

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton
August 25, 2024 - 9:00am
The Armor

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Piano

Welcome

Announcements:

Call To Worship: Pastor Michael

God's Greeting: Pastor Michael

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Onward Christian Soldiers

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A Shield About Me

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund & Unity Christian School Boosters

Worship in Song:

O Church Arise

Jesus Your Name

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the

day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Sermon: The Armor - Pastor Michael

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: New Doxology

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Announcements

Correction to the Newsletter – Happy 48th Anniversary to Gayle and Roger on August 27th!

Remember in prayer our members in care facilities or homebound: Carroll E, Betty S, Albert W

Please send prayer requests to Pastor Michael at
mhooke01@gmail.com.

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

August Birthdays

2 Chris Roos	18 Celia Behrens
3 Audrey Balk	19 Andrew Zajicek
3 Isabelle Fletcher	20 Joseph Zajicek
10 Lynell Breidenbach	21 Brenda Bousman
10 Mary Medenblik	24 Teresa Dellit
14 Pam Bielema	25 April Prins
14 Sara Burns	26 Julie Lutz
15 Dale Schaver	28 Holly Bielema
15 Jason Vander Eide	31 Joshua Bielema

August Anniversaries

3 Sam & Ruby Dykstra	9 Bill & Mary Medenblik
5 Lauren & Jeriann Medenblik	27 Roger & Gayle Dykstra

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 8/18/24:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,051.62

Faith Promise: \$143.00

Received: \$1,184.00

Short: \$867.62

Offerings Today: General Fund & UCSB

Offerings 9/1/24: General Fund & Building Fund

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

Community News

Ceramic Painting Party is being hosted by First Reformed Church, 510 15th Ave., Fulton on September 28 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. Go to <https://form.jotform.com/242164524442047> to sign up. You can only sign up for 1 object. The cost is \$25. The kids will have their own ceramics to paint, and they are \$10. The deadline to sign up is today, August 25.

Fulton Fire Department pork chop and chicken drive-thru fundraiser is Thursday, August 29th, from 4 – 7pm.

The Lesters will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, August 25th, 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. Whether you have followed the music of the Lesters for years – or you're just finding out about us for the very first time – we are so glad you're here. We hope you will take a few minutes and catch up on the latest news of what God is doing through this ministry around the country. Simply put, we love music and we love introducing others to Jesus Christ through our music and personal ministry. It's a passion that began with our grandparents, Harvey and Opal Lester, in 1925. And it's one that has endured to the third, fourth and fifth generations.

The Mulkins Family will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, September 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. We will be ending the season strong by serving Root Beer Floats at the end of the concert! The Mulkins Family exists to glorify God through their music and evangelism. As a young family, they continue to develop their instrument skills and singing harmony to deliver a fun, uplifting, and God-honoring gospel concert. People leave their concerts feeling encouraged and inspired. Their music style is Southern and Bluegrass Gospel. The Mulkins Family consists of Rick and Cindy Mulkins, with their nine children in age order: Ruby, Isaac, Noah, Grace, Hazel, Jacob, Caleb, Ezra and Esther. Currently, five out of their eight children sing and play instruments. When Rick gets asked why he doesn't sing

with the family, he smiles and jokingly replies, “I can’t carry a tune. The only thing I can carry is the sound equipment into the church.” Even though Rick doesn’t sing, he still plays an integral role in their music ministry as he interweaves the Gospel and heartfelt testimonies and stories of God’s grace and goodness between songs.

Cops & Rodders Car show will be Saturday, September 7th, 2024, from 9am – 3pm. A memorial ride through the car show will be at approximately 1:30pm.

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church will be having their annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 4 – 7pm at 1201 N Bluff St, Albany, IL. The dinner will include Spaghetti, all you can eat, salad, Applesauce, French bread, beverage, and ice cream for dessert will be served in the hall. Donations for the meal are: \$13 for adults, \$5 for children age 5-12, and free for children under 5. Carry outs will be available at the church.

Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Greece (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 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](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Job Opening - Information Technology Director - The CRCNA is hiring an Information Technology Director. The IT Director is responsible for establishing and executing the IT strategy, ensuring its integration with the mission strategy of

the Christian Reformed Church (CRC), enabling the CRC to extend the reach of its mission. The IT Director participates in and contributes to the overall organization’s operating model by bringing current knowledge and future vision of leveraging information and technology in service of the organization’s mission. Apply now at <https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/>

August is National Make-A-Will Month - You don't have to be wealthy to establish an estate plan. If you own a house, have any investments or special collections, you should have a plan. August is National “Make A Will” Month and a great annual reminder to set up a trust or gift a charity in your will. The CRC has resources to help. Learn more by visiting the CRC Heritage website at crcna.org/foundation

	August 25 th	September 1 st
Recorder & Sound	David D	Paul
Nursery Attendant	Stacy S	Lynell
Snack Provider	Ann D	Amy D
Server	Ann D	Amy D

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am