

REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

September 2025



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MATTHEW 5:16

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)

Claretta Lobbes
Jake Van Den Hul

River View Ridge (Rock Valley)

John Lobbes

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

September 7 – Sunday School and Catechism begin
Noon Potluck

September 10 – Service at the Pioneer Home, by
Care Unit 8 (R. De Groot/Noteboom)

September 14 – Baptism of Everett De Groot

September 17 – Classis Heartland Meeting at
Prairie Lane CRC
Youth Group Fundraiser



Media

September 7 – Ryan Van Schouwen, Grant De Groot, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker
September 14 – Shannon Schuller, Riley Mulder, Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen
September 21 – Carson Noteboom, Nicholas Noteboom, Gary Jeltema, Jon Hellinga
September 28 – Linda Ver Steeg, Tyce Van Donge, Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom
October 5 – Phil Kuiken, Drew Noteboom, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker

Sunday Evening Greeters

September 7 – SE-Nate & Christina Zuiderveen, FHW-Mark & Gina Zylstra
September 14 – SE-Ken & Dawn Beukelman, FHW-Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort
September 21 – SE-Orv & Joyce Bruxvoort, FHW-Grant & Heidi De Groot
September 28 – SE-Warren & Ruth Dekkers, FHW-Loren & Melissa Dykstra
October 5 – SE-Alan & Jody De Jong, FHW-Dennis & Margene Eekhoff

Sunday Morning Refreshments

September 7 – *Noon Potluck – No Refreshments*
September 14 – Alan & Jody De Jong, Bob & Carla De Jong
September 21 – Loren & Melissa Dykstra, Dennis & Margene Eekhoff
September 28 – Matthew & Lana Faulkner, Wade & Aletha Haarsma
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

Ushers

September: SW-Pete Zomermaand

SE-Harlan Ver Steeg

Center-Alan De Jong, Darrell Schuller

October: SW-Collin Dykstra

SE-Carter Van Hulzen

Center-Nate Zuiderveen, Brent Nykamp

Bulletin Delivery

September 7 – Doug Hamming
September 14 – Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort
September 21 – Arlin & Karen Klein
September 28 – Rod & Sondra De Groot
October 5 – Don & Ruth Post

NURSERY WORKERS

SEPTEMBER 7 AM-JENNIFER MULDER, KAREN VAN SCHOUWEN,
LILIA VAN SCHEPEN
PM-HEIDI DE GROOT, JANELLE ZUIDERVEEN
SEPTEMBER 14 AM-NANCY KROEZE, HALEY SCHULLER, JOSIAH HELMING
PM-AMY BOLKEMA, LINDSEY DE GROOT
SEPTEMBER 21 AM-JANNA VAN DONGE, JODY DE JONG,
CALVIN REINDERS
PM-BECKY VISSER, AUDREY ZUIDERVEEN
SEPTEMBER 28 AM-PATTY TIMMERMANS, CONNIE LEFEVER,
MEGAN DE GROOT
PM-JENNIFER NOTEBOOM, AYVA VAN SCHOUWEN
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

Valet Parking

September – Trevor Mulder
October – Kaleb Hamming

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the crews from First that came to our house and cleaned up our fallen branches after the storms this summer. Also, thanks to Pastor Stephen and Christine and Pastor Jordan and Luralyn for providing supper for the church that evening. You are all appreciated so very much!

--Jill & Brooke Jacobsma

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who came out to clean up the trees in our grove. You went above and beyond and did so much more than anticipated! Your willingness to lend your time and energy was such a blessing, and a true reflection of Christ's love in action. We are so grateful for your support and for being part of such a caring church family. Thank you again for your kindness, hard work, and fellowship!!

--Bob & Jane Dorhout and family

Thank You

1st CRC –

Thank you for the help in cleaning my yard after the wind storm on July 28. Special thanks to Bert, Clayton, Carissa and crew!

--Becky Visser

We would like to thank Rev. Terpstra and family, the Ahrenholz family and all the others who selflessly gave up their time to help clean up storm damage. We truly are blessed in every way.

--Doug & Audrey Schuller

On behalf of the education committee, we would like to thank all those who have volunteered this coming year for Sunday School, Catechism, GEMS, Cadets, Youth Group and Post High.
Psalm 78:4 "We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power and the wonders he has done."

--Doug Schuller, Education

Committee

I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone from 1st CRC who helped my parents (John & Claretta Lobbes) with the clean up of their tree after the storm. I don't know names of everyone who helped, but for sure Denny Eekhoff, Bob De Jong and some of the youth group. Thank you for your servant attitude and being the hands and feet of Jesus!

--Holly Davis

We want to thank all those who helped tear out carpet in our basement. It was greatly appreciated!

--Bob & Carla De Jong

June/July/August Council Report

- The end of June marked the close of the church fiscal year and the first year for Rev. Terpstra serving our church
- Thanks to outgoing council members – deacons Leroy De Jager and Ken Timmermans; and elders Doug De Haan, Mark Huizenga, and Bert Reinders for their service and leadership in the church.
- New council members were welcomed and updated at our June meeting – deacons Ed Hoogland and Caleb Pluim; and elders Mike Byker, Rod De Groot, and Kevin Van Donge.
- Office bearers for the new fiscal year are President Doug Schuller, Vice President Brian Kroeze, Clerk Curt Ahrenholz, General Adjunct Kevin Van Donge, Treasurer Phil Kuiken, President of Deacons Nick Noteboom.
- Rev. Terpstra gave an update of Synod. We are thankful for Rev. Terpstra's work at Synod as he served as President of Synod 2025.
- Church Order Articles 62, 63, and 64 were reviewed. These included giving both financially and otherwise to develop and sustain ministries of the congregation; ministry to the church's children and youth; and ministry to adult members to equip them to fulfill their calling in the church.
- Committee reports were given. Committees are being updated to replace retiring members. We are thankful for those who are willing to serve.
- The English Standard Version (ESV) pew Bibles have been received and are in use. The council approved donating the old NIV pew Bibles to the Gideons and to One Body One Hope, and also making them available to church members.
- Our church was blessed with the summer seminary internship of Abraham Nirnanjan who served our church for ten weeks.
- Classical credentials were completed for Classis Heartland meeting scheduled for September 17 at Prairie Lane CRC, Omaha. Approved delegates are Rev. Terpstra and elder Brian Kroeze.
- The council approved a Step into Scripture program for the 2025/2026 church education year.
- The financial reports for May, June, and July 2025 were reviewed.

In His Service, Curt Ahrenholz, Clerk

Upcoming Offerings

September 7

AM-Rehoboth Christian School
September Mission of the Month

PM-Sioux City Gospel Mission

September 14

AM-Mission and Service Project Fund,
Benevolent Fund

PM-Orange City Christian School

September 21

AM-Amistad Cristiana
PM-Cary Christian Center

September 28

AM-Geneva Campus Ministry
PM-Hope Haven

October 5

AM-Launch Global
October Mission of the Month

PM-Dordt University

**The second offering each Sunday
morning is for Christian Education.**