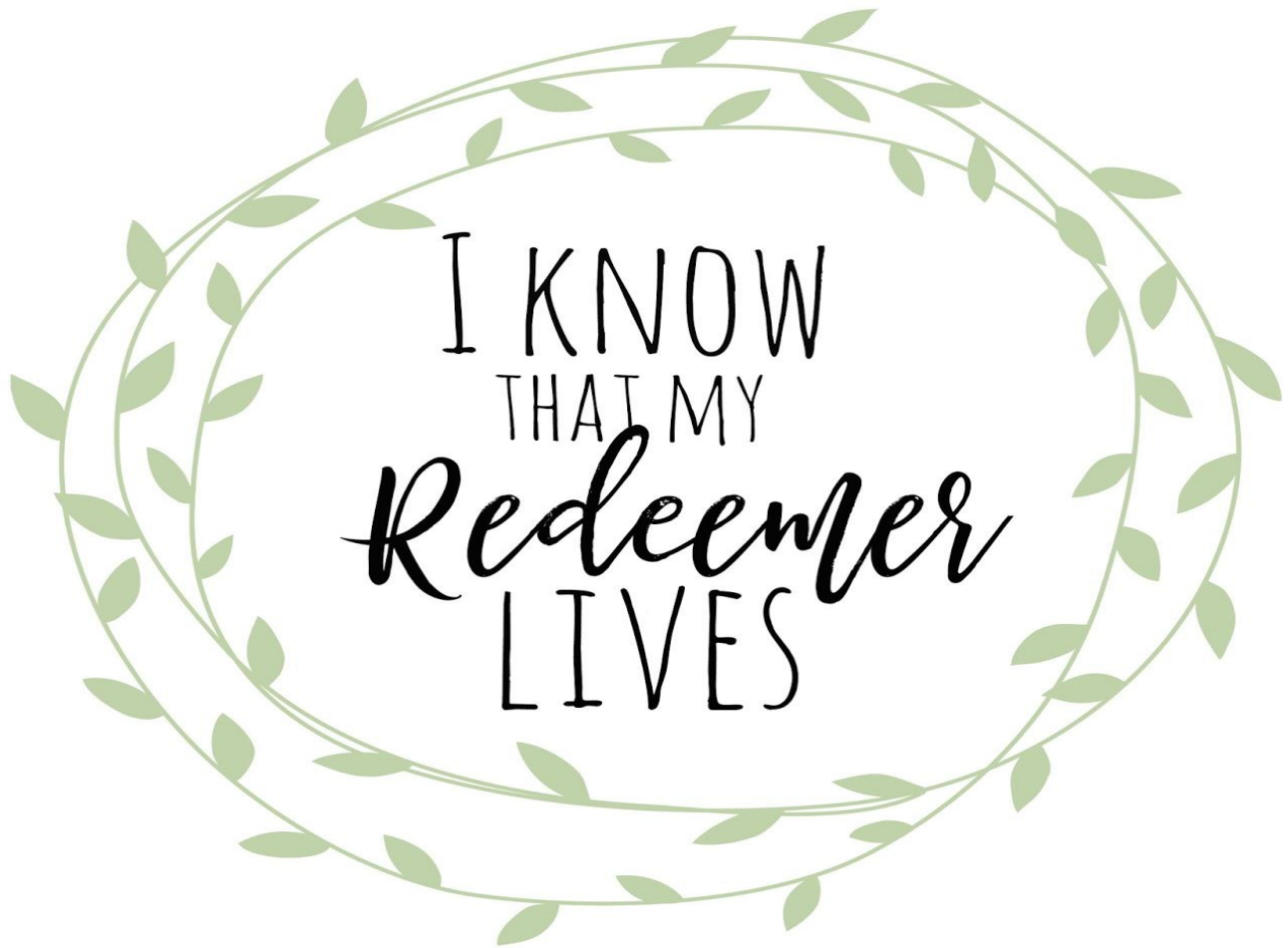


# REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church  
Orange City, Iowa

June/July 2023

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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 unable to worship with us on a regular basis:

### **Prairie Ridge Care Center**

Helen Anderson, Elizabeth Dykstra,  
Lois De Beer, Arlys Feenstra,  
Otto & Pris Huizenga,  
Arie & MaryLou Noteboom,  
Irene Pennings, Kathleen Van Wyk

### **Landsmeer Assisted Living**

Henrietta Jeltema, Leona Noteboom

### **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 Darrell Schuller or Matt Van Schouwen.

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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*

June 11 – Service at Prairie Ridge Care Center, Care Unity #2 (Reinders/Bolkema), 2:30 p.m.

