

REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa

September 2026



Trust
IN THE LORD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART
AND LEAN NOT ON
YOUR OWN
UNDERSTANDING.

PROVERBS 3:5

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

Landsmeer Assisted Living

Henrietta Jeltema,
Joan Spronk, Everly Visser

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

September 13 – Sunday School and Catechism begin
All Church Potluck, 12:00 p.m.

September 16 – Classis Meeting at Sheldon Immanuel CRC

September 16 – Youth Group Fundraiser at church, 5:00-7:00pm

September 16 – Service at the Pioneer Home,
(CU 1 Jeltema/Hoogland), 7:00 p.m.

September 29 – Senior Coffee



Media

September 6 – Shannon Schuller, Grant De Groot, Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen

September 13 – Carson Noteboom, Nicholas Noteboom, Jon Hellinga

September 20 – Phil Kuiken, Lindsey De Groot, Ryan Raines, Ryan Noteboom

September 27 – Ryan Van Schouwen, Tyce Van Donge, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker

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

Sunday Evening Greeters

September 6 – SE-Lucy & Carter Van Hulzen, FHW-Ken & Patty Timmermans

September 13 – SE-Matt & Lindsey Van Schepen, FHW-John & Judy Van Kalsbeek

September 20 – SE-Matt & Karen Van Schouwen, FHW-Harlan & Linda Ver Steeg

September 27 – SE-Marlyn & Esther Visser, FHW-Pete & Laura Zomermaand

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

Sunday Morning Refreshments

September 6 – Bob & Carla De Jong, Warren & Ruth Dekkers

September 13 – *Potluck – No Refreshments*

September 20 – Jon & Leianna Hellinga, Alan & Jody De Jong

September 27 – Wade & Aletha Haarsma, Justin & Stephanie Hellinga

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

Bulletin Delivery

September 6 – Don & Ruth Post

September 13 – Gary & Anita Jeltema

September 20 – Ed & Ethel Kruid

September 27 – Brian Kroeze

October 4 – Doug Hamming

NURSERY WORKERS

SEPTEMBER 6 AM-AMY BOLKEMA, ALLISON TIMMERMANS, SAWYER MILLS

PM-KRISTA OOLMAN, AUTUMN CLARK

SEPTEMBER 13 AM-CHRISTINA ZUIDERVEEN, LAUREN NOTEBOOM,

TRISTAN DE GROOT

PM-LUCY VAN HULZEN, KARLI NOTEBOOM

SEPTEMBER 20 AM-KAREN VAN SCHOUWEN, NANCY KROEZE,

DEACON OOLMAN

PM-ANITA JELTEMA, BRENNIA BOLKEMA

SEPTEMBER 27 AM-JENNIFER MULDER, CLAIRE HELLINGA, MEGAN DE GROOT

PM-ANGELA DE GROOT, AYVA VAN SCHOUWEN

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

PM-JODY DE JONG, KALEB DE GROOT

OCTOBER 11 AM-AUDREY SCHULLER, CONNIE LEFEVER, 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

WELCOME!

We recently officially welcomed the Caldwell family to First CRC. The Caldwells - Chadd, Cheryl, Lynneah, and Peter live in Orange City. The Caldwell family moved from Missouri to Orange City in June of 2025 after Chadd accepted employment at Dordt University in the art department. Cheryl is a teacher at Sioux Center Christian School. They have two children, Lynneah (age 16) and Peter (age 12). As a family they love to do arts and crafts, go camping, play games, and visit their extended family in Pennsylvania.

Valet Parking

September – Shannon Schuller

October – Trevor Mulder

Ushers

September: SW-Doug Hamming

SE-Gavin Mills

Center-Shane Schuller,

Ken Timmermans

October: SW-Calvin Reinders

SE-Tyler Kroeze

Center-Ryan Mulder,

Curt Ahrenholz

You're Invited!

Join us for an opportunity to
support our youth group!



When: Wednesday, September 16 5:00-7:00

Where: First CRC parking lot

Serving: Burgers, Hot dogs, Beans, Chips,
Watermelon and a sweet treat!

Free will donation

**Feel free to come and show off your fancy ride
down on the farm!**



Online Giving is up and running!



If you have any questions,
please contact a deacon.

August Council Report

- *Rev. Terpstra discussed and offered resources on stewardship and the office of deacon.
- *Committee reports were given
- *All church education positions are filled for 2026/2027 school year.
- *A request from One Body One Hope to help fund new pastors will be supported.
- *Disc golf outing and pizza supper took place on Saturday, August 15th. Fall outings are currently being planned.
- *The financial reports for July 2026 were reviewed.
- *Reviewed proposed Orange City Cadet Club Cooperation Agreement. Council members will attend upcoming meeting to gather more information.
- *Approved delegates for the September 16 Classis Heartland meeting to be held at Immanuel CRC, Sheldon are Rev. Terpstra, Rev. Helming, Elder Mike Byker, and Deacon Nick Noteboom.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Van Donge, Clerk of Council

Upcoming Offerings

September 6
AM-Missions

PM-The Gideons

September 13
AM-Mission & Service Project Fund,
Benevolent Fund

PM-Orange City Christian School

September 20
AM-Sos & Kara Maletougou

PM-Samaritan's Purse

September 27
AM-Areopagus

PM-Orange City Cadets

October 4
AM-Missions

PM-General Fund

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

Update from the Youth Group

Thank you for your faithful support of our youth group throughout the past year. Your prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts have been a tremendous blessing, and we are grateful for the role you play in our ministry.

The 2025–2026 year was filled with opportunities for growth, fellowship, and fun. Throughout the year, we enjoyed meaningful lessons, successful fundraising events, and memorable activities together. One new highlight was our service night at the Sioux City Gospel Mission. It provided a meaningful opportunity to serve people beyond our own community while sharing Christ's love with others.

Our year concluded with our annual youth convention at Dordt University. Centered on the theme "Abound in Hope" from Romans 15:13, the convention reminded us that true hope is rooted in God's faithful promises—not in wishful thinking. Through the main sessions and workshops, our youth were encouraged and challenged in their faith. For our day away, we attended a local peewee rodeo where we enjoyed carnival games, ice cream, and even a mechanical bull. Some of the most meaningful moments for both the students and leaders came during the worship singing, as nearly 1,000 voices joined together in praise, as well as through reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. It is always amazing to see God's hand at work in every detail throughout the week. If you'd like to see a glimpse of the convention, visit the Reformed Youth Services Facebook page. Several workshop recordings are also available on the RYS YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@ReformedYouthServices/videos>).

As the year came to a close, we also said goodbye to our outgoing youth leaders, Brent and Anita Nykamp, who faithfully served for the past three years. We are deeply thankful for their dedication and the lasting impact they have made on the lives of our youth.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome our new youth leaders, Shannon and Bethany Schuller, as we prepare for the 2026–2027 church education year.

Be watching for more information about our fall fundraising events. In September, we will once again host our parking lot fundraiser at church, with additional details in your church mailbox and bulletin. Then in October, we'll again help with flower bed clean-up and tulip planting around town, and we invite members of the congregation to join us in serving our community.

Thank you again for partnering with us and faithfully supporting our youth. We look forward to another year of growing together in faith.

First CRC Youth Group

In Memory of MARY LOU NOTEBOOM

Mrs. Mary Lou Noteboom, age 90, of Alton, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2026, at the Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City.

Mary Lou was born on September 7, 1935, on her family's farm in rural Ireton, the daughter of Tony and Tena (Rindels) Riepma. She was raised near Ireton and Sioux Center, attended country school, and graduated from the Sioux Center High School. As a young woman, she worked as a waitress at the Corner Café in Orange City. Her future husband, Arie Noteboom, Jr., often came in for the hot roast beef sandwich and would occasionally walk her home. For their first date, they went fishing on a boat. Arie brought hard-boiled eggs for lunch, and although Mary Lou did not care for them, she did not want to tell him and ate one anyway. After high school, Mary Lou moved to California with her sister, Ramona.

