

REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

January 2025

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morning

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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,
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.

Hospitality

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

Upcoming Events

January 8 – Service at Pioneer Home by Care Unit 1
(Ahrenholz/De Jager), 7:00 p.m.

January 9 – Young Adults Game Night at the Terpstras

January 18 – Bridal Shower for Lucy Zylstra, 9:30 a.m.



Media

January 5 – Linda Ver Steeg, Tyce Van Donge, Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom
January 12 – Phil Kuiken, Drew Noteboom, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker
January 19 – Ryan Van Schouwen, Grant De Groot, Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen
January 26 – Shannon Schuller, Riley Mulder, Gary Jeltema, Jon Hellinga
February 2 – Carson Noteboom, Nicholas Noteboom, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker

Sunday Evening Greeters

January 5 – SE-Mark & Vi Kuiken, FHW-Bruce & Connie Lefever
January 12 – SE-Josh & Ema McBayer, FHW-Ryan & Jennifer Mulder
January 19 – SE-Ryan & Jennifer Noteboom, Brent & Anita Nykamp
January 26 – *Combined Worship at Calvary*
February 2 – SE- Caleb & Sarah Pluim, FHW-Don & Ruth Post

Sunday Morning Refreshments

January 5 – Harlan & Linda Ver Steeg, Shannon & Bethany Schuller
January 12 – Tunis & Kathy Vollink, Mark & Gina Zylstra
January 19 – Curt & Pat Ahrenholz, Mike & Maria Byker
January 26 – Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort, Grant & Heidi De Groot
February 2 – Nate & Christina Zuiderveen, Ross & Amy Bolkema
February 9 – Pete & Laura Zomermaand, Rod & Sondra De Groot
February 16 – Greg & Angela De Groot, Doug & Kathy De Haan
February 23 – Alan & Jody De Jong, Bob & Carla De Jong

Bulletin Delivery

January 5 – Gary & Anita Jeltema
January 12 – Ed & Ethel Kruid
January 19 – Brian Kroeze
January 26 – Doug Hamming

NURSERY WORKERS

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*)

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

Children and Worship

January 5 – Leader: Jenn Mills, Helper: Sarah Pluim

January 12 – Leader: Christina Zuiderveen, Helper: Sarah Pluim

January 19 – Leader: Lindsey Van Schepen,
Helper: Angela De Groot

January 26 – Leader: Kristi Reinders, Helper: Autumn Kroeze

February 2 – Leader: Christina Zuiderveen, Helper: Jill Jacobsma

THANK YOU

Thank you to Pastor Terpstra, Pastor Helming and Elder Bob De Jong for their visits and prayers. Thank you for the pie we shared with Prairie Ridge, and for the poinsettia that brightened the room. Thank you to the youth group for the bags of goodies and for thinking of us.

Thank you, church family, for the visits, calls and cards. Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to you!

--Marv & Beth Vander Veen

Thank you for the cards, hugs, words of encouragement and food we received in the loss of Mike's dear mother, Nelma Byker. Your care and concern is so appreciated as we go through this loss.

--Mike & Maria Byker family

A big thank you to the council for the beautiful poinsettia and to the youth group for the goodie bag. Thank you also to those who have sent cards and visited us.

--Harold & Gladys Hoekstra

To the Youth Group and leaders: We thank you for your Christmas gift of nuts and fruit that you brought over. We are thankful that you think of us.

--John & Claretta Lobbes

A sincere thank you to the donor of the pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving. Thank you to the GEMS for the treat and the youth group for their treat. Thank you for the poinsettia as well. It is such a blessing to be remembered so well. God bless each of you.

--Delores Smit

Valet Parking

January – Shannon Schuller

February – Trevor Mulder

Ushers

January: SW-Justin Hellinga, SE-Pete Zomermaand
Center-Nate Zuiderveen, Ross Bolkema

February: SW-Trey Kroeze, SE-Logan Dykstra
Center-Wade Haarsma, Kaleb Hamming

Upcoming Offerings:

January 5

AM – Katelyn's Fund

(January Mission of the Month)

PM – Building Fund

January 12

AM – Bible League, Benevolent Fund

PM – Orange City Christian School

January 19

AM – One Body One Hope

PM – Orange City Sack Pack

January 26

AM – Cadets International

PM – Orange City Cadets

February 2

AM – Sioux City Gospel Mission

(February Mission of the Month)

PM – Family Crisis Center

THANK YOU

Thanks for prayers and visits while I was in the hospital and laid up. Thanks for the poinsettia also given by church. Thanks to all!

--Carol Noteboom

Thank you for the poinsettias, and thank you to the youth group for the goodies. They were delicious. Thank you to all the musicians and all the volunteers that made this a very joyful time of the year. I am so blessed.

--Kathy Schuller

A huge thank you to the donor of the great pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving! Thank you to the youth group for coming to my door with the bag of fruit, nuts and candy. And thank you for the beautiful poinsettia. Very thoughtful.

--Murt Vogel

Thank you to the advent readers this year. It was a pleasure to call and get a positive response, you were all so willing to help. Thank you to the Zuiderveens, Hammings, Hellingas, Eekhoffs and Kroezees.

--Linda Ver Steeg

Thank you so much council members for the beautiful poinsettia which I am still enjoying, and also thank you to the youth group for raking my leaves (in the rain) this fall and for the sack of Christmas goodies! Truly appreciated the prayers, kindness and love shown to me from my church family.

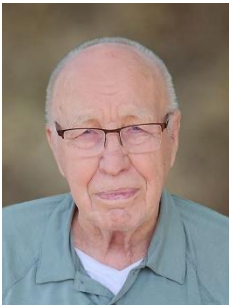
--Mary Obbink

November/December Council Report

- In November, the council was privileged to hear the professions of faith of eight of our young people. Please continue to pray for our youth as they journey through their faith walk.
- Church Order Article 55 was reviewed. The sacraments shall be administered upon the authority of the consistory in the public worship service by a minister of the Word, a commissioned pastor, or an ordained person who has received approval of classis.
- Church Order Article 56 was reviewed. The covenant of God shall be sealed to children of confessing members by holy baptism. Upon their baptism, children shall be designated as "baptized member."
- Committee reports were given. Carpets throughout the church facility have been cleaned. The council approved the insurance quote from Van Engelenhoven Agency.
- The financial reports for October and November 2024 were reviewed.

In His Service,

Curt Ahrenholz, Clerk



In Memory - Otto A. Huizenga

Mr. Otto Huizenga, age 91, of Orange City, passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at the Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City.

The memorial service was on Thursday, January 2. Rev. Stephen Terpstra and the Rev. Jordan Helming officiated.

Otto Alvin was born on April 21, 1933, in Orange City, the son of Tony and Rena (Jasper) Huizenga. He was raised in Orange City and attended the Orange City Christian School. In 1955, he enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed at Camp Chaffy Arkansas and Fort Lewis Washington. He was honorably discharged in 1957 and returned to Orange City.

On May 8, 1957, he was united in marriage to Madelyne Statema in Ireton. They made their home in Orange City, where in earlier years, Otto was employed by Pals Transfer and Northwest REC. They then operated O & M Grocery Stores in Orange City and Maurice and were janitors at Northwestern State Bank in Orange City. In later years, Otto made local deliveries for Casey's Bakery, Pluim Publishing, and Don's Food Center. Madelyne passed away on February 27, 1998, in Orange City, after more than forty years of marriage.

On June 17, 2000, Otto was united in marriage to Priscilla (Statema) De Jong in Rock Valley, and together they made their home in Orange City. On July 7, 2021, he and Priscilla moved to the Landsmeer Ridge Retirement Community in Orange City, and since March of 2022, Otto has been a resident of the Prairie Ridge Care Center.

Otto was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church in Orange City and in earlier years he served on the boards of the Orange City Christian School and New Life Treatment Center in Woodstock, Minnesota. He enjoyed going camping with his family and traveling, which included many trips to Lynden, Washington to visit his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include five children and their spouses, 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; a son-in-law, Larry Plagerman, of Everson, Washington; thirteen grandchildren, Aaron Wagenaar, and his wife, Elise; Caleb Wagenaar; Adam Wagenaar, and his wife, Alanna; Kelvin Plagerman, and his wife, Tanya; Cassie Schelling; Blake Schelling; Rebecca, and her husband, Dan Laird; Jacob VanDe Griend, and his wife, Leandra; Klay Byker, and his wife, Justine; Sam Byker; Emma Byker; Madelyne Huizenga; and Makenna Huizenga; eight great-grandchildren (with one on the way); two brothers, Ervin "Ike" Huizenga, and Willard Huizenga, and his wife, Linda, all of Orange City; and Priscilla's children and their families, Barb and Gary Blom, of Hull; Pam De Jong, of Sheldon; Tim and Lynette De Jong, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Nancy and Myron Gradert, of Sioux Center; and Mike De Jong, of Orange City; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Laura Plagerman; two grandchildren, Melanie Plagerman and Nathaniel Schelling; a brother, Julius Huizenga; and a sister-in-law, Eva Huizenga.