June 12 – Congregational Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

But **Seek** ye first the kingdom of **God**

and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you . . .

Matthew 6.33

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## Sunday Evening Greeters

June 4 – SE-Justin & Stephanie Hellinga, FHW-Pastor Jordan & Luralyn Helming  
June 11 – SE-Arlin & Karen Klein, FHW-Brian & Nancy Kroeze  
June 18 – SE-Brice & Tyler Kroeze, FHW-Phil & Shawndra Kuiken  
June 25 – SE-Josh & Ema McBrayer, FHW-Ryan & Jennifer Mulder  
July 2 – SE-Nick & Maria Noteboom, FHW-Brent & Anita Nykamp  
July 9 – SE-Karen & Rhonda Pennings, FHW-Don & Ruth Post  
July 16 – SE-Arlan & Marcia Scholten, FHW-Ryan & Shanelle Raines  
July 23 – SE-Shannon & Bethany Schuller, FHW-Doug & Audrey Schuller  
July 30 – SE-Shane & Denise Schuller, FHW-Don & Bev Snieder  
August 6 – SE-Marv & Beth Vander Veen, FHW-Kevin & Janna Van Donge

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## Media

June 4 – Gary Jeltema, Jon Hellinga, Austin Van Donge, Linda Ver Steeg  
June 11 – Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom, Grant De Groot, Phil Kuiken  
June 18 – LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker, Riley Mulder, Ryan Van Schouwen  
June 25 – Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen, Nicholas Noteboom, Shannon Schuller  
July 2 – Jon Hellinga, Austin Van Donge, Carson Noteboom  
July 9 – Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom, Grant De Groot, Linda Ver Steeg  
July 16 – LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker, Riley Mulder, Phil Kuiken  
July 23 – Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen, Nicholas Noteboom, Ryan Van Schouwen  
July 30 – Gary Jeltema, Mike Byker, Shannon Schuller  
August 6 – Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom, Grant De Groot, Carson Noteboom

### Bulletin Delivery

June 4 – Don & Ruth Post  
June 11 -Gary & Anita Jeltema  
June 18 – Ed & Ethel Kruid  
June 25 – Brian Kroeze  
July 2 – Doug Hamming  
July 9 – Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort  
July 16 – Arlin & Karen Klein  
July 23 – Jim De Boer  
July 30 – Rod & Sondra De Groot  
August 6 – Don & Ruth Post

### Ushers:

June: SW-Caleb Pluim, SE-Wade Haarsma  
Center-Orv Bruxvoort, Dennis Eekhoff  
July: SW-Trey Kroeze, SE-Pete Zomermaand  
Center-Clayton Reinders, Irwin De Jong  
August: SW-Tyler Van Schouwen,  
SE-Shane Schuller  
Center-Ryan Mulder, Brice Kroeze

