

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton
May 18, 2025 - 9:00am
Emmaus Road Series: Hopes Met

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Everlasting God

Welcome: Pastor Michael

Call To Worship: Responsive Reading from the
Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 31

Leader: Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

All: Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

God’s Greeting: Pastor Michael

Mutual Greeting:

Worship Through Song:

You’re Worthy of Our Praise

Shout to the North

In Christ Alone

Announcements:

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Michael

Offering: General Fund & Faith Promise

Worship Through Song:

Knowing You Jesus

Pass Me Not

O How I Love Jesus

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Luke 24:18-29

¹⁸*One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"*

¹⁹*"What things?" he asked.*

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵*He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

²⁸*As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.*

Sermon: Emmaus Road Series: Hopes Met - Pastor Michael

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Parting Song: O Praise the Name

Announcements

This is our scheduled week for donating to the **Fulton Food Pantry**. This month the suggested donation is **Toilet Paper**.

Please wear Red, White and Blue to recognize Memorial Day, **Next Sunday, May 25th**. We will take a photo up front immediately after the service before we get our treats!

Sunday, June 15th We will be celebrating the Lord's supper, and 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 Dad's in your life!

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

Graduates: Please send all graduation announcements or any other end of school year / summer announcements to FirstCRCFulton@live.com by 7pm on Thursday.

Blood Drive: First CRC will be hosting our semi-annual blood drive on Wednesday, May 21 from 3:30 – 6 p.m. All blood types are needed. To make an appointment, contact Amy Dykstra at 563-357-8555 or use Group Code 2371 at https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/133835. Last date to donate was 3/26/25.

Penny CAN-paign Unity School is working hard to pave the road from their current location in Fulton to their new school in Clinton. Please consider donating your pennies or aluminum cans to any Unity student to help reach their goal of 3,421,440 pennies – the number of pennies it would take to build a penny bridge from the current school to the new school.

Congratulations:

Logan Moore is graduating from West Carroll Middle School on May 19th.

Logan Vander Eide will be graduating 8th grade from Unity Christian School on May 23.

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

Please send prayer requests to **mhooke01@gmail.com**.

Please send *all other bulletin information* to

FirstCRCFulton@live.com by Thursday at 7:00pm.

May Birthdays

1 Brad Behrens

4 Jeriann Medenblik

7 Branden Russell

8 Berend Hooker

9 Jonas Atherton

13 Donald Huizenga

17 Sam Dykstra

20 Seth Bradley

21 Ronda Phillips

25 Joe Stephenson

25 Joan Jackson

May Anniversaries

22 Troy & Brenda Bousman

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 5/11/25:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,180.00

Cadets: \$162.00

Received: \$707.00

Under: \$1,473.00

Through the first quarter of this year our General Fund offerings were approximately \$7900.00 short.

Offerings Today: General Fund & Faith Promise

Offerings 5/25/25: General Fund & UCSB

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

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Stories are powerful; there's often no better way to convey deep truth, deep pain, and deep love than through a meaningful story. Sharing faith stories helps us grow in Christ as we remember that our individual stories are situated within God's greater story. This week, explore ways to share faith stories with your community. Ask a friend to share their faith story, share your own faith story with a friend, or share stories as a group during a mealtime. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew Nicaragua Young Adults Trip - Young adults (18–30), join us in Nicaragua this August 9–17, 2025! Experience God in another culture while developing a perspective on poverty, missions and community development. Scholarship available via application! Contact Andrew Rienstra at arienstra@worldrenew.net or visit <https://bit.ly/nicaragua2025info> to learn more and register.

Thank You for Supporting Babies and Moms - Thank you for your generous gifts for babies and mothers worldwide through World Renew on Mother's Day. Your support for our health initiatives during the first 1,000 days will change countless lives for generations. You're helping give babies a healthy start so they can grow up strong and flourish with their God-given purpose. To learn more, visit worldrenew.net/first1000days

Community News

Sacred Call will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Monday, May 26th at 6:00 PM for their Memorial Day Kick-Off! Come and enjoy a meal with us at 4:30 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. Sacred Call is a Southern Gospel group based out of Claremore, Oklahoma. Although the current iteration of singers is new, the individual and collective experience of its members is extensive. As a ministry, Sacred Call is committed to preserving the rich heritage of Southern Gospel Music and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through a mix of classic, southern, country and slightly newer gospel music songs. The group claims 1 Peter 2:9 as their foundation and purpose. Each member of the group has been "called out" of darkness into the marvelous light and life of salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord. You will be blessed by their singing, but more importantly, you will be encouraged, uplifted and challenged by their message in song and testimony.

Feeling disconnected from Unity Christian School? The *Knight Knews* is making a triumphant return—this time as a digital publication! After a long-awaited comeback, our school newsletter will spotlight what's been happening at Unity Christian School. Staying connected is quick and easy - email [Liz Sandrock](mailto:secretary@unitychristian.com) (secretary@unitychristian.com), let her know your name and that you would like to subscribe to the *Knight Knews*. It that simple -- and the *Knight Knews* will be delivered straight to your inbox twice a year! Don't miss out -- be part of the buzz and stay connected with the heart of our school!

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation - (May 27 - June 8, 2025) Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's first, second, and third missionary journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima,

professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

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, May 22 nd	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
	Deacons Meeting	6:30 pm
	Council Meeting	6:45 pm

	May 18 th	May 25 th
Recorder & Sound	Joe V.	David D.
Nursery Attendant	Celia B.	Sara B.
Snack Provider	Michelle V.	Michelle V.
Server	Michelle V.	Michelle V.