

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton
June 29, 2025 - 9:00am
Freedom

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Piano

Welcome: Pastor Michael

Call To Worship: Responsive Reading

Leader: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

All: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

Leader: This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

All: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Leader: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

God’s Greeting: Pastor Michael

Mutual Greeting:

Worship Through Song:

God is Good (All the time)

The Power of Your Love

His Mercy is More

Announcements:

Congregational Prayer:

Offering: General Fund & Unity Christian School Boosters
Fund

Worship Through Song:

Christian Love

No Longer Slaves

Yet Not I But Christ in Me

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Galatians 5:1;13-25

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Sermon: Freedom - Pastor Michael

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Parting Song: Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone

Announcements

Totally Tuesday July 8th, 5-7pm at Drives Park - The Fulton Police Department has asked us to help with the children's water activities (you don't have to get wet unless you want to)! They will be having a dunk tank, small water slide, and "splash pad." Our job will be to ensure the kids are not pushing, tripping, and otherwise rough housing and helping littler ones get around the activities. We will also help by giving and fetching the balls for the dunk tank. Who's up for some fun?! We would appreciate all your help even if you can only help for an hour. Please let me know. Thank you! Beth Caven

Fulton Night Out-August 12th-Stay tuned for more details!

Bargain Bonanza has reached out seeking volunteers. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

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

Please send prayer requests to mhooke01@gmail.com or call 847-513-2809.

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

June Birthdays

2 Lauren Medenblik	19 Kyley Burden
4 Jennifer Smith	20 Alex Bielema
16 Roland Behrens	25 Cole Bradley
18 Tom Scidmore	30 Evelyn Medenblik

July Birthdays

1 Albert Wiebenga	6 Jessica Russell
2 Paul Thompson	15 Walker Vander Eide
4 Dick Huizenga	17 Bo Lown
	17 David Dykstra

17 Steve Huisenga
25 Jonah Lutz

28 Logan Moore
29 Graicie James

June Anniversaries

14 John & Kathy Byker

18 Steve & Pam Bielema

25 Matt & Theresa Bielema

July Anniversaries

1 Seth & Janelle Bradley

12 Bruce & Lori Bielema

20 Eric & Sara Burns

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 6/22/25:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,180.00

Faith Promise: \$151.25

Received: \$799.00

Under: \$1,381.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & UCSB

Offerings 7/6/25: General Fund & Building Fund

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

CRC News

Job Opening! Director of North American Regional Teams - Resonate - USA or Canada Remote - The Director of North American Regional Teams oversees the implementation of Resonate's Core Initiatives—Global Mission, Local Mission, and Church Planting—in Canada and the USA. This full-time, remote role focuses on managing the Local Mission Core Initiative and developing resources to empower missional leaders and faith communities within the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) and beyond. The Director also collaborates with other Core Initiative Leaders to support Resonate's initiatives. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – As you celebrate the birthday of your country this week (Canada, July 1; United States, July 4), spend some time praying for your country's leaders. Pray that they will lead with wisdom and act justly, love mercy, and

walk humbly (Micah 6:8). Go for a walk this week, near a civic space or building if you're able, praying that your country will walk humbly with God. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Global Leadership Summit Simulcast - August 7–8, 2025 | Calvin University - Join leaders from around the world for a live simulcast of the Global Leadership Summit Simulcast, hosted locally at Calvin University's Covenant Fine Arts Center. Hear from top global speakers on leadership, purpose, and innovation. Open to professionals, students, educators, and community members. Early Bird tickets available through July 16. Info & registration at <https://brushfire.com/582107>

Community News

New Vocal Blend will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, June 29th 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. New Vocal Blend is a Southern Gospel Quartet. The group's mission statement to spread the Gospel through music. We love Jesus and want to tell everyone the message.

Community Hymn Sing Sunday, June 29th at 7 pm at the Riverview Bandshell, 251 Ball Park Dr, Clinton, IA. Just bring a lawn chair and sing along. Sponsored by the Pregnancy Center.

No Worries will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, July 6th 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.

Tee Up Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 9:00 AM for Mid-America Reformed Seminary’s 21st Annual Golf Outing at Deer Creek Golf Club, University Park, IL. Join us for a fun-filled day of golf, fellowship, and friendly competition at the beautiful Deer Creek Golf Club. This year's outing will feature a scramble format with a shotgun start at 9:00 AM.

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

	June 29 th	July 6 th
Recorder & Sound	Joe V.	David D.
Nursery Attendant	Michelle V.	Celia B.
Snack Provider	Ruby D.	Virginia S.
Server	Lynell B.	Virginia S.