### Valet Parking

June – Trevor Mulder  
July – John Van Kalsbeek  
August – Ryan Raines



### NURSERY WORKERS

JUNE 4 AM-JENNIFER NOTEBOOM, LINDSEY VAN SCHEPEN, LAUREN NOTEBOOM  
PM-ANITA JELTEMA, REAGAN NOTEBOOM, DREW NOTEBOOM  
JUNE 11 AM-SHAWNDRA KUIKEN, CONNIE LEFEVER, MOLLY ZYLSTRA  
PM-ANGELA DE GROOT, CARISSA REINDERS, HENRY ZYLSTRA  
JUNE 18 AM-MELISSA DYKSTRA, MARCIA SCHOLTEN, DAVID BOLKEMA  
PM-CHRISTINA ZUIDERVEEN, AVA NYKAMP, AUTUMN CLARK  
JUNE 25 AM-LEIANNA HELLINGA, AMY BOLKEMA, SABRINA TIMMERMANS  
PM-JILL JACOBSMA, OLIVIA YOUNG, DAVID BOLKEMA  
JULY 2 AM-HEIDI DE GROOT, JENNIFER MILLS, MADISON SCHULLER  
PM-AUDREY SCHULLER, AUTUMN KROEZE, GARRETT DE GROOT  
JULY 9 AM-MARIA NOTEBOOM, JAYDEN MULDER, LINDSEY DE GROOT  
PM-NANCY KROEZE, HALEY SCHULLER, CALVIN REINDERS  
JULY 16 AM-KRISTI REINDERS, SARAH PLUIM, CLAIRE HELLINGA  
PM-KAREN VAN SCHOUWEN, JULIA DYKSTRA, AUDREY ZUIDERVEEN  
JULY 23 AM-JENNIFER MULDER, EMMA BYKER, GAVIN MILLS  
PM-DENISE SCHULLER, KATIE YOUNG, KARLI NOTEBOOM  
JULY 30 AM-JANNA VAN DONGE, BECKY VISSER, HENRY ZYLSTRA  
PM-ANITA JELTEMA, RUBY ZYLSTRA, JOSIAH HELMING  
AUGUST 6 AM-SHAWNDRA KUIKEN, ANGELA DE GROOT, AUTUMN CLARK  
PM-JODY DE JONG, KYRA VAN SCHOUWEN, DAVID BOLKEMA  
AUGUST 13 AM-JANICE HAMMING, PATTY TIMMERMANS, BRENNAN BOLKEMA  
PM-CONNIE LEFEVER, REAGAN NOTEBOOM, JOSIE NYKAMP  
AUGUST 20 AM-LINDSEY VAN SCHEPEN, SHARI VISSER, COLLIN DYKSTRA  
PM-LEIANNA HELLINGA, SABRINA TIMMERMANS, LILIA VAN SCHEPEN  
AUGUST 27 AM-JENNIFER NOTEBOOM, KRISTA OOLMAN, JOEL HAMMING  
PM-MELISSA DYKSTRA, CARISSA REINDERS, KYLIE DE GROOT

### Reminder from the Worship Team:

It takes a lot of people to make a church run and for a worship service to go smoothly. Please check the schedules and do your part to greet, serve coffee, serve in the nursery, usher etc. If you are unable to be here, please find someone to take your place. Each of you are needed and appreciated!

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*thank  
you*

We thank our God for being with Marly during his sinus surgery and now during recovery time. Thanks so much for the cards, food and checking on how things are going, as well as visits. Belonging to a congregation who shows love and concern for others is such a blessing! Thanks again to all of you,  
Marlyn & Esther Visser

## Council Report

The church year will be ending at the close of June. We have been blessed by our Lord in many ways. He has been faithful in providing ministers and others who have preached the Word. You may be interested to know that by the end of June we will have needed 91 services filled. Thank you, Lord, for your care in this.

The Search Committee continues to meet and prayers are coveted for their work. We know God has a plan for us and so we move on to search that plan out. If you see a member, please encourage them in their work!

The new church year will also see changes in some areas. Most evident is the need for new elders and deacons to replace those whose term will be ending. Pray for guidance as we will select new office bearers at the June 12 congregational meeting.

There will also be some changes in committee members as some have served their terms and will be finished. We thank them for their work well done! You may be contacted to serve on a committee. Please prayerfully consider helping as part of the work of the church. There is a saying, "grow where you are planted" and this would be a good opportunity to grow in the life of the church.

We are grateful for each member of this congregation. As a Council, we understand that we can be complacent and sometimes discouraged without a pastor to shepherd us. We are thankful for the support, encouragement we have received and for the unity that is evident among us. Continue to keep us in your prayers.

