

Reflections

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

May 2022



Reflections

Please forgive any errors or omissions. We'd be grateful if you would call them to our attention. Thank you for your cooperation when you are asked to submit a news article—without your help there would be no newsletter! Thank you also to the volunteers who help collate the *Reflections* each month.

Remember in prayer

First CRC Shut-ins in rest homes:

Prairie Ridge Care Center:

Helen Anderson, Elizabeth Dykstra,
Arlys Feenstra, Otto Huizenga, Irene Pennings,
Ben Van Engen, Kathleen Van Wyk,
Esther Wynia

Landsmeer Assisted Living:

Lois De Beer, Pris Huizenga, Henrietta Jeltema

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.

Hospitality

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

Upcoming Events

May 8 – Baptism of Jacob Pluim – Rev. Robert Drenten will lead worship

*May 15 – Communion Service
Graduation Sunday*

May 19-21 – Tulip Festival

*May 22 – Community Worship Service,
11:00 a.m.*



Schedule

Sound Booth

May 1 Greg De Groot
May 8 Jon Hellinga
May 15 Ryan Raines
May 22 LeRoy De Jager
May 29 Gary Jeltema
June 5 Greg De Groot

Tech

May 1 Matt Van Schepen
May 8 Jon Hellinga
May 15 Ryan Noteboom
May 22 Mike Byker
May 29 Mike Byker
June 5 Matt Van Schepen

Projection

May 1 Phil Kuiken
May 8 Ryan Van Schouwen
May 15 Shannon Schuller
May 22 Carson Noteboom
May 29 Phil Kuiken
June 5 Linda Ver Steeg

Video

May 1 Nicholas Noteboom
May 8 Austin Van Donge
May 15 Grant De Groot
May 22 Luke Noteboom
May 29 Mike Byker
June 5 Nicholas Noteboom



Sunday Evening Greeters

Greeters

May 1

Combined GEMS Worship at Calvary

May 8

SE-Shannon & Bethany Schuller
FHE-Shane & Denise Schuller
FHW-Doug & Audrey Schuller

May 15

SE-Harold & Delores Smit
FHE-Don & Bev Snieder
FHW-Marv & Beth Vander Veen

May 22

SE-Ken & Patty Timmermans
FHE-Kevin & Janna Van Donge
FHW-Arnie & Marge Van Gelder

May 29

SE-Harlan & Linda Ver Steeg
FHE-Marlyn & Esther Visser
FHW-John & Judy Van Kalsbeek

June 5

SE-Don & Ruth Post
FHE-Dan Young & Teresa Ter Haar
FHW-Pete & Laura Zomermaand



Coffee Servers

May 1 – Darrell & Cindy Schuller, Doug & Audrey Schuller
May 8 – Shane & Denise Schuller, Shannon & Bethany Schuller
May 15 – Parents of 2022 Graduates
May 22 – Kevin & Janna Van Donge, John & Judy Van Kalsbeek
May 29 – Matt & Lindsey Van Schepen, Matt & Karen Van Schouwen
June 5 – Don & Bev Snieder, Ken & Patty Timmermans
June 12 – Harlan & Linda Ver Steeg, Becky & Shari Visser
June 19 – Pete & Laura Zomermaand, Nate & Christina Zuiderveen
June 26 – Mark & Gina Zylstra, Dan Young & Teresa Ter Haar



May 1 AM – Krista Oolman, Bethany Schuller, Henry Zylstra
May 1 PM – Combined GEMS Worship at Calvary
May 8 AM – Amy Bolkema, Heidi De Groot, Olivia Young
May 8 PM – Denise Schuller, Emily Vande Zande, Collin Dykstra
May 15 AM – Audrey Schuller, Leianna Hellinga, Sabrina Timmermans
May 15 PM – Gina Zylstra, Becca Dykstra, Lauren Noteboom
May 22 AM – Bev Snieder, Jennifer Mills, Emma Byker
May 22 PM – Patty Timmermans, Ava Nykamp, Lindsey De Groot
May 29 AM – Kristi Reinders, Nancy Kroeze, Calvin Reinders
May 29 PM – Karen Van Schouwen, Katie Young, Tyce Van Donge
June 5 AM – Melissa Dykstra, Kim Vande Zande, Carissa Reinders
June 5 PM – Janna Van Donge, Ruby Zylstra, Logan Dykstra
June 12 AM – Janice Hamming, Anita Jeltema, David Bolkema
June 12 PM – Shawndra Kuiken, Drew Noteboom, Audrey Zuiderveen
June 19 AM – Becky Visser, Marcia Scholten, Haley Schuller
June 19 PM – Jennifer Mulder, Julia Dykstra, Ayva Van Schouwen
June 26 AM – Jody De Jong, Jennifer Noteboom, Kyra Van Schouwen
June 26 PM – Connie Lefever, Molly Zylstra, Joel Hamming



