

First Christian Reformed Church

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The king talked with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Miskael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

Daniel 1:19 W.E.B.

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

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First CRC Fulton
January 7, 2023 - 9:00am
God Placed Wisdom

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Simple Gifts

Welcome

Announcements:

Call To Worship: Pastor Michael

God's Greeting: Pastor Michael

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Open The Eyes of My Heart

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Worship in Song:

The First Noel

Be Thou My Vision

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Daniel 1:1-4; 19-20

¹In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ²And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god.

³Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the

royal family and the nobility—⁴young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians.

¹⁹The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

Matthew 2:1-18

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until

it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. ¹³When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." ¹⁴So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." ¹⁶When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸"A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more."

Sermon: God Placed Wisdom
Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Announcements

Please be very diligent when reading emails. An email was sent to the church email from “Michael Hooker,” however, the email address was not Pastor Michael’s email address. These types of emails can appear to be from someone you know but end up being malicious.

Remember in prayer our members in care facilities and those that are homebound: Dorothy B, Carroll E, John S, Betty S, Albert W

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

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

January Birthdays

1 Audrey Atherton	15 Bodey Stephenson
1 Angie Vander Eide	15 Mark Dykstra
4 Joe Vander Eide	21 Fred Phillips
4 Jean Medenblik	24 Leanna Schipper
6 Jamie Wiebenga	24 Joshua Wiebenga

January Anniversaries - 15 Roland & Celia Behrens

Deacons’ News

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

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

Next Sunday: General Fund & Ministry Shares

Offerings Received 12/31/23

General Fund

Budget: \$2,042.00

Received: \$6,738.00

Over: \$4,696.00

Ministry Shares: \$274.00

Community News

Fulton Fire & EMS Annual Soup Supper will be held Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 11am – 7pm at the Fulton Fire Station, 1802 16th Avenue, Fulton, IL. They will be serving chili, vegetable beef, chicken noodle, split pea soup and oyster stew along with snowflake rolls, and desserts. Free will donations are welcomed and all proceeds go toward the purchase of fire and EMS equipment to keep our community safe.

Free Movie Night First Reformed Church invites you to come the Sound of Freedom on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Admission is free and the movie begins at 6:30pm. They will also be showing a children's movie (TBA) and there will be popcorn, snack, and drinks available at intermission.

Camp Greenwood Summer Camp 2024 is here! Registration opens on January 1, 2024 with Early Bird Discounts on opening day. We want to see you and your family this summer! <https://campgreenwood.org/summer-camp/summer-camp/>

Iron Sharpens Iron 2024 Men's conference will be held in Davenport, IA, on March 2nd, or Lemont, IL, on March 16th, from 8:30am – 4:00pm. Keynote speakers include Don Davis, Chris Harper, Danny Lopez, and Larry Jackson. For more information visit FocalPointMinistries.net, email info@focalpointministries.net or call 563-249-0110.

Iron Sharpens Iron 2024 Women's conference will be held at Calvary Church in Moline, IL, on Saturday, April 13, 8:30am – 4:00pm. Keynote speakers include Alisha Childers and Rachel Lovingood. For more information call 563-249-0110, visit FocalPointMinistries.net, or email info@focalpointministries.net.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (May 31 - June 11, 2024): 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 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

CRCNA Position Openings – The Christian Reformed Church has the following position openings:

Full-time Director of the Loan Fund (Remote US/Hybrid Grand Rapids, MI);

Part-time Local Mission Leader-Great Lakes (Michigan, Indiana, or Ohio);

Full-time Accounts Receivable (Hybrid Grand Rapids, MI);

Part-time Bi-lingual Regional Connector – Northeastern US (Spanish/English). For details, deadline or to apply visit www.crcna.org/jobs.

Resonate Global Mission Position Opening: Advancement Specialist – Resonate Global Mission is seeking a person to fill the full-time role of Advancement Specialist. Their work will be to coordinate and support the activities of the advancement team in effective and efficient ways so that relationships with the supporting community are stewarded wisely and financial potential grows for greater ministry impact. This position offers a flexible work schedule, attractive benefits package (including retirement fund contribution) and three weeks vacation. The position is a hybrid role in Grand Rapids, Mich. Learn more at crcna.org/get-involved/careers

	Today	Next Week
Recorder & Sound	David D	Paul T
Nursery Attendant	Lynell B	Michelle V
Snack Provider	Lori B	Lynda V
Server	Lori B	Carman F

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Tuesday, Jan 9	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm