

First CRC Fulton
September 24, 2023 - 9:00am
Forgiven and Forgiving

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Lord's Prayer

Welcome

Announcements

Call To Worship: HC Lord's Day 21 Q&A 56

Leader: What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

All: I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

God's Greeting: Pastor Byker

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Whiter Than Snow

His Mercy is More

Amazing Love (You are My King)

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Worship in Song:

The Love of God (is Greater Still)

I Sought the Lord

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

²¹*Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"*

²²*Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

²³*"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.*

²⁶*"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.'* ²⁷*The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.*

²⁸*"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.*

²⁹*"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'*

³⁰“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³²“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Sermon: Forgiven and Forgiving

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING

Parting Song: Go Now in Peace

Blessing: Pastor John

Announcements

Today we welcome Pastor John Byker to lead us in worship. Thank you, Pastor John!

Thursday This is our scheduled week for donating items to the Fulton Food Pantry. This month the suggested donation is -----.

Potluck our next potluck will be October 8th, following the service. Please bring a friend and a dish to pass.

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

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

September Birthdays

5 Carla Zajicek

5 Elizabeth Long

8 Bonnie Simon

10 Joe Long III

11 Betty Schaver

12 Courtney Lown

15 Lynda Vander Eide

17 Roger Frazier

18 Ed Huisenga

19 Virginia Scidmore

19 Pastor Michael Hooker

19 Andrew Dykstra

25 Eileen Frazier

27 Leo Burns

September Anniversaries

1 Jeff & Carla Z

3 Jon & Lynell B

4 Rollie & Lynda V

13 Ed & Jennifer H

20 Fred & Ronda P

Deacons’ News

9/17/23 :

Faith Promise: \$144.00

Budget: \$2,042.00

Offerings Today: General Fund - UCSB

Received: \$1,963.00

Next Sunday: General Fund - Building Fund

Under: \$79.00

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

Community News

Today is Abuse Awareness Sunday - The CRCNA invites congregations to imagine a more holistic approach to nurturing a safe and healthy church community where abuse itself becomes unthinkable and where trauma survivors feel supported and safe. Please help this valuable ministry that promotes safer churches and empowers all CRCs. Give now at: crcna.org/SafeChurch/Donate

Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center will reopen with regular museum hours on Wednesday, September 27. 10/7 - A-MAZE-ing Maze opens. 10/24 - Pizza Hut fundraiser. 11/10 - Online silent auction opens and closes 11/20. 11/19 - Pasta Dinner Fundraiser at Rastrelli's. 11/21 - Pizza Hut Fundraiser. 11/25, 12/8, & 12/17 - Enjoy milk and cookies with Santa. 12/31 - 11th Annual Family New Year's Eve party.

Safe Families for Children QC is having a GALA on October 2, 2023 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Holiday Inn in Rock Island. To reserve a ticket and meal, sponsor, or donate, visit <https://safefamilies-quadcities.funraise.org/fundraiser/quad-cities>.

Global Coffee Break - Women's Retreat - Plan to join us for a weekend of refreshment and encouragement as we consider what it means to be looked on as "favored." This event is in Hickory Corners, Michigan, October 6-8 (Registration Deadline is September 22). <https://globalcoffeebreak.regfox.com/favored-michigan>

Beyond the Walls, 2023 Center for Missions & Evangelism National Conference, will bring encouragement to church leaders and lay people alike by focusing on what it looks like to do faithfully reformed, outward-facing ministry in an age of adversity. Join us at Bethel Church in Lansing, Illinois on October 6-7. <https://www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference>

Volunteer with World Renew DRS this October! - Come enjoy the sun and service - World Renew DRS needs volunteers and On-Site Managers for our first reconstruction team in Sarasota, Florida! If you or someone you know can volunteer with DRS October 7th-28th, contact Diana at dmarquez@worldrenew.net to sign up or with questions.

Annual Spaghetti Supper at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Albany, IL, will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 4pm to 7pm. Dinner features Spaghetti, all you can eat, tossed salad, French bread, beverage, and ice cream for dessert, served in the church hall. Donations for the meal are \$13 for adults, \$5 for children 5 - 12, children under 5 are free. Carry outs will be available at the church. Please call Ruth Kampe at 563-357-6328 with questions.

The Annual Pro-Life Event for The Pregnancy Center will be held at Journey Church in Clinton on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, from 6:00-8:15pm. There will be pizza, worship, great teaching, Q & A time, and FREE giveaways. RSVP to Nancy by October 11th and let's pray and encourage our students to invite a friend! Call 563-242-6628 with questions.

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - February 26 – March 8, 2024. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to website: toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com

Position Openings - The Christian Reformed Church in North America has the following agency/ministry position openings in the US and/or Canada: Part-time (20hrs/wk) Administrative Specialist in Grand Rapids, MI; and two (2) Full-time Mission Team Leader for South & South East Asia and East Asia. For details, deadlines or to apply visit www.crcna.org/jobs.

	Today	Next Sunday
Recorder & Sound	David D	Paul T
Nursery Attendant	Amy D	Stacy S
Snack Provider	Lori B	Lynda V
Server	Lori B	Carman F

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Tuesday	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm
Thursday	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
	Deacons Meeting	6:30 pm
	Council Meeting	6:45 pm

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