MAY

SW-Harold Hoekstra
SE-Alan De Jong
Center-Dennis Eekhoff
Arlin Klein

JUNE

SW-Carter De Jong
SE-Pete Zomermaand
Center-Ryan Mulder
Nick Noteboom

Bulletin Delivery

May 1 – Ed & Ethel Kruid
May 8 – Rod & Sondra De Groot
May 15 – Doug Hamming
May 22 – Arlin & Karen Klein
May 29 – Ed & Ethel Kruid
June 5 – Rod & Sondra De Groot

Valet Parking

May – John Van Kalsbeek
June – Ryan Raines

Thank you to everyone for thinking of and praying for us during our recent health issues. We are so thankful for being part of such a caring church community. We are also thankful that God has given us healing and that we are able to enjoy comparatively good health again!

--Denny and Margene Eekhoff

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the calls, emails, facebook messages, cards, visits and texts I received for Administrative Professional's Day. I appreciated every one, and am grateful I get to work with all of you at First CRC. Thank you!!

--Maria Byker

Wedding Shower: We are having a gift card shower for Matt Jacobsma and his fiancée, Jessica Kirchoff. They will be married in Grand Rapids, MI on May 28. They are registered at Target and Bed Bath and Beyond. There is a basket by the mailboxes to put a gift in. Please bring your gift to church by Sunday, May 15. Join us in helping Matt and Jessica celebrate their wedding day!

For the 2022 Tulip Festival, First Reformed Church has asked members of First CRC to ride the 1st RCA/1st CRC float that was constructed last year for the 150th anniversaries of the churches. We are looking for riders for all six parades. The only requirement is that you wear a Dutch costume. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Thank you in advance for being willing to help in this way!

In Memory



Mrs. Mary Addink, age 96, of Orange City, passed away on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society in Le Mars.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, at 11:00am, at the church with the Rev. Mark Vande Zande officiating.

Mary was born on November 5, 1925, on a farm near Orange City, the daughter of John and Marie (Huisman) Kiel. She attended country school, then Sioux Center Community High School, and then teacher training in Sheldon. She subsequently taught in country schools for a few years.

On February 13, 1947, she married Henry Addink, and they began farming near Sioux Center and then Orange City. She worked as a stay-at-home mother for her seven children, and as they grew up, she continued her strong commitment to children by providing daycare from her home. In their retirement years, Mary and Henry volunteered for the Red Cross. Mary was also active in helping Southeast Asian immigrants adjust to life in Northwest Iowa. Mary and Henry were members of First Christian Reformed Church, where Mary was active in Faith, Hope, and Love Society.

Throughout her life she had a strong commitment to serve her Lord by doing what was right, along with the knowledge that she was saved by grace. She maintained a sense of awe, marveling at the intricacies of the world God created. She loved to read and compiled her favorite sayings into a book, *Treasury of Gems*.

Survivors include six children and their spouses, Carol and Marlo Van Klompenburg, of Pella; Marvin and Sherri Addink, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Roger and Alice Addink, of Sumas, Washington; Jan and Mike Verdoorn, of Orange City; Kathleen and John Woudstra, of Whitehall, Michigan; Dale and Alyona Addink, of Keller, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Mary Walcott Addink, of Phoenix, Arizona; 21 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren; one sister, Evelyn Kroeze, of Orange City; four sisters-in-law, Myrtle Kiel, Edna Kiel, and Geri Kiel, all of Orange City; and Grada Kiel, of Sioux Center.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Donald; three grandchildren, Craig Van Klompenburg, Jodi Addink, and Matthew Van Klompenburg; five sisters-in-law and their spouses, Gertrude and John DeGroot; Minnie and John Byl; Alice and Pete De Groot; Dena and Albert Van Riesen; and Hattie and William Verdoorn; ten siblings and some of their spouses, Stephen and Hermina Hulstein; Hilda and Dick Addink; Steve and Henrietta Kiel; Kathryn and Arend Wassink; Bill and Joan Kiel; Howard and Marie Kiel; Orville Kroeze; Clarence Kiel; Ray Kiel; and Vern Kiel.



As Pastor Mark mentioned in the sermon on Sunday, April 24, several committees help the church to function well. Soon, the council and committees will be seeking members to serve in the life of our church. Please check out the committees (Worship, Building and Grounds, Outreach, Education, Congregational Life) and sub-committees that are listed in your directory for areas you can serve. Contact Bruce Lefever and let him know how you can help.



Guiding Star Siouxland is pleased to offer Family Comfort Stations at multiple events this summer! We provide a comfortable and private space for mothers to breastfeed or pump, as well as a diaper changing station with complimentary diapers and wipes. Currently, we are in need of volunteers to help us staff our events in two hour shifts.


Tulip Festival in Orange City: May 19-21 from 9am to 7pm

Sioux Center Summer Celebration: June 4 from 8am to 4p

RiseFest in Sheldon: June 10 from 1pm to 10pm and June 11 from 10am to 10pm (all RiseFest volunteers will receive a free ticket to RiseFest).

We are also in need of donations of juice boxes, individually wrapped snacks, diapers, and wipes. If you would like to volunteer or have an item to donate, please contact 712.266.3282 or email info@guidingstarsiouxland.org

Read through the Bible



Reading through the Bible in a year: We would love to have members at First CRC read through the Bible in year together. Before the first of each month, there will be a calendar in your mailbox for you to follow daily. Even if you didn't get a chance to start yet, no problem, start today!

A few ideas for you:

Start reading the Bible today – there is no better time and there's no reason to wait.

Set aside a specific time each day. Set your schedule and then stick to it. Mornings are great, but feel free to use any time that works consistently for you.

Read the Bible for the sake of learning, not simply to accomplish the next reading. Say a short prayer to God before you begin, asking the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and understanding, then be refreshed by the words you read!

– The Congregational Life Committee

Upcoming Offerings

May 1 AM–Geneva Campus Ministry and Areopagus Campus Ministry *May Missions of the Month*
PM–Orange City GEMS – Combined Worship at Calvary for GEMS Sunday

May 8 AM–Atlas
PM–GEMS International

May 15 AM–Hope Haven
PM–Orange City Christian School

May 22 AM–Center for Financial Education
PM–Bethesda Christian Counseling

May 29 AM–Zestos
PM–Building Fund

June 5 AM–The Pioneer Home *June Mission of the Month*
PM–World Renew

The second offering each Sunday morning is for Christian Education.

Council Report

The church year is drawing to a close. We rejoice that we have been able to continue to meet in freedom and together after experiencing the time of covid some months ago.

Our slate of nominees for the coming term of office bearers has been completed. The names will be presented to the congregation at the proper time. We give thanks for these men and desire your prayers for them and our congregation as we contemplate the new term coming.

The treasurer's report shows that we are on track with healthy giving to the current budget. Thank you for your continued support and we pray for blessing on your lives in the work of the church.

The budget for the coming year has been approved by the council to be voted on by the congregation at our annual meeting. Thanks to those who worked on it and approved it with good stewardship in mind. The congregational meeting has been set for June 6, 2022.

The Executive Committee met with the church staff. This included youth leaders, organists, custodians, secretary and pastors. Our church is blessed with those willing to work to make the operation of the church run smoothly. Please thank them and pray for them.

Sadly, we noted the passing of another member of our congregation. Mary Addink went to be with the Lord on April 12, 2022. Condolences to family and friends. Our sadness, however, turns to joy knowing salvation is in Jesus.

Pray for all members of this congregation. Every one has their own needs whether visible or not. We are all here to learn by receiving the Word and to praise our God of grace and mercy. We were reminded of this as we recently celebrated what his Son, Jesus, did for us through his death and resurrection. Let that praise and thanks be on our lips and in our hearts as we continue to walk in life.

In His service,
Bruce Lefever, Clerk of Council