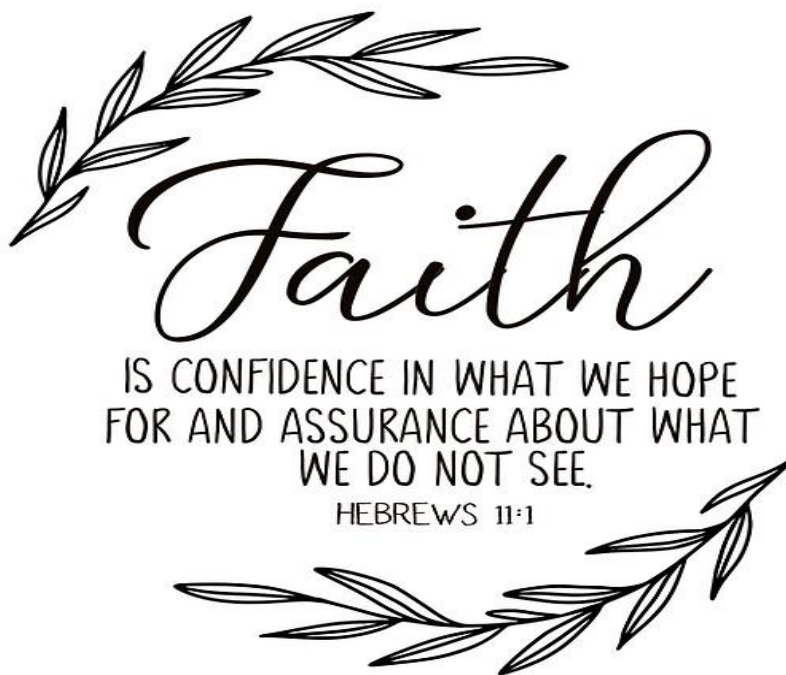


REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

March 2025



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,
Arie & MaryLou Noteboom,
Leona Noteboom, Irene Pennings,
Marv Vander Veen, Bill Van Zanten

Landsmeer Assisted Living

Henrietta Jeltema, Geri Kiel,
Joan Spronk, Everly Visser

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 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

March 8 – Classis Heartland Meeting at Calvary CRC

March 8-16 – Mission Emphasis Week

March 12 – Pack books for Global Gospel Books, Food Drive for the Orange City Food Pantry, and Leanne Gillson supplies, Ice Cream Social

March 12 – GEMS/Cadets Skating Party

March 15 – Bridal Shower for Elizabeth Lipp/Eli Raines

March 16 – Combined Prayer Day Worship at Calvary

March 22 – Bridal Shower for Emma Byker/Bo Byl

March 23 – Service at PRCC by Care Unit 5
(Schuller/Timmermans)

March 26 – Youth Group Game Night for 50+

March 26 – Cadet Pinewood Derby

Media

March 2 – Shannon Schuller, Drew Noteboom, Jon Hellinga, Mike Byker
March 9 – Carson Noteboom, Nicholas Noteboom, Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen
March 16 – Linda Ver Steeg, Tyce Van Donge, Gary Jeltema, Jon Hellinga
March 23 – Phil Kuiken, Riley Mulder, Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom
March 30 – Ryan Van Schouwen, Grant De Groot, Gary Jeltema, Mike Byker
April 6 – Shannon Schuller, Riley Mulder, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker

Sunday Evening Greeters

March 2 – SE-John & Judy Van Kalsbeek, FHW-Matt & Lindsey Van Schepen
March 9 – SE-Matt & Karen Van Schouwen, FHW-Harlan & Linda Ver Steeg
March 16 – *Combined Prayer Day Worship at Calvary*
March 23 – SE-Marlyn & Esther Visser, FHW-Murt Vogel & Janet Wade
March 30 – SE-Pete & Laura Zomermaand, FHW-Nate & Christina Zuiderveen
April 6 – SE-Mark & Gina Zylstra, FHW-Ken & Dawn Beukelman

Sunday Morning Refreshments

March 2 – Loren & Melissa Dykstra, Gary & Anita Jeltema
March 9 – Jon & Leianna Hellinga, Justin & Stephanie Hellinga
March 16 – Ed & Marla Hoogland, Brian & Nancy Kroeze
March 23 – Wade & Aletha Haarsma, Arlin & Karen Klein
March 30 – Brice & Lanae Kroeze, Ed & Ethel Kruid
April 6 – Bruce & Connie Lefever, Jeremy & Jenn Mills
April 13 – Ryan & Jennifer Mulder, Nick & Maria Noteboom
April 20 – *Easter Breakfast – No Coffee*
April 27 – Carol Noteboom & Marla Vande Kamp, Ryan & Jennifer Noteboom

