

REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

November 2025



in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ.



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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, Arlys Feenstra,
Gladys Hoekstra, Geri Kiel,
Arie & MaryLou Noteboom,
Leona Noteboom, Irene Pennings

Landsmeer Assisted Living

Henrietta Jeltema,
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 (712-230-2230).

Hospitality

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

Upcoming Events

November 15 – Bridal Shower for Reagan Noteboom/
Laremy Schreurs, 10:00 a.m.

November 23 – Ice Cream Social after PM service

November 27 – Thanksgiving Day Worship



Media

November 2 – Linda Ver Steeg, Drew Noteboom, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker
November 9 – Phil Kuiken, Grant De Groot, Greg De Groot, Ryan Noteboom
November 16 – Ryan Van Schouwen, Nicholas Noteboom, Gary Jeltema, Jon Hellinga
November 23 – Shannon Schuller, Tyce Van Donge, Ryan Raines, Matt Van Schepen
November 27 – Carson Noteboom, Drew Noteboom, Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom
November 30 – Linda Ver Steeg, Grant De Groot, Gary Jeltema, Mike Byker
December 7 – Phil Kuiken, Nicholas Noteboom, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker

Sunday Evening Greeters

November 2 – SE-Justin & Stephanie Hellinga, Gary & Anita Jeltema
November 9 – SE-Arlin & Karen Klein, FHW-Bruce & Connie Lefever
November 16 – SE-Josh & Ema McBrayer, FHW-Bert & Kristi Reinders
November 23 – SE-Ryan & Jennifer Noteboom, FHW-Don & Ruth Post
November 30 – SE-Arlan & Marcia Scholten, FHW-Brent & Anita Nykamp
December 7 – SE-Ryan & Shanelle Raines, FHW-Darrell & Cindy Schuller

Sunday Morning Refreshments

November 2 – Nick & Maria Noteboom, Carol Noteboom, Marla Vande Kamp
November 9 – Ryan & Jennifer Noteboom, Ross & Krista Oolman
November 16 – Brent & Anita Nykamp, Don & Ruth Post
November 23 – Bert & Kristi Reinders, Arlan & Marcia Scholten
November 30 – Ryan & Shanelle Raines, Darrell & Cindy Schuller
December 7 – Shane & Denise Schuller, Shannon & Bethany Schuller
December 14 – Don & Bev Snieder, Ken & Patty Timmermans
December 21 – Doug & Audrey Schuller, Kevin & Janna Van Donge
December 28 – Carter & Lucy Van Hulzen, Matt & Lindsey Van Schepen

Ushers

November: SW-Trey Kroeze

SE-Ryan Mulder

Center-Ken Timmermans,
Clayton Reinders

December: SW-Warren Dekkers

SE-Kaleb Hamming

Center-Mark Zylstra, Trevor Mulder

Bulletin Delivery

November 2 – Doug Hamming
November 9 – Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort
November 16 – Arlin & Karen Klein
November 23 – Rod & Sondra De Groot
November 30 – Don & Ruth Post
December 7 – Gary & Anita Jeltema

Valet Parking

November – Ryan Raines
December – John Van Kalsbeek

NURSERY WORKERS

NOVEMBER 2 AM-CHRISTINE TERPSTRA, LINDSEY VAN SCHEPEN,
CADEN VAN SCHEPEN
PM-KRISTI REINDERS, CLAIRE HELLINGA
NOVEMBER 9 AM-SARAH PLUIM, MARIA NOTEBOOM, JACOB ZUIDERVEEN
PM-DENISE SCHULLER, BRENNIA BOLKEMA
NOVEMBER 16 AM-AUDREY SCHULLER, CHRISTINA ZUIDERVEEN, BEAU HELLINGA
PM-JENN MILLS, LINDSEY DE GROOT
NOVEMBER 23 AM-HEIDI DE GROOT, MELISSA DYKSTRA, GRAHAM KUIKEN
PM-KRISTA OOLMAN, SOPHIA TERPSTRA
NOVEMBER 27 AM-AMY BOLKEMA, JENNIFER MULDER, PARKER MILLS
NOVEMBER 30 AM-NANCY KROEZE, KAREN VAN SCHOUWEN,
DEACON OOLMAN
PM-JANNA VAN DONGE, HALEY SCHULLER
DECEMBER 7 AM-PATTY TIMMERMANS, JENNIFER NOTEBOOM, KYLIE DE GROOT
PM-CONNIE LEFEVER, LILIA VAN SCHEPEN
DECEMBER 14 AM-BECKY VISSER, ANGELA DE GROOT, PARKER MILLS
PM-JODY DE JONG, AYVA VAN SCHOUWEN
DECEMBER 21 AM-SHARI VISSER, LEIANNA HELLINGA, JANELLE ZUIDERVEEN
PM-JILL JACOBSMA, AUTUMN KROEZE
DECEMBER 25 AM-JANICE HAMMING, ALLISON TIMMERMANS,
ADELYNN BOLKEMA
DECEMBER 28 AM-ANITA JELTEMA, SHAWNDRA KUIKEN, CARTER SCHULLER
PM-MARCIA SCHOLTEN, GARRETT DE GROOT

Thank You

Thank you Pastor Terpstra and Pastor Jordan for your visits and for all the prayers, calls, visits and food from my church family, and to God for the healing from my surgery. God is so good!

