

First CRC Fulton  
September 3, 2023  
The Power of Prayer - Praise

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** Lord's Prayer

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call To Worship:** From Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

**All: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

**All: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant

David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**God's Greeting:**

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:**

O Praise the Name

Holy is The Lord

Lord Listen to your Children Praying

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** Holy Water

**Worship in Song:**

His Mercy is More

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

**Scripture:** Exodus 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

"I will sing to the Lord,

for he is highly exalted.

Both horse and driver

he has hurled into the sea.

<sup>2</sup>“The Lord is my strength and my defense;  
he has become my salvation.  
He is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

<sup>3</sup>The Lord is a warrior;  
the Lord is his name.

<sup>4</sup>Pharaoh’s chariots and his army  
he has hurled into the sea.  
The best of Pharaoh’s officers  
are drowned in the Red Sea.

<sup>5</sup>The deep waters have covered them;  
they sank to the depths like a stone.

<sup>6</sup>Your right hand, Lord,  
was majestic in power.  
Your right hand, Lord,  
shattered the enemy.

**Sermon:** The Power of Prayer - Praise  
**Prayer**

## **WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING**

**Parting Song:** Holy Spirit Come

**Blessing:**

### **Announcements**

**Outdoor Services** will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday this summer. Our next outdoor service will be held on September 10th, 2023, and the theme will be God Bless America, in honor of 9/11. Snacks will be provided by the evangelism and we will be writing letters to service members and first responders. Be sure to bring a friend!

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

### **September Birthdays**

5	Carla Zajicek	11	Betty Schaver	19	Virginia Scidmore
5	Elizabeth Long	12	Courtney Lown	19	Andrew Dykstra
8	Bonnie Simon	15	Lynda Vander Eide	25	Eileen Frazier
10	Joe Long III	17	Roger Frazier	27	Leo Burns
		18	Ed Huisenga		

### **September Anniversaries**

3	Jon & Lynell B	13	Ed & Jennifer H
1	Jeff & Carla Z	4	Rollie & Lynda V
		20	Fred & Ronda P

### Deacons' News

8/27/23 :

UCSB: \$280.00

Budget: \$2,042.00

**Offerings Today:** General Fund - Building Fund

Received: \$5,879.27

Next Sunday: General Fund - Food Pantry

Over: \$3,837.27

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

### Community News

**New Bus Route** - The city of Fulton has entered into a trial with the City of Clinton and the MTA to provide a bus route from Fulton City Hall to the new Lyons Business park bus route. This route will begin on Monday August 21 M-F 8:05am – 3:35pm as a trial until Dec. 1, 2023. The map of the route will be published in the September Newsletter.

**The Mulkins Family** will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday Sept.3rd at 6:00 p.m. Come out and listen to this talented family in our beautiful outdoor setting. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors. A free will offering will be taken. Their family mission is to minister by sharing the love of Jesus while encouraging families through Southern Gospel music and evangelism. They travel anywhere and everywhere. Their desire is to uplift and encourage families all over the country. They love to speak about faith, family and entrepreneurship.

**The Browns** will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on September 7th 6:00PM. Please join us in the Valley for an evening of praise and worship. A free will offering will be taken. The Browns are from LeMars, IA. They have been touring across the United States since the group began 22 years ago. It is truly a family affair when they hit the stage. The musical stylings of Adam, Michaela, Shelly and Andrew exude excitement and offer a great 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.

**Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center** 9/4 -- Blue Star Museum Ends

9/11 - 9/26 -- CLOSED for Annual Museum Maintenance

9/27 -- REOPENS with regular museum hours

**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>.

**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>

**The Annual Pro-Life Event** for the Pregnancy Center will be held this year at Journey Church in Clinton, on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 6:30-8:30pm. They will have pizza, great worship, a guest speaker and free pro-life giveaways. Mark your calendars. RSVP to Nancy by Email if you hope to attend or call 563-242-6628 with any 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](http://toursofisrael.wordpress.com) or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: [peter.tuininga@gmail.com](mailto:peter.tuininga@gmail.com)

**World Renew Plans Response to Hurricane Idalia** - The Florida panhandle was hit by Category 3 Hurricane Idalia this week with 6 to 12 inches of rain, 120 mph winds, a 12-foot storm surge, and widespread power outages. World Renew Disaster Response Services is making plans for long-term response through our existing area partners to help homeowners in need recover as soon as possible. Please give to help low income, elderly, and under-insured Idalia survivors at [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net), call 800-552-7972, or send your check, made out to World Renew DRS with Hurricanes 2023 in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Recorder & Sound	David D	Paul
Nursery Attendant	Celia B	Sara
Snack Provider	Brenda A	Evangelism
Server	Elders	Committee

<b>Weekly Calendar</b>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am

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