On March 2, 1956, Mary Lou and Arie were united in marriage in Bellflower, California. They made their home in California for a few years before returning to Northwest Iowa and settling at the Million Dollar Corner. In addition to raising their family, Mary Lou ran the Million Dollar Lunch, a café attached to their home, and later worked at K-Products in Orange City. In the late 1960s, they moved to an acreage near Alton, and in May of 2022, they became residents of the Prairie Ridge Care Center. Together, they lived and loved life hand in hand for more than seventy years.

Mrs. Noteboom was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church. Faith was central to her life. She and Arie enjoyed traveling together, visiting 49 of the 50 states. Mary Lou also enjoyed camping, spending winters in Arizona, taking summer fishing trips to Canada, and vacationing with her family at West Lost Lake, Minnesota. She treasured spending time with her sisters, including many hours playing cards together. She also enjoyed hosting Sunday family dinners, regularly preparing her roast and fried chicken, and faithfully followed her grandchildren's sporting events. In earlier years, she participated in a women's bowling league.

Survivors include her husband, Arie; three sons and their wives; thirteen grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren: Bradley and Ronda Noteboom, of Maurice, and their family: Rachel and Eric Van Der Heide, and their children, Cameron and Lauren; Jonathan and Melissa Noteboom, and their children, Ava and Elliana; and Gretchen Noteboom, and her children, Abbi, Alex, and Sydnie.

Calvin and Carmen Noteboom, of Ireton, and their family: Erin and Beau Bosma, and their children, Clayton (Jenna), Braeden, Dylan, and Charlee; Megan and Phillip Meehan, and their children, Ryder, Trey, and Sydney; Andrew and Brittany Noteboom, and their children, Mackenzie, Madelyn, Caden, and Mason; and Jenna and Ryan Visser, and their children, Emery, Lily, and Aubrey.

David and Tamera Noteboom, of Hawarden, and their family: Adam Noteboom and his fiancée, Leah Vink; Ashley and Jack Brundell, and their children, Lincoln, Harrison, Jackson, and Reagan; Joseph and Keanna Noteboom, and their children, Ryder and Capri; Erica Noteboom; Benjamin Noteboom; and Emily Noteboom.

Mary Lou is also survived by her sister, Linda Van Otterloo; three sisters-in-law, Leona Noteboom; Joanne, and her husband, Gerald "Jerry" Niezen; and Carol Noteboom.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two stepfathers, Martin Vander Meer and Steve Van Otterloo; her parents-in-law, Arie C. and Lucy (De Jong) Noteboom; her stepmother-in-law, Ann (Boonstra) Noteboom; two great-grandchildren, Georgia Gene Noteboom and Grace Ariea Noteboom; two brothers and their wives, Edward and Nellie Riepma, and Bernard and Annetta Riepma; a sister and her husband, Ramona and Marvin Wiersema; a stepsister and her husband, Harriet and Gerrit Fedders; two stepbrothers, Marvin Vander Meer and Norm Van Otterloo; a sister-in-law and her husband, Luetta and Glenn Oolman; five brothers-in-law: Peter Ira Noteboom, who died in infancy; Thomas Noteboom and his wife, Elinor; Peter Noteboom; Vernon Noteboom and his first wife, Bernice; and Ronald Noteboom; four stepbrothers-in-law, Harold Boonstra and his wife, Ann, Robert "Bob" Boonstra and his wife, Myrna, Norman Boonstra and his wife, Velma, and Rudolph "Rudy" Boonstra; and two stepsisters-in-law and their husbands, Lois and Frank Vogel, and Mary and Vernon Mouw.