

# First Christian Reformed Church

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*Growing Closer to God  
Through Service & Love*

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**First CRC Fulton**  
February 2, 2025 - 9:00am  
Conflict: Leadership

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** Lead on Good Shepherd

**Welcome:**

**Announcements:**

**Call To Worship:** Pastor Michael

**God's Greeting:** Pastor Michael

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:**

Word of God Speak

Oh Church Arise

Oh, How I Love Jesus

**Communion Preparation:**

**Congregational Prayer:**

**Offering:** General Fund & Building Fund

Offertory:

**Worship in Song:**

O Jesus I Have Promised

Lord Speak to Me

Nearer Still Nearer

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

**Scripture:** Exodus 18:13-23

*<sup>13</sup>The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening.*

*<sup>14</sup>When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the*

people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?”

<sup>15</sup>Moses answered him, “Because the people come to me to seek God’s will. <sup>16</sup>Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God’s decrees and instructions.”

<sup>17</sup>Moses’ father-in-law replied, “What you are doing is not good. <sup>18</sup>You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. <sup>19</sup>Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people’s representative before God and bring their disputes to him.

<sup>20</sup>Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. <sup>21</sup>But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. <sup>22</sup>Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. <sup>23</sup>If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied.”

Ephesians 4:11-13

<sup>11</sup>So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Acts 6:1-6

<sup>1</sup>In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup>So the Twelve gathered all

*the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup>Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup>and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."*

*<sup>5</sup>This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup>They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.*

**Sermon:** Conflict: Leadership - Pastor Michael

## **WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

**Blessing:** Pastor Michael

**Parting Song:** The Blessing

### **Announcements**

**Preparatory Sunday:** as we look forward to celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday morning. Let us examine our hearts and lives this week as we prepare to come to the Lord's table.

**Save the date!** Our next potluck will be next Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, and it will be a Love Theme. Bring a dish or dessert (or both) that you "love!"

**Our next song request Sunday** will be February 16<sup>th</sup>. Pick out some favorites and put them in the basket in the back of the church by next Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>. You can also call, text, or Facebook messenger Beth Caven with your favorites! 563-219-2370

**Please** check the directory at the back table to be sure your information is correct by end of service.

**Remember in prayer** our members in care facilities or homebound: Carroll E, Albert W, Leanna S, Mary M.

Please send prayer requests to **mhook01@gmail.com**.

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

### **February Birthdays**

4 Logan VanderEide	18 Bailey Dykstra
4 Cameron Schaver	19 Wilma Vander Eide
4 Alayna Cornejo	20 Gayle Dykstra
6 Bruce Bielema	20 Landon Dykstra
6 Brooke Santillian	22 Maxine Van Zuiden
10 Amy Dykstra	27 Beth Caven

### **February Anniversaries**

16 Ray & Connie Wiebenga    27 Randy & Brenda Atherton

### **