

REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

November 2023



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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

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.

Hospitality

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

Upcoming Events

November 12 – All Church Potluck, 12:00 p.m.

November 18 – Bridal Shower for Lanae Van Meeteren and Brice Kroeze

November 22 – Freezer Meal Pick-up 4-6 p.m.

November 23 – Thanksgiving Day Worship, 9:30



Children and Worship

November 5 – *The Promised Land* – Leader: Christina Zuiderveen, Flag Greeter: Melissa Dykstra

November 12 – *Exile and Return* – Leader: Kristi Reinders, Flag Greeter: Maria Noteboom

November 19 – *How the Church Tells Time* – Leader: Jenn Mills, Flag Greeter: Leianna Hellinga

November 26 – *Off for Thanksgiving*

December 3 – *The Prophets and Mary & Joseph* – Leader: Lindsey Van Schepen, Flag Greeter: Jennifer Mulder

Media

November 5 – Gary Jeltema, Jon Hellinga, Austin Van Donge, Ryan Van Schouwen

November 12 – Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom, Grant De Groot, Shannon Schuller

November 19 – LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker, Riley Mulder, Carson Noteboom

November 23 – LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker, Riley Mulder, Linda Ver Steeg

November 26 – Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen, Nicholas Noteboom, Phil Kuiken

December 3 – Jon Hellinga, Austin Van Donge, Ryan Van Schouwen

Sunday Evening Greeters

November 5 – SE-Warren & Ruth Dekkers, FHW-Arlin & Karen Klein

November 12 – SE-Trey & Tyler Kroeze, FHW-Phil & Shawndra Kuiken

November 19 – SE-Bruce & Connie Lefever, FHW-Josh & Ema Mc Brayer

November 26 – SE-Ryan & Jennifer Mulder, FHW-Nick & Maria Noteboom

December 3 – SE-Ryan & Jennifer Noteboom, FHW-Brent & Anita Nykamp

Sunday Morning Refreshments

November 5 – Bert & Kristi Reinders, Arlan & Marcia Scholten

November 12 – *All Church Potluck at noon – no coffee*

November 19 – Shannon & Bethany Schuller, Don & Bev Snieder

November 26 – Ken & Patty Timmermans, Carol Noteboom & Marla Vande Kamp

December 3 – Kevin & Janna Van Donge, John & Judy Van Kalsbeek

December 10 – Matt & Lindsey Van Schepen, Matt & Karen Van Schouwen

December 17 – Doug & Audrey Schuller, Shane & Denise Schuller

December 24 – Harlan & Linda Ver Steeg, Marlyn & Esther Visser

December 31 – Shari & Becky Visser, Tunis & Kathy Vollink

January 7 – Pete & Laura Zomermaand, Nate & Christina Zuiderveen

High School Servers for Sunday School

November 5 – Julia Dykstra & Kyra Van Schouwen

November 12 – Riley Mulder & Wyatt Nykamp

November 19 – Sabrina Timmermans & Carissa Reinders

November 26 – Carson Noteboom & Ryan Van Schouwen

Bulletin Delivery

November 5 – Doug Hamming
November 12 – Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort
November 19 – Arlin & Karen Klein
November 26 – Rod & Sondra De Groot
December 3 – Don & Ruth Post

Ushers:

November: SW-Wyatt Nykamp
SE-Harlan Ver Steeg
Center-Kevin Van Donge, Ross Bolkema
December: SW-Logan Dykstra
SE-Alan De Jong
Center-Tyler Kroeze, Don Snieder

SMOKE - OFF

The First 1st CRC Smoke Off was a success!! It was a wonderful night of great food and lots of fellowship! All the entries were DELICIOUS, making it very hard to vote. 😊 Congratulations to the two contestants who ended up tied for 1st place – Doug De Haan with his pork belly and burnt ends and Anita Nykamp with her salmon! The kids (of all ages) enjoyed pumpkin painting as well.

A big thank you to those who participated in the contest and a huge thank you for the congregational life committee for all their work in organizing, preparing the sides, serving and cleaning up. What a fun night!



Lots of fellowship!



