show us great mercy and comfort through the members and ministry of First CRC.

--The Helmings

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia and for coming to carol! Thank you, too, Youth Group, for the bag of goodies and the short visit!

--Murt Vogel

*Thank
you!*

January Council Report

- Rev. Terpstra reviewed articles of the Church Order concerning the office of elder.
- Committee reports were given.
- The council reviewed the church's severe storm policy – when a severe thunderstorm warning, tornado warning, or winter storm warning is issued within an hour of the start of church services, the service will be cancelled. Announcements will be sent by email, put on the First CRC Facebook page, and broadcast on local radio stations (KSOU 93.9 and KIWA 105.3).
- The financial reports for December 2025 were reviewed.
- Just a reminder that church doors will be locked during the week and will be unlocked for services and events. Key fobs are available for church members upon request.

In His Service,
Curt Ahrenholz, Clerk

Upcoming Offerings

February 1

AM-The Gospel Mission

February Mission of the Month

PM-General Fund

February 8

AM-Pioneer Home

PM-Unity Christian High School

February 15

AM-Bethesda Christian Counseling

PM-Center for Financial Education

February 22

AM-The Gideons

PM-Genesis House

March 1

AM-Paradise Bound Ministries

March Mission of the Month

PM-Mission and Service Project Fund

The second offering each Sunday morning is for Christian Education.

In an ever-changing world, the council has decided that for the sake of the safety of the building, but more importantly for the safety of the staff, the church will be locked during the week. The doors will be unlocked for services and events. If you come during office hours, Maria will let you in.

Four doors to the fellowship hall have fob readers. A fob will be available to any adult who requests one and will allow access to the building. If you would like a fob, you can request one from the office. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to talk to a council member.



Journey Towards a New Africa
“Empowering Christian Educators for Holistic Transformation”

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners at First CRC,

Thank you for your ongoing support and faithful prayers for our ministry. We are deeply grateful.

In the coming year, ACSI Africa looks forward to equipping and certifying about 200 additional teachers in biblical worldview and integration, building on the nearly 50 teachers who graduated last year as part of our first African cohort in Zimbabwe and Kenya.

Additionally, we will convene a regional roundtable on Christian education in East Africa in Nairobi, Kenya, in April. This gathering will bring together churches, families, and schools to collectively discern God’s direction and respond to the urgent call to prepare the next generation through Christ-centered education for lasting transformation.

The second Africa Week of Christian Education (SAEduc26), scheduled for October, anticipates the participation of hundreds of churches and schools and thousands of individuals across the continent.

Sosthene is also working closely with his Africa team to establish an Africa Accreditation Commission—an independent body of education specialists dedicated to upholding high standards of quality and excellence in Christian education, including teaching and learning practices and biblically integrated curricula.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer for what God is doing through Christian education in Africa.

With gratitude,
Sosthene & Kara