

REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

October 2026



*The grass withers and
the flowers fall, but
the word of our God
endures forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

forever

cr  sswalk

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, Bob Dorhout,
Arlys Feenstra, Gladys Hoekstra,
Geri Kiel, Arie Noteboom,
Leona Noteboom, Irene Pennings,
Joan Spronk

Landsmeer Assisted Living

Henrietta Jeltema, Everly Visser

Transportation

If you need a ride to a church service or another activity in church, please contact Bob De Jong.

Hospitality

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

Upcoming Events

October 21 – Chili Cookoff

October 25 – Combined Reformation Worship at Calvary



Media

October 4 – Shannon Schuller, Drew Noteboom, Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen

October 11 – Carson Noteboom, Grant De Groot, Gary Jeltema, Jon Hellinga

October 18 – Phil Kuiken, Nicholas Noteboom, Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom

October 25 – Ryan Van Schouwen, Lindsey De Groot, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker

November 1 – Shannon Schuller, Tyce Van Donge, Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen

Sunday Evening Greeters

October 4 – SE-Mark & Gina Zylstra, FHW-Nate & Christina Zuiderveen

October 11 – SE-Orv & Joyce Bruxvoort, FHW-Ken & Dawn Beukelman

October 18 – SE-Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort, FHW-Grant & Heidi De Groot

October 25 – *Combined Reformation Worship at Calvary*

November 1 – SE-Warren & Ruth Dekkers, FHW-Dennis & Margene Eekhoff

Sunday Morning Refreshments

October 4 – Ed & Marla Hoogland, Gary & Anita Jeltema

October 11 – Mark & Cindy Huizenga, Arlin & Karen Klein

October 18 – Brice & Lanae Kroeze, Ed & Ethel Kruid

October 25 – Mark & Vi Kuiken, Phil & Shawndra Kuiken

November 1 – Bruce & Connie Lefever, Ryan & Jennifer Mulder

November 8 – Nick & Maria Noteboom, Ryan & Jennifer Noteboom

November 15 – Brent & Anita Nykamp, Ross & Krista Oolman

November 22 – Don & Ruth Post, Ryan & Shanelle Raines

November 29 – Bert & Kristi Reinders, Arlan & Marcia Scholten

Bulletin Delivery

October 4 – Doug Hamming

October 11 – Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort

October 18 – Arin & Karen Klein

October 25 – Rod & Sondra De Groot

November 1 – Don & Ruth Post

Ushers

October: SW-Calvin Reinders

SE-Tyler Kroeze

Center-Ryan Mulder

Curt Ahrenholz

November: SW-Justin Hellinga

SE-John Van Kalsbeek

Center-Ross Oolman

Mark Zylstra

NURSERY WORKERS

OCTOBER 4 AM-PATTY TIMMERMANS, SARAH PLUIM, MAGDALENA HELMING

PM-JODY DE JONG, KALEB DE GROOT

OCTOBER 11 AM-AUDREY SCHULLER, ANITA JELTEMA, CARTER SCHULLER

PM-KRISTI REINDERS, JOSIE NYKAMP

OCTOBER 18 AM-DENISE SCHULLER, JENNIFER NOTEBOOM,

JANELLE ZUIDERVEEN

PM-JANICE HAMMING, LILIA VAN SCHEPEN

OCTOBER 25 AM-MARCIA SCHOLTEN, HEIDI DE GROOT, BEAU HELLINGA

PM-COMBINED REFORMATION WORSHIP AT CALVARY

NOVEMBER 1 AM-LINDSEY VAN SCHEPEN, MARIA NOTEBOOM,

KYLIE DE GROOT

PM-CHRISTINE TERPSTRA, AUDREY ZUIDERVEEN

NOVEMBER 8 AM-LEIANNA HELLINGA, SHAWNDR KUIKEN,

CADEN VAN SCHEPEN

PM-JANNA VAN DONGE, CONNOR SCHULLER

NOVEMBER 15 AM-JILL JACOBSMA, MELISSA DYKSTRA, ADELYNN BOLKEMA

PM-JENN MILLS, AUTUMN KROEZE

NOVEMBER 22 AM-KRISTA OOLMAN, BECKY VISSER, PARKER MILLS

PM-AMY BOLKEMA, HALEY SCHULLER

NOVEMBER 26 AM-BETHANY SCHULLER, SHARI VISSER, JOSIAH HELMING

NOVEMBER 29 AM-ALLISON TIMMERMANS, LUCY VAN HULZEN,

CALLIE VAN SCHEPEN

PM-KAREN VAN SCHOUWEN, MADISON SCHULLER

Valet Parking

October – Trevor Mulder

November – Kaleb Hamming

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you all for your generous support through our latest youth group fundraiser meal! We are so blessed to have a church family who is willing to invest in the lives of our youth, in turn investing in the future of The Church!

We will also have some upcoming opportunities to work along side the youth group in the coming weeks with removal of city flowers and planting of city tulips. Any congregation member who is able and willing to do some manual labor is invited to help! Be on the lookout for more details to come.

First CRC Youth Group

The Missions Committee has been working on efforts for our church, and wanted share some highlights:

- Based on the interest, we will plan a trip to Rehoboth Christian School over the winter. More information will come out soon as it is available. We are thankful for the congregation's interest in going to Rehoboth!

- We are grateful for the opportunity to support One Body One Hope during a busy campaign season. Our Committee and Council have approved sponsoring 5 pastors at new church plants. Please be in prayer for the pastors we will be supporting, as they go into their Crusade and Church Planting season:

Freedom Nyumah - Rivercess County, Cestos City | October 1-3, 2026

Abraham Gargar - Sinoe County Greenville | October 5-7, 2026

Joseph Alue - River Gee County, Fish Town | October 10-12, 2026

Emmanuel Gbazon - Maryland County, Pleebo | October 14-16, 2026

Goe Webster Togba - Grand Kru County, Barclayville - October 18-20, 2026

- Please keep the missionaries our church supports in prayer:

Lauren and Connie Runia

Jan and Darlene Van Ee

Steve and Tara Dekkers

Sos and Kara Maletoungou

- We are beginning to plan for Mission Emphasis Week in April, 2027.

We are grateful for your support in these important matters!

Rod, Loren, Leroy, Matt, Julia, Kyra, and Pastor Jordan

Online Giving is up and running!



If you have any questions, please contact a deacon.

September Council Report

- Rev. Terpstra reviewed with the council on being an active listener to those we come into contact with.
- Rev. Terpstra reported on the September Classis meeting held at Sheldon Immanuel CRC.
- Committee reports were given.
- The financial reports for August 2026 were reviewed.
- The Missions committee is looking into a possible winter service trip to Rehoboth Christian School in New Mexico.
- A chili cookoff is being planned for the congregation on October 21, 2026.
- Thanks to the youth group and their sponsors for a fun evening and great meal on September 16!
- Thanks to the Terpstas and Helmings for a great meal and fellowship at the annual council supper held on September 9.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Van Donge, Clerk of Council



As we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month in October, we want to take a moment to thank Pastor Stephen and Pastor Jordan for their faithful service to our church family. We are grateful for their preaching and teaching, their prayers, their encouragement, and the many ways they care for and serve our congregation. We thank God for the blessing they are to First CRC and pray that He will continue to give them wisdom, strength, and joy as they serve Him and His church.

It's time for the Chili Cookoff!

Join us on October 21 for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun! A sign-up sheet is available in the fellowship hall for those who would like to participate by making a chili. We also ask everyone planning to attend to sign up so we can make sure we have plenty of food for all. Come enjoy a fun evening together!