Bulletin Delivery

March 2 – Gary & Anita Jeltema
March 9 – Ed & Ethel Kruid
March 16 – Brian Kroeze
March 23 – Doug Hamming
March 30 – Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort
April 6 – Arlin & Karen Klein

Ushers

March: SW-Warren Dekkers, SE-Tyler Kroeze
Center-Ryan Mulder, Mark Zylstra
April: SW-Wyatt Nykamp, SE-Ken Beukelman
Center-Clayton Reinders, Shane Schuller

NURSERY WORKERS

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

PM-COMBINED WORSHIP AT CALVARY FOR PRAYER DAY

MARCH 23 AM-JANICE HAMMING, AUDREY SCHULLER, PARKER MILLS
PM-SHAWNDR KUIKEN, JULIA DYKSTRA

MARCH 30 AM-JENNIFER MULDER, DENISE SCHULLER,
AUTUMN KROEZE

PM-CHRISTINA ZUIDERVEEN, JOEL HAMMING

APRIL 6 AM-JANNA VAN DONGE, KAREN VAN SCHOUWEN,
MADISON SCHULLER

PM-HEIDI DE GROOT, LAUREN NOTEBOOM

APRIL 13 AM-AMY BOLKEMA, NANCY KROEZE, JOSIE NYKAMP
PM-KRISTA OOLMAN, DAVID BOLKEMA

APRIL 20 AM-BECKY VISSER, PATTY TIMMERMANS, KYLIE DE GROOT
PM-COMBINED EASTER WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

APRIL 27 AM-LEIANNA HELLINGA, RUBY ZYLSTRA, CONNOR SCHULLER
PM-COMBINED GEMS WORSHIP SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

Children and Worship

March 2 – Leader: Lindsey Van Schepen, Helper: Kyra Van Schouwen

March 9 – Leader: Shari Visser, Helper: Haley Schuller

March 16 – Leader: Christina Zuiderveen, Helper: Ruby Zylstra

March 23 – Leader: Jenn Mills, Helper: Denise Schuller

March 30 – Leader: Kristi Reinders, Helper: Shawndra Kuiken

Valet Parking

March – Kaleb Hamming

April – Ryan Raines

THANK YOU

Thank you to my dear church family
for making my 90th birthday so
special! God is so good!
Blessings to all of you,
Delores Smit

Dear Friends at First CRC,

Thank you for joining God in all
He's doing through Resonate!

All around the globe, God is
working through your church's
support for your Christian
Reformed missionaries, church
planters, and ministry leaders.
Together, we are taking part in the
way God's Spirit is moving!

I hope you are continually
encouraged by the good and
fruitful work we are accomplishing
together. Your church's gifts and
prayers help make it possible to
carry the hope and redemption of
Jesus to the ears of unreached
people in over 40 countries around
the world! Your community's
support is an important way you
help make this ministry possible.
We couldn't do it without you!
Thank you for using your gifts to
partner with Resonate.

I hope that you find warmth in
knowing that by sending others to
share the Good News of Jesus, your
church is helping change the lives
of individuals and communities for
generations to come! Thank you!

In Christ,
Kevin DeRaaf, Director, Resonate
Global Mission

February Council Report

- Classical credentials were completed for Classis Heartland meeting scheduled for March 8 at Calvary CRC. Delegates will be Rev. Terpstra, Mark Huizenga, and Phil Kuiken.
- Synod 2025 is scheduled for June 13-19 at Redeemer University in Ancaster, Ontario, Canada.
- The council was privileged to hear the profession of faith of Brice Kroeze. A date for public profession of faith will be scheduled.
- Church Order Article 58 was reviewed. The baptism of one who comes from another Christian denomination shall be held valid if it has been administered in the name of the triune God, by someone authorized by that denomination.
- The council discussed the recently approved Vision Statement and the importance of mentorship in the church.
- Committee reports were given. Mission Emphasis Week is scheduled for March 9-16, and a congregational life event is being planned for March.
- The council approved replacing carpet in the upstairs Loft classroom, sidewalk repairs for this spring, sound upgrades for the sanctuary, a TV for the fellowship hall, and use of the church parking lot for the tractor display during Tulip Festival.
- The financial report for January 2025 was reviewed.
- Deacon and elder nominations will take place at the March 17 council meeting.

In His Service, Curt Ahrenholz, Clerk

Upcoming Offerings

March 2

AM – Paradise Bound Ministries

March Mission of the Month

PM – Orange City Food Pantry

March 9

AM-Crossroads Prison Ministries,
Benevolent Fund

PM-Orange City Christian School

March 16

AM-Hope Haven

PM-Combined Worship at Calvary for
Prayer Day

March 23

AM-Pioneer Home

PM-Siouxland Habitat for Humanity

March 30

AM-Genesis House

PM-F Street Church, Lincoln

April 6

AM-Sos & Kara Maletoungou

April Mission of the Month

PM-Samaritan's Purse

**The second offering each Sunday
morning is for Christian Education.**

From the Outreach Committee:

We are collecting books and religious materials for Mission Emphasis Week now through Wednesday, March 12. It's time to purge! Go through your bookcases and closets for materials that can be used to reach new Christians who hunger to know more about God and His Son.