Pumpkin painting



The winners are announced!

Valet Parking
November – Shannon Schuller
December – Trevor Mulder

NURSERY WORKERS

NOVEMBER 5 AM-LINDSEY VAN SCHEPEN, SHARI VISSER, AUDREY ZUIDERVEEN
PM-PATTY TIMMERMANS, LAUREN NOTEBOOM, JOSIAH HELMING
NOVEMBER 12 AM-AMY BOLKEMA, JENNIFER NOTEBOOM, JOSIE NYKAMP
PM-JILL JACOBSMA, AUTUMN CLARK, COLLIN DYKSTRA
NOVEMBER 19 AM-MELISSA DYKSTRA, MARCIA SCHOLTEN, KYLIE DE GROOT
PM-BETHANY SCHULLER, REAGAN NOTEBOOM, LILIA VAN SCHEPEN
NOVEMBER 23 AM-NANCY KROEZE, HEIDI DE GROOT, KALEB DE GROOT
NOVEMBER 26 AM-CONNIE LEFEVER, MARIA BYKER, AYVA VAN SCHOUWEN
PM-JENN MILLS, JULIA DYKSTRA, DAVID BOLKEMA
DECEMBER 3 AM-SHAWNDRA KUIKEN, CHRISTINA ZUIDERVEEN,
JANELLE ZUIDERVEEN
PM-ANITA JELTEMA, HALEY SCHULLER, PARKER MILLS
DECEMBER 10 AM-AUDREY SCHULLER, SARAH PLUIM, AUTUMN KROEZE
PM-MARIA NOTEBOOM, CARISSA REINDERS, JOEL HAMMING
DECEMBER 17 AM-KRISTA OOLMAN, KRISTI REINDERS, RUBY ZYLSTRA
PM-JAYDEN MULDER, LAUREN NOTEBOOM, HENRY ZYLSTRA
DECEMBER 24 AM-JODY DE JONG, JANICE HAMMING, MADISON SCHULLER
PM-DENISE SCHULLER, KYRA VAN SCHOUWEN, BEAU HELLINGA
DECEMBER 25 AM-KAREN VAN SCHOUWEN, BECKY VISSER,
GARRETT DE GROOT
DECEMBER 31 AM-ANGELA DE GROOT, LEIANNA HELLINGA,
LINDSEY DE GROOT
PM-JENNIFER MULDER, SABRINA TIMMERMANS, CONNOR SCHULLER

HELP WANTED!

We are looking for people to clean out the children's worship bags. The supplies are all at church and it can be done anytime during the week. If you are able to help, please contact Krista Oolman. Thank you!!

thank you

Thank you to the congregation for the many cards and expressions of sympathy in the loss of our brother, Lawrence.

--The Pennings Family

Thank you to the people who helped me move to the Pioneer Home and thank you for the food that was brought it. I appreciate your willingness to help.

--Jim De Boer

Thank you for your messages, emails, notes of encouragement and kind words on my work anniversary. I appreciate each of you – you, the people of First CRC, are the ones who make this a great place to work.

Thank you!

--Maria Byker

We want to thank the congregation for the many cards and gifts we received during pastor appreciation month. Your support means the world to us, and it is a delight to minister in such a caring church. In the past 4 years, we have been so moved by your generosity and love. Thank you!

-The Helming Family

First CRC will again be participating in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Project. Boxes are available in the fellowship hall or you are welcome to use your own standard size shoebox as well. Please have filled boxes returned to church by Sunday morning, November 19. Thank you for your participation!



Offering Schedule

November 5 AM
Zestos/Food Pantry
November Mission of the Month

November 5 PM
Justice for All

November 12 AM
Building Fund
Benevolent Fund

November 12 PM
OCCS General Fund

November 19 AM
Amistad Cristiana

November 19 PM
Middle East Reformed Foundation

November 23 AM
Thanksgiving Offering

November 26 AM
Katelyn's Fund

November 26 PM
Inspiration Hills Camp and
Retreat Center

December 3 AM
One Body One Hope
December Mission of the Month

December 3 PM
Building Fund

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