

REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

October 2025



*"The grass withers,
the flower fades,
but the word of our
God will stand
forever."
-Isaiah 40:8*

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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,
Kathy Schuller

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

October 11 – Bridal Shower for Carissa Reinders/
Jared Dubbelde, 10:00 a.m.

October 12 – Service at the Prairie Ridge, by
Care Unit 3 (Byker/Hellinga), 2:30 p.m.

October 15 – Congregational Life Dutch Meal, 6:00 p.m.

October 26 – Combined Reformation Service at 1st CRC



Media

October 5 – Phil Kuiken, Drew Noteboom, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker
October 12 – Ryan Van Schouwen, Grant De Groot, Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen
October 19 – Shannon Schuller, Nicholas Noteboom, Jon Hellinga
October 26 – Carson Noteboom, Tyce Van Donge, Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom
November 2 – Linda Ver Steeg, Drew Noteboom, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker

Sunday Evening Greeters

October 5 – SE-Alan & Jody De Jong, FHW-Dennis & Margene Eekhoff
October 12 – SE-Wade & Aletha Haarsma, FHW-Rev. Jordan & Luralyn Helming
October 19 – SE-Mark & Cindy Huizenga, FHW-Brice & Lanae Kroeze
October 26 – SE-Mark & Vi Kuiken, FHW-Doug & Janice Hamming
November 2 – SE-Justin & Stephanie Hellinga, Gary & Anita Jeltema

Sunday Morning Refreshments

October 5 – Doug & Janice Hamming, Jon & Leianna Hellinga
October 12 – Justin & Stephanie Hellinga, Ed & Marla Hoogland
October 19 – Gary & Anita Jeltema, Arlin & Karen Klein
October 26 – Brian & Nancy Kroeze, Ed & Ethel Kruid
October 26 **PM** (Combined Reformation Service) – Brice & Lanae Kroeze, Ryan & Jennifer Mulder
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

Ushers

October: SW-Collin Dykstra

SE-Carter Van Hulzen

Center-Nate Zuiderveen, Brent Nykamp

November: SW-Trey Kroeze

SE-Ryan Mulder

Center-Ken Timmermans,
Clayton Reinders

Bulletin Delivery

October 5 – Don & Ruth Post
October 12 – Ed & Ethel Kruid
October 19 – Gary & Anita Jeltema
October 26 – Brian Kroeze
November 2 – Doug Hamming

NURSERY WORKERS

OCTOBER 5 AM-JILL JACOBSMA, ANGELA DE GROOT, MAGDALENA HELMING
PM-LEIANNA HELLINGA, AUTUMN KROEZE
OCTOBER 12 AM-MARCIA SCHOLTEN, LAUREN NOTEBOOM, MADISON SCHULLER
PM-SHARI VISSER, JOSIE NYKAMP
OCTOBER 19 AM-JANICE HAMMING, KARLI NOTEBOOM, TRISTAN DE GROOT
PM-ANITA JELTEMA, KALEB DE GROOT
OCTOBER 26 AM-SHAWNDRA KUIKEN, ALLISON TIMMERMANS, SAWYER MILLS
PM-BETHANY SCHULLER, AUTUMN CLARK
NOVEMBER 2 AM-CHRISTINE TERPSTRA, LINDSEY VAN SCHEPEN,
DEACON OOLMAN
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,
CADEN VAN SCHEPEN
PM-JANNA VAN DONGE, HALEY SCHULLER

Valet Parking

October – Kaleb Hamming
November – Ryan Raines



Thank You

We want to thank the members of your church for your continued prayers and generous financial support. We continue to work with and support media teams in several countries, more recently with the team in Nigeria. Thank you for your part in this. It is a privilege to serve as your missionaries.

- Lauren and Connie Runia,
Wycliffe Bible Translators

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

First CRC is blessed with two wonderful pastors – take some time this month (and any time 😊) to show them how much they are appreciated. Send them an email, give a card, a gift card, note of encouragement or another token of appreciation. They bless our congregation in many ways, let them know you are thankful for them.

Pastor Stephen and Pastor Jordan,
Thank you for all you do and for who you are! Thank you for having the heart of a servant leader, for teaching God's Word faithfully, for loving us, and for helping us grow in our relationship with our Lord and Savior. We are so thankful that God has brought both of you to serve Him at First CRC!

--Your First CRC family

September Council Report

- The council approved forming an Ad Hoc committee to review our bylaws concerning committee and society structures and how they align with our Mission, Vision, Ministry Strategy & Principles statements.
- The council approved forming an Ad Hoc committee to review our church's website.
- The council approved the membership transfer request of John and Claretta Lobbes to First CRC, Rock Valley.
- Church Order Article 65 was reviewed. The office bearers of the church shall extend pastoral care to all members of the congregation including visitations, spiritual mentorship, encouragement, and assistance.
- Committee reports were given.
- Classis Heartland meeting is scheduled for September 17 at Prairie Lane CRC, Omaha. Approved delegates are Rev. Terpstra and elder Brian Kroeze.
- The financial report for August 2025 was reviewed.

In His Service,

Curt Ahrenholz, Clerk

Upcoming Offerings

October 5

AM-Launch Global

October Mission of the Month

PM-Dordt University

October 12

AM-Building Fund

PM-Unity Christian High School

October 19

AM-One Body One Hope

PM-Orange City Hospice

October 26

AM-Center for Financial Education

PM-Atlas

November 2

AM-Zestos/Food Pantry

November Mission of the Month

PM-Justice for All

The second offering each Sunday morning is for Christian Education.

From the Youth Group:

As a fundraiser, the youth group is assisting the city with cleaning up flower beds and then planting tulip bulbs this fall.

We would love and appreciate help from the congregation! On October 8 we will be cleaning up the flower beds and on October 25 will be planting tulip bulbs. Watch the bulletin for more details!

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@firstcroc.org .