Books, Bible studies, and Sunday School materials in good condition can be brought to church through March 12. A more complete list of acceptable items is on the table in the fellowship hall. On Wednesday night, March 12, we will be boxing up the materials for shipping. Also, on March 12 only, we will be collecting items for the Orange City Food Pantry to be delivered that evening. An ice cream social will follow.

In addition to the book drive and food drive, we also received a list of items that Leanne Gillson could use for her students at Rehoboth. We will be accepting monetary donations and the committee will purchase some of the requested items for Leanne and Rehoboth Christian School. If you would like to donate, please place your donation in an envelope and drop it off at the office or place it in the offering bag, clearly marked for Leanne Gillson. Below is a note from Leanne, as well as a list of things that the committee may purchase with the funds. **The committee will purchase the items, you do not need to purchase them.*

Greetings from Rehoboth Christian School. Thank you for remembering us during your Mission Emphasis Week.

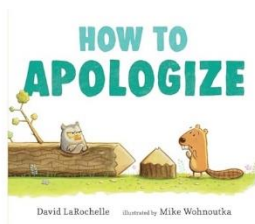
I teach Toolbox (Our Social Emotional Curriculum) to the elementary students. At the end of the school year I send home various items that help the students work through the BIG emotions that occur during the summer.

The list below is for items I could use during the school year or send home for summer use.

Thank you so much for supporting our students!

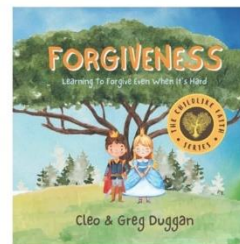
Partnering with you,

Leanne Gillson



★★★★★ 377

How to Apologize



★★★★★ 66

Forgiveness - Christian Books For Kids - Kindergarten Children Book For 3 Year Olds Up - Childrens Teaching About Love, Kindness, Patience, Bullying, ... 8: Learning To Forgive Even When It's Hard



★★★★★ 163

Fidget Sensory Toys for Kids & Adults with Autism ADHD: 6-Pack Silent Small Anxiety Relief Items, Quiet Fidgets & Worry Stones for Classroom Prizes, Mini Desk Toys for Calm Down, Stress Relief Gifts

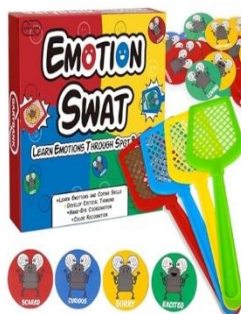


4 Pcs Marble Maze Mat Sensory Fidget Stress Relief Toys Calming Sensory Mat Anxiety Relief Fabric Toys for Teens School Home Reduce Stress(Marble Maze Style,8.66 x 6.3 in)



Scientoy Fidget Toy Set, 35 Pcs Sensory Toy for ADD, OCD, Autistic Children, Adults, Anxiety Autism to Stress Relief and Anti Anxiety with Motion Timer, Perfect for Classroom Reward with Gift Box

★★★★★ 12,300



Garybank Emotion Swat Games for Kids Social Emotional Learning, W/56 Emotion Cards, Feelings Regulation Tools for Social Skills Activities, Play Therapy Toys for Counselor, Sight Word Educational Game

★★★★★ 9



Textured Sensory Mats for Special Needs Kids - 8" Colorful Fidgeting Tactile Sensory Toys for Learning, Stimulation & Play - Sensory Mat Set with Adhesive Hooks for Wall Hanging & Tote Bag - 16 Pack

★★★★★ 67



Elastic Fleece Cooperative Stretchy Band Integrations Dynamic Movement Exercise Stretchier Latex 12 Feet Creative Moving Prop for Group Activities Special Needs Large Motor Coordination

★★★★★ 365

On Wednesday, March 12, we will be accepting items for the Orange City Food Pantry that will be delivered that evening. The OC Food Pantry served 64 families in February. Here is a list of the pantry's most needed items:

- dried rice
- dried black beans
- ramen noodles (spicy and shrimp)
- cereal (corn flakes)
- canned fruit (peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail and mango)
- pasta sauce
- tampons + pads
- toothpaste
- bar soap
- deodorant
- shampoo
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- dish + laundry soap

If you are willing to contribute, please bring your items with you on the evening of March 12. If you are unable to attend, you may drop your items off during the day on March 12.

Thank you for your contributions to these projects and blessing others through them as we seek to fulfill and see "God's Heart for the Nations."

