

REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

October 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

October 1 – Service at the Prairie Ridge Care Center

Care Unit 1 (C. Ahrenholz, L. De Jager), 2:30 p.m.

October 18 – Smoke-Off, 6:00 p.m.

October 26 – Shepherd's Table



Children and Worship

October 1 – *Creation* – Leader: Christina Zuiderveen, Flag Greeter: Bethany Schuller
October 8 – *Noah* – Leader: Jenn Mills, Flag Greeter: Amy Bolkema
October 15 – *Abram & Sarai* – Leader: Kristi Reinders, Flag Greeter: Becky Visser
October 22 – *Exodus* – Leader: Lindsey Van Schepen, Flag Greeter: Krista Oolman
October 29 – *The Ten Best Ways to Live* – Leader: Shari Visser, Flag Greeter: Heidi De Groot
November 5 – *The Promised Land* – Leader: Christina Zuiderveen, Flag Greeter: Melissa Dykstra

Media

October 1 – Jon Hellinga, Austin Van Donge, Ryan Van Schouwen
October 8 – Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom, Grant De Groot, Shannon Schuller
October 15 – LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker, Riley Mulder, Carson Noteboom
October 22 – Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen, Nicholas Noteboom, Linda Ver Steeg
October 29 – Gary Jeltema, Mike Byker, Phil Kuiken
November 5 – Gary Jeltema, Jon Hellinga, Austin Van Donge, Ryan Van Schouwen

Sunday Evening Greeters

October 1 – SE-Irwin & Judy De Jong, FHW-Bob & Carla De Jong
October 8 – SE-Loren & Melissa Dykstra, FHW-Dennis & Margene Eekhoff
October 15 – SE-Jim & Marilyn Goslinga, FHW-Wade & Aletha Haarsma
October 22 – SE-Doug & Janice Hamming, FHW-Justin & Stephanie Hellinga
October 29 – Combined Worship at Calvary CRC
November 5 – SE-Warren & Ruth Dekkers, FHW-Arlin & Karen Klein

Sunday Morning Refreshments

October 1 – Arlin & Karen Klein, Brian & Nancy Kroeze
October 8 – Jeremy & Jennifer Mills, Ryan & Jennifer Mulder
October 15 – Nick & Maria Noteboom, Ryan & Jennifer Noteboom
October 22 – Brent & Anita Nykamp, Ross & Krista Oolman
October 29 – Caleb & Sarah Pluim, Ryan & Shanelle Raines
November 5 – Bert & Kristi Reinders, Arlan & Marcia Scholten
November 12 – Doug & Audrey Schuller, Shane & Denise Schuller
November 19 – Shannon & Bethany Schuller, Don & Bev Snieder
November 26 – Ken & Patty Timmermans, Carol Noteboom & Marla Vande Kamp

Bulletin Delivery

October 1 – Rod & Sondra De Groot
October 8 – Don & Ruth Post
October 15 – Gary & Anita Jeltema
October 22 – Ed & Ethel Kruid
October 29 – Brian Kroeze

Church Choir!

Church choir will be starting soon! If you enjoy singing, please consider joining us. We will make a joyful noise to our God and have fun doing it!

Watch the bulletin for the starting date!

Ushers:

Oct.: SW-Warren Dekkers
SE-Kaleb Hamming
Center-Nick Noteboom, Doug Schuller
Nov.: SW-Wyatt Nykamp
SE-Harlan Ver Steeg
Center-Kevin Van Donge, Ross Bolkema

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!!



October is Pastor Appreciation Month! We are thankful for the work that Pastor Jordan does for First CRC. Take a minute sometime this month to show your appreciation to him. Let him know we are thankful he is serving at 1st CRC.

OUTREACH UPDATE:

First CRC will be hosting a shepherd's table meal. This meal is an opportunity for us to share with people from our community. Shepherd's Table will be held on Thursday, October 26 in our fellowship hall. Watch for bulletin announcements and sign up sheets for area to volunteer and serve our neighbors.

We will again participate in Operation Christmas Child this year! Shoe boxes will be provided (if needed) or can fill up your own. Boxes will be available towards the end of October – filled boxes will be delivered during National Collection Week in the middle of November.

Please continue to pray for Santiago, the child we support through Compassion International. Below is correspondence that we received from Santiago's mother and his tutor. If you would like to write Santiago, standard forms and address are available from the Outreach Committee.

Dear Friends, I send you greetings from a distance. Maria, Santiago's mother, writes to you. This year Santiago entered Prekindergarten. He is a very calm and studious boy and is in good health. He likes animals like cows and dogs and he always helps around the house to feed the cows. We have 2 cows called Griselda and Azul. I ask you to pray for Santiago so that he remains healthy. We said goodbye to Santiago and Maria (mother).