-Henry Dykstra

First CRC,

We are both so thankful for the many gifts, cards, and encouragements you have given us, especially during Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you for your ongoing love and support.

In Christ,

-The Terpstras and Helming

Thank you for your participation in the all church social activities. We are enjoying them and hope you are too! Watch your bulletins for more upcoming events!

-Congregational Life Committee

Is God Calling You to Ministry?

Full time ministry is an extraordinary calling and great privilege, and critical for the purposes of God in this world. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. But “how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” If you have ever wondered if God is calling you to serve Him vocationally, whether as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or something else; if you have questions about what ministry is like; if you wonder if it is worth it; if you don’t know the next steps or process – please join us at Dordt University on November 22 from 10-3 for **‘CALLED’**. Rev. Stephen Terpstra, Rev. John Klompier, and Rev. John Lee, along with missions and candidacy experts, will encourage you, talk with you, answer your questions, and explore if God is calling you. The event is free of charge and is for people of all ages, from high school to those nearing retirement, who are exploring full or part time ministry. For more information and to register, go to: <https://forms.gle/Sg6Zh4Jx6cbPDiE9A> or follow the QR code on the poster in in church. Questions? Email pastor@firstcrcoc.org

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."- Psalm 107:1

I praise God for all that He has done in my life this year. After completing my internship at First CRC in Orange City, I had a wonderful time visiting my family and church in India. I have now returned to the United States and begun my second year of studies at Mid-America Reformed Seminary.

Looking back, I thank God for the many ways He used my time in Orange City for growth and encouragement. I am deeply thankful for the love you showed me as a congregation. Many of you welcomed me into your homes, shared meals, and even prepared special food.

Your kindness reminded me of the unity we share in Christ's body. I want to especially thank both pastors for their faithful guidance and for giving me opportunities to learn and serve in preaching and ministry.

I am also grateful for the elders and deacons who supported me and cared for me during my time there.

Also, thanks to Mark and Cindy Huizenga, who opened their home to me with such generosity.

For everything and everyone, I give thanks to the Lord.

Thank you, First CRC, for being such a Christ-centered and loving church. May the Lord continue to bless you richly as you serve Him and build one another up in love!

Abraham Kakileti,
Mid-America Reformed seminary!

October Council Report

- Rev. Terpstra reviewed the CRCNA Covenant for Officebearers document which newly elected elders and deacons sign when they are installed. In summary, this document states we believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired word of God, we affirm three creeds - Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian - as ecumenical expressions of the Christian faith, and we affirm three confessions - the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dort - as historical Reformed expressions of the Christian faith, whose doctrines fully agree with the Word of God.
- Church Order Article 66 was reviewed. This article covers membership transfers for confessing members and baptized members.
- Delegates to the September Classis Heartland meeting gave a report.
- Unity Christian High School representative Wayne Dykstra, Head of School was present to give a report on the school. Current enrollment is 330 students. Other items reviewed were debt retirement, fall drive goal, teacher pay, the Covenant Partnership Program (former Fair Share), enrollment projections, and future building needs.
- Committee reports were given. The Step in Scripture program for the church education year has had a good start. The Dutch treat fellowship event was well attended. A mini-split air conditioning unit is planned for the multipurpose room.
- The financial report for September 2025 was reviewed.

In His Service, Curt Ahrenholz, Clerk

Upcoming Offerings

November 2

AM-Zestos/Food Pantry

November Mission of the Month

PM-Justice for All

November 9

AM-Cornerstone Prison Church,
Benevolent Fund

PM-Orange City Christian School

November 16

AM-Sos & Kara Maletoungou

PM-Benevolent Fund

November 23

AM-Siouxland Habitat for Humanity

PM-Alpha Center

November 27

Thanksgiving Offering
Orange City Food Pantry

November 30

AM-Reframe Ministries
PM-Samaritan's Purse

December 7

AM-One Body One Hope
December Mission of the Month

PM-Building Fund



KATHERINE P. SCHULLER

Mrs. Katherine “Kathy” Schuller, age 91, of Orange City, passed away on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at the Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City. There was a memorial service on Monday, October 20, at First Christian Reformed Church in Orange City.

Katherine Pauline was born on April 18, 1934, in Wellsburg, the daughter of William and Jennie (Beninga) Primus. She attended the Timothy Christian School in Wellsburg. Following graduation from Steamboat Rock High School, she continued her education at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she earned her teaching certificate.

After moving to Orange City to teach kindergarten at the Orange City Christian School, she met Hubert William Schuller. They were united in marriage on June 25, 1957, in Wellsburg, and made their home at Orange City, where “Hup” farmed, and “Kathy” was a stay-at-home mom to their four children. Once their children were all in school, she began working at K-Products. Later in life, she volunteered with numerous organizations in the area, including the Orange City Area Health System, both at the front desk and with Hospice, at Wee Blessings Preschool, and she was Mother Goose at the Orange City Christian School Covenant Kids Preschool. In 2017, Kathy moved to the Pioneer Court in Orange City, and on December 2 of the same year, her husband of more than sixty years passed away. For the past six months, Kathy had been a resident of the Prairie Ridge Care Center.

Mrs. Schuller was a member of this church, where she had been the Sunday School superintendent as well as a GEMS Counselor. She also enjoyed visiting with the residents at the nursing home, reading, painting, and making puzzles.

Survivors include her four children and their spouses, Rachel and Alan Krull, of Alton; Darrell and Cindy Schuller, and Douglas and Audrey Schuller, all of Orange City; and Daniel and Cori Schuller, of Hurst, Texas; eight grandchildren, Aaron Krull, and his wife, Sarah; Abby Krull; Shannon Schuller, and his wife, Bethany; Sean Schuller, and his wife, Katie; Shane Schuller, and his wife, Denise; Tiffany, and her husband, Tyler Kallemeyn; Katelyn, and her husband, Austin Schlatter; and Sydney Schuller; and seventeen great-grandchildren, Lily and Brody Krull; Haley, Madison, and Connor Schuller; Ella, Nora, and Hue Schuller; Autumn Clark, Carter and Owen Schuller; Finley, Sawyer, and Rory Kallemeyn; and Wrenley and Ivy Schlatter; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, David Brent Schuller; two brothers and their wives, Benjamin and Henrietta Primus, and Herman and Lois Primus; and a sister and her husband, Harriett and Loren Dykstra.



From the Outreach
Committee

[WEBSITE](#)

ORANGE CITY FOOD PANTRY

TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

NEWSLETTER

august & september distributions

At our August food pantry disbursement, we served **73 families**, and in September, **70 families** received food assistance. Once again, members of our greater community came through with an incredible donation of fresh garden produce. The vegetables and fruit were joyfully received—thank you!

A heartfelt thank-you as well to the volunteers from **Alton Presbyterian**, **Alton St. Mary's**, and **New Hope** who served in August, and to those from **Calvary** and **Dover Alliance** who staffed the pantry in September. We're grateful for your faithful partnership and care for our neighbors!

shout outs

Thank you to the following churches and organizations for their generous gifts this month. We are grateful!

- Calvary Christian Reformed Church – monetary donation
- American Reformed – monetary donation
- Joiner & Zwart Dentistry – toothbrushes for the summer
- Dover Alliance - monetary donation

In September, students from Northwestern College's Honors Wellness class visited the pantry. They are taking on a pantry



project: researching laundry detergent recipes and developing a “kit” that volunteer groups can use to make detergent for pantry guests.

opportunities + areas of need

Most needed grocery items. There are a few items we are in particular need of right now:

- canned fruit (peaches) and beans (black)
- diapers (sizes 5 and 6) + wipes
- women’s period pads (preferred over tampons)
- toothpaste
- deodorant
- tissues

For a complete and up-to-date list of items, visit our [website](#).

partner church information

Homebound congregation members?

Do you know someone in your congregation who is homebound or could benefit from a food pantry distribution? This is a friendly reminder that an elder or deacon may pick up groceries on their behalf any month—not just during the months when your church is scheduled to serve.

Upcoming serving schedule

We are open the fourth Saturday of every month from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Volunteers begin serving at 8:30 a.m.

- **October 25** | Faith Lutheran + First Christian Reformed Churches
- **November 29** | First Reformed + Immanuel Christian Reformed Churches
- **December 27** | Living Water + Maurice Reformed + Newkirk Reformed Churches

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Serving Alton, Granville, Hospers, Maurice & Orange City Communities

Alton Presbyterian * Alton St. Mary’s * American Reformed * Calvary Christian Reformed
Dover * Faith Lutheran * First Christian Reformed * First Reformed * Immanuel Christian Reformed
Living Water * Maurice Reformed * New Hope Evangelical Free * Newkirk Reformed
Nueva Esperanza * Trinity Reformed