In His Service,  
Bruce Lefever, Clerk of Council

## Offering Schedule

June 4 AM

*Pioneer Home*

June 4 PM

*World Renew*

June 11 AM

*Cornerstone Prison Church*

June 11 PM

*Unity Christian General Fund*

June 18 AM

*Hope Haven Wheelchair Ministries*

June 18 PM

*Genesis House*

June 25 AM

*Orange City Hospice*

June 25 PM

*Calvin Theological Seminary*

July 2 AM

*July Mission of the Month*

July 2 PM

*Katelyn's Fund*

July 9 AM

*Village Northwest Unlimited*

July 9 PM

*OCCS General Fund*

July 16 AM

*Atlas*

July 16 PM

*Rehoboth Christian School*

July 23 AM

*Sioux City Gospel Mission*

July 23 PM

*Building Fund*

July 30 AM

*Orange City Good Pantry*

July 30 PM

*Inspiration Hills*

**\*The second offering every Sunday morning is for Christian Education.**



Bruce Den Hartog recently retired from working at Double HH Manufacturing. Below is a tribute read at Bruce's retirement.

*Today we are here to celebrate the decades of service that Bruce has put in at Double HH Manufacturing. Bruce likely started working for Hope Haven in the late 1970's, putting his years of service well over 40 years, right up there with the longest tenured employees in company history.*

*Over the years Bruce has done many different jobs for us. Since 1988 he has been punched in on 72 different resources. With most of his time being put into his favorite job of making hitchpin handles where he has conservatively made over 5 million handles. He has also produced over 1,000,000 hitchpin shanks on the Traubs, as well as had a hand in tapping nearly 500,000 Horton shafts (suspension parts used on semi-trucks).*

*Bruce's qualities as a Double HH team member go much deeper than the millions of parts he's produced connection America's Ag equipment. He has shown reliability that few people in this world can match. Something I've admired working alongside Bruce is his love and desire to do the work that God blessed him with. He's always working hard to get the job done, even on some of the dirtier jobs we have.*

*Most importantly, Bruce has been a friend to everyone here. Friendships were often developed around his love for sports. There's been a lot of quarters that have changed hands with the ups and downs that the Twins have had. He also loves reminding me when the Red Raiders get one against the Defenders.*

*Bruce, on behalf of Double HH, I want to present you with this plaque, with great appreciation for your decades of hard work and dedication. Helping connect America's Ag Equipment – one pin at a time. May God bless you in your retirement!*

**Congratulations on your retirement, Bruce! Your First CRC family is proud of you and pray God will bless you richly in your retirement!**





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## From the Outreach Committee

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### IT ALL STARTED WITH FIREWOOD

Twelve years ago, Ron J. De Jong, along with several others from Orange City, had a heart's desire to help the Lakota residents of Corn Creek and Parmalee, SD on the Rosebud Reservation. He and volunteers began splitting and hauling burnable wood for their use during the cold winter months. Those who needed it were mostly the elderly and physically challenged. Already there had been some deaths due to freezing.

In the last few years, each winter volunteers have hauled 10-12 semi loads of split wood to South Dakota. In addition to the wood, there have been 2-3 enclosed trailers full of donated clothes, food and supplies.

Visions for the future:

- \*Increase the number of volunteers. More people are needed and invited to join forces in the ongoing ministry of support and supply. Volunteers are needed to split wood in preparation for the winter months. At this point there is a core of 4-10 volunteers. To fill a semi, it takes 14-18 volunteers about 3 hours. Summertime wood splitting will take place at Ron J. De Jong's farm (3536 450<sup>th</sup> Street) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday nights in June, July and August. (June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, August 14 & 28). We are looking for volunteers from 3 churches each night for the summer splitting.

- \*Maintain the wood-splitting future.

- \*Address building related needs in Parmalee/Corn Creek: some roof repair, various home repairs, painting, cabinet installations, outside cement work

- \*Support the present believers and leaders.

- \*Pray for younger people to move into leadership roles.

- \*Share the love of Jesus with other communities.

The present team of mission representatives are members of several area congregations: Angie Bouma, Doug De Jong, Larry Dokter, Jack Gobel, Chad Gosch, Mark Huizenga, George Scholten, Lowell Ten Clay, Kevin Tesch, Mike Vander Broek, Harry Vander Pol, Harlan Ver Steeg, Jim Viet, Mark Wielenga

**1<sup>st</sup> CRC plans to help and assist in this caring mission endeavor. We will be asking for volunteers (especially young men) to join on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday nights of June, July and August. We will have sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or you can text Mark Huizenga at 712-541-3673. This may also include deliver of the loads to the Rosebud Reservation beginning in November.**

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