

First Christian Reformed Church

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***Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love***

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First CRC Fulton
June 22, 2025 - 9:00am
Seek God in All Situations

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Homesick for Heaven

Welcome: Pastor Michael

Call To Worship: Responsive Reading From Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being,
praise his holy name.

**All: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his
benefits.**

Leader: Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones
who do his bidding, who obey his word.

**All: Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his
servants who do his will.**

Leader: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his
dominion.

All: Praise the LORD, O my soul.

God's Greeting: Pastor Michael

Mutual Greeting:

Worship Through Song:

Praise

Amazing Love / You are My King

Seek Ye First

Announcements:

Congregational Prayer:

Offering: General Fund & Faith Promise

Worship Through Song:

I Sought the Lord

Jesus Draw Me Close
As the Deer

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Psalm 42

¹*As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.*

²*My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?*

³*My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”*

⁴*These things I remember
as I pour out my soul:
how I used to go to the house of God
under the protection of the Mighty One
with shouts of joy and praise
among the festive throng.*

⁵*Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God.*

⁶*My soul is downcast within me;
therefore I will remember you
from the land of the Jordan,
the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.*

⁷*Deep calls to deep
in the roar of your waterfalls;
all your waves and breakers
have swept over me.*

⁸*By day the Lord directs his love,
at night his song is with me—
a prayer to the God of my life.*

⁹*I say to God my Rock,
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I go about mourning,
oppressed by the enemy?”*

¹⁰*My bones suffer mortal agony*

*as my foes taunt me,
saying to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”
¹¹Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God.*

Sermon: Seek God in All Situations - Pastor Michael

WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Parting Song: Amazing Love / You Are My King

Announcements

Food Pantry - This is our scheduled week for donating to the Fulton Food Pantry. The suggested donation is Hot or cold cereal.

Totally Tuesday July 8th, 5-7pm at Drives Park - The Fulton Police Department has asked us to help with the children's water activities (you don't have to get wet unless you want to)! They will be having a dunk tank, small water slide, and "splash pad." Our job will be to ensure the kids are not pushing, tripping, and otherwise rough housing and helping littler ones get around the activities. We will also help by giving and fetching the balls for the dunk tank. Who's up for some fun?! We would appreciate all your help even if you can only help for an hour. Please let me know. Thank you! Beth Caven

Fulton Night Out-August 12th-Stay tuned for more details!

Remember in prayer our members in care facilities or homebound: Albert W., Mary M., Joe L.

Please send prayer requests to mhooke01@gmail.com or call
847-513-2809.

Please send *all other* bulletin information to
FirstCRCFulton@live.com by Thursday at 7:00pm.

June Birthdays

2 Lauren Medenblik	19 Kyley Burden
4 Jennifer Smith	20 Alex Bielema
16 Roland Behrens	25 Cole Bradley
18 Tom Scidmore	30 Evelyn Medenblik

June Anniversaries

14 John & Kathy Byker	18 Steve & Pam Bielema
	25 Matt & Theresa Bielema

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 6/15/25:	<u>General Fund</u>
	Budget: \$2,180.00
Benevolence: \$138.00	Received: <u>\$1,560.00</u>
	Under: \$620.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Faith Promise

Offerings 6/29/25: General Fund & UCSB

Please place your offering in the plates as they are passed.

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is Indigenous Ministry Sunday, set aside to celebrate the gifts and richness that Indigenous people bring to life in Canada and the United States. Storytelling is an important part of Indigenous cultures. It is one way they pass on the story of their people and their history. The Bible is the story of God and God's people. Telling Bible stories is a way we pass along God's story from one generation to the next. These stories help us to know who God is and what God has done. What is your favorite Bible story? Why do you like it? What does it tell you about God? How does it affect the way you live today? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Global Leadership Summit Simulcast - August 7–8, 2025 | Calvin University - Join leaders from around the world for a live simulcast of the Global Leadership Summit Simulcast, hosted locally at Calvin University's Covenant Fine Arts Center. Hear from top global speakers on leadership, purpose, and innovation. Open to professionals, students, educators, and community members. Early Bird tickets available through July 16. Info & registration at <https://brushfire.com/582107>

Community News

Matter of Balance Class - Shelle Sikkema, the parish nurse at Bethel will be offering a Matter of Balance class for 8-12 people who are interested in learning different methods to improve their balance. If interested in the class or wish to ask more questions about it, please contact Bethel at bethelcrchurch@gmail.com or 815-589-2501.

The Kramers will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, June 22nd at 6:00 PM! Come and join us for an evening of praise and worship. A free-will offering will be taken. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors. When God's gifting, God's anointing and God's calling come together in one family, exciting things are going to happen. Since their beginning in gospel music ministry, The Kramers have maintained a high quality of musical excellence with an unquenchable passion to see people come to know Jesus Christ as Savior. Matched with the seriousness of their calling, The Kramers shine with an undeniable love for The LORD. The beauty of this relationship is clearly evident not only through the anointing of their music, but also their godly love for everyone they meet. One cannot attend a Kramers concert without being touched. With Rachel's

beautiful, soaring soprano voice, Maria's tender, heartfelt delivery of beautiful lyrics and smooth family harmonies, many doors of opportunity have now opened nationally.

New Vocal Blend will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, June 29th at 6:00 PM! Come and join us for an evening of praise and worship. A free-will offering will be taken. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors. New Vocal Blend is a Southern Gospel Quartet. The group's mission statement to spread the Gospel through music. We love Jesus and want to tell everyone the message.

Community Hymn Sing Sunday, June 29th at 7 pm at the Riverview Bandshell, 251 Ball Park Dr, Clinton, IA. Just bring a lawn chair and sing along. Sponsored by the Pregnancy Center.

Tee Up Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 9:00 AM for Mid-America Reformed Seminary's 21st Annual Golf Outing at Deer Creek Golf Club, University Park, IL. Join us for a fun-filled day of golf, fellowship, and friendly competition at the beautiful Deer Creek Golf Club. This year's outing will feature a scramble format with a shotgun start at 9:00 AM.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece - (October 13 - 24, 2025) Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Thursday, June 26 th	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
	Deacons Meeting	6:30 pm
	Council Meeting	6:45 pm

	June 22 nd	June 29 th
Recorder & Sound	Paul T.	Joe V.
Nursery Attendant	Lynell B.	Michelle V.
Snack Provider	Lynda V.	Ruby D.
Server	Carman F.	Lynell B.