

## **First Christian Reformed Church**

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

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**First CRC Fulton**  
May 25, 2025 - 9:00am  
Emmaus Road Series: Jesus' Response

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** Brenda

**Welcome:** Pastor Michael

**Call To Worship:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 45

Leader: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**All: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.**

**God's Greeting:** Pastor Michael

**Mutual Greeting:**

**Worship Through Song:**

Raise a Hallelujah

America The Beautiful

My Country 'Tis of Thee

**Announcements:**

**Congregational Prayer:** Pastor Michael

**Offering:** General Fund & Faith Promise

**Worship Through Song:**

How Great is Our God

God Himself is with Us

Amazing Grace/Open Our Eyes Lord

**We Prepare For & Hear God's Word**

**Scripture:** Luke 24:25-32

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

<sup>28</sup>As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup>But 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.

<sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

**Sermon:** Emmaus Road Series: Jesus’ Response- Pastor Michael

## **WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING**

**Blessing:** Pastor Michael

**Parting Song:** The Blessing

### **Announcements**

**Please meet up on the pulpit to take a picture after the service. We will make the photo into a card and send them to our friends in nursing homes, and to those at home that can't be here to worship with us. Thank you!**

**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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 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:**

**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.

**Abel Rolston** who graduates from 8th grade at Fulton Middle School.

**Shelby Rolston** who graduated with a Masters 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](mailto:mhooke01@gmail.com) or call 847-513-2809.

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 5/18/25:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,180.00

Faith Promise: \$138.00

Received: \$1,076.00

Under: \$1,104.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & UCSB

Offerings 6/1/25: General Fund & Building Fund

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

### **CRC News**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - This week we celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday. Romans 8:34 tells us that Jesus “is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us” (NIV). As you think about Christ interceding for us in heaven, what do you imagine he’s asking God the Father for on your behalf? Brought to you by Thrive: [crna.org/Thrive](http://crna.org/Thrive)

### **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.

**The Browns** will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on FRIDAY, May 30th 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. It's truly a family affair when The Browns hit the stage with their music. The Dove Nominated, musical stylings of Adam, Michaela, Shelly, and Andrew exude excitement on the stage and offer an experience to all who hear them. The Browns deliver the powerful message of the gospel through word and song that engage audiences of all ages. The Browns have been touring across the United States since the group began 25 years ago. The heralded group began on the local and state level and has expanded and grown into a national and international touring group. In 2015 the family bought and restored a hundred-year-old historic building into a state-of-the-art live music theater, in their hometown of Le Mars, Iowa. They welcome thousands of tourists and Brown music lovers to Le Mars each year. The Browns love what they do, love each other, and the audience to whom they sing!

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**Summer Family Fest '25** will be held June 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> at Journey Church, 1010 13<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Clinton, IA. Meals will be served from 5 – 6pm and Entertainment will be 6 – 8pm. For more information visit [JourneyClinton.Org](http://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](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

| Weekly Calendar |                |         |
|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| Today           | Sunday Worship | 9:00 am |

|                   | May 25 <sup>th</sup> | June 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Recorder & Sound  | David D.             | Paul T.              |
| Nursery Attendant | Alida H.             | Amy D.               |
| Snack Provider    | Michelle V.          | Sara B.              |
| Server            | Michelle V.          | Eric & Sara B.       |