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

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First CRC Fulton
June 1, 2025 - 9:00am
An Often-Neglected Celebration

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: He Has Made Me Glad

Welcome: Beth

Call To Worship: Apostle's Creed - In Unison

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

God's Greeting: Pastor Rich

Mutual Greeting:

Worship Through Song:

Dwell with Me O Blessed Spirit

Spirit of the Living God

There is a Redeemer

Announcements: Beth

Congregational Prayer: Angie

Offering: General Fund & Building Fund

Worship Through Song:

Yet Not I but Christ in me

Holy Spirit How I Love You

Across the Lands

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture:

John 14:16-19

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

John 16:5-15

⁵but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹²"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to

come. ¹⁴He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

Acts 1:1-11

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

¹¹“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Sermon: An Often-Neglected Celebration - Pastor Rich Bawinkel

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Rich

Parting Song: Now Unto the King Eternal

Announcements

Thank you to all who donated blood on May 21! Including your donations, the Blood Center collected 13 units. This will help save up to 39 lives and increase the local blood supply! There is a need for all blood types right now, but especially Types B- and O-. If you are willing and able to donate, please call 1-800-747-5401 to schedule an appointment. Thanks for your support. – Amy Dykstra

Sunday, June 15th We will be celebrating the Lord's supper. It's also Father's Day, so instead of a potluck, we will have breakfast casseroles right after the service so that you can all get together and celebrate the rest of the day with the Dads in your life!

Totally Tuesday at Drives Park, **Tuesday, July 8th**! We are hoping to have a few volunteers serve popcorn. Stay tuned.

Congratulations:

Rylie Dykstra graduated from Riverbend Middle School.

Logan Moore graduated from West Carroll Middle School.

Logan Vander Eide graduated 8th grade at Unity Christian School.

Abel Rolston graduated 8th grade at Fulton Middle School.

Shelby Rolston graduated with a Master's degree!!

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

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

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 5/25/25:	<u>General Fund</u>
	Budget: \$2,180.00
UCSB: \$168.00	Received: <u>\$549.00</u>
	Under: \$1,631.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

Offerings 6/8/25: General Fund & TBA

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

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1). Now more than ever, it's important for us to continue to heal our relationship with God's beautiful creation through our worship, personal actions, and advocacy for the flourishing of the Creator's handiwork. As World Environment Day (June 5) is celebrated this week, consider how you and your family can lean into our moral responsibility to care for God's creation. Think of five commitments you can make toward this goal. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Community News

Local Talent & a Message from Rev. John Byker will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, June 1st, 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.

The Foresters will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, June 8th at 6:00 PM! We will be serving Root Beer Floats after the concert! Come and join us for an evening of praise and worship. The Foresters are a family band in full time Christian Music Ministry. Based in Nashville, TN, they travel all across the United States and Canada, holding more than 110 concerts each year. They have also held three tours in Europe. The Foresters are Christian Music Family Band. They play a large variety of instruments including, Piano, Bass Guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Mandolin, Harmonica and Drums. They write much of the material they sing. Their style is current and fresh with strong lyrical content. The Foresters consist of: Mark (vocals, piano and guitars) , Andrea (lead vocals) , Tyler (age 19- drums and guitar) and Trevor (age 15 - vocals and bass guitar)

Felix Adler Day Family Festival Saturday, June 14, 2025, 10 AM - 3 PM, Indoors & Outdoors at the Discovery Center.

Summer Family Fest '25 will be held June 17th – 19th at Journey Church, 1010 13th Ave N, Clinton, IA. Meals will be served from 5 – 6pm and Entertainment will be 6 – 8pm. For more information visit JourneyClinton.Org

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
	June 1st	June 8th
Recorder & Sound	Paul T.	Joe V.
Nursery Attendant	Amy D.	Sara B.
Snack Provider	Sara B.	Lori B.
Server	Eric & Sara B.	Lori B.