Greetings dear sponsor. I am Jenny, Santiago's tutor. He thanks you for the sponsorship you are giving him. The child is very quiet and helps his mother as much as he can. We say goodbye, Santiago and Jenny (tutor).

From the Congregational Life Committee:

The new education year started off with a great burger fry kickoff. Thank you to all who provided delicious salads and dessert, and for your attendance.

Smoked foods have become a popular thing, so we decided to try a smoke-off this year. The date will be October 18 at 6:00 p.m. There are a number of folks in church who have done some smoking, so we are asking for volunteers to smoke something to share. We will be providing the rest of the food for the meal that night.

Along with that, we decided to see how creative "kids" of all ages can be at pumpkin painting. We will provide what is needed to you to show your handiwork.

Please use the sign up sheets in the fellowship hall to help us out. Join us for a fun evening and good fellowship!

Valet Parking
October – Ryan Mulder
November – Shannon Schuller



NURSERY WORKERS

OCTOBER 1 AM-ANITA JELTEMA, DENISE SCHULLER, KARLI NOTEBOOM
PM-SHAWNDRRA KUIKEN, RUBY ZYLSTRA, GAVIN MILLS
OCTOBER 8 AM-KRISTA OOLMAN, KAREN VAN SCHOUWEN, BEAU HELLINGA
PM-JAYDEN MULDER, KYRA VAN SCHOUWEN, LINDSEY DE GROOT
OCT. 15 AM-JENNIFER MULDER, JANNA VAN DONGE, CARTER SCHULLER
PM-ANGELA DE GROOT, REAGAN NOTEBOOM, HENRY ZYLSTRA
OCTOBER 22 AM-JODY DE JONG, JANICE HAMMING, CLAIRE HELLINGA
PM- BECKY VISSER, SABRINA TIMMERMANS, CALVIN REINDERS
OCTOBER 29 AM-LEIANNA HELLINGA, GINA ZYLSTRA, BRENNAL BOLKEMA
PM-COMBINED REFORMATION WORSHIP AT CALVARY
NOVEMBER 5 AM-CONNIE LEFEVER, 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-LINDSEY VAN SCHEPEN, CHRISTINA ZUIDERVEEN,
AYVA VAN SCHOUWEN
PM-JENN MILLS, JULIA DYKSTRA, DAVID BOLKEMA

*thank
you*

Thank you for remembering me during my stay in the hospital dealing with pneumonia. Thank you also for the cards and birthday wishes for my 90th birthday. You are a blessing to me.

--Bill Van Zanten

I would like to thank our church family for the many cards, phone calls and food brought in after my back surgery! Special thanks to Pastor Jordan, Curt and LeRoy for their visits and prayers!

--Pat & Gordy Bruxvoort

The youth group has once again been overwhelmed by you, our congregational support group. God blessed us with great weather, good food, a wonderful turnout, and a night of fellowship on Wednesday evening, Sept. 20. A heartfelt thank you from each one of us to each one of you!

--First CRC Youth Group



September Council Report

- The council reviewed some options for the excess fair share funds that will be donated to OCCS as a result of some families qualifying for the Education Savings Accounts. The council approved having these excess funds go towards the curriculum updates.
- The September classis meeting will be held at Immanuel CRC, Orange City. Delegates are Curt Ahrenholz, Mark Kuiken, and Nate Zuiderveen.
- Council approved the Orange City GEMS Club Coordinators' proposal to have GEMS Sunday be held at Immanuel CRC every year with the four CRC pastors rotating giving the message. Reasons – having GEMS Sunday at the same location as regular meetings is very helpful for practicing for the service and the girls are familiar with that church.
- Church Order Article 43 was reviewed. Classis shall maintain a student fund and Classical Ministerial Leadership Team to provide support for individuals preparing for ministry in the CRC and classis may grant the right of gifted persons to exhort when the need for their services has been established.
- Committee reports were given. The Youth Group will be presenting a video on their July convention experience on an upcoming Sunday.
- Search committee gave a progress report.
- The financial reports for August 2023 were reviewed.

In His Service,
Curt Ahrenholz, Clerk

Offering Schedule

October 1 AM

Launch Global

October Mission of the Month

October 1 PM

Dordt University

October 8 AM

Cornerstone Prison Church

October 8 PM

Unity Christian General Fund

October 15 AM

Sos & Kara Maletoungou

October 15 PM

Benevolent Fund

October 22 AM

Resonate Global Mission

October 22 PM

Faith Formation Ministries

October 29 AM

Calvin Theological Seminary

October 29 PM

Combined Worship at Calvary CRC

November 5 AM

Zestos/Food Pantry

November Mission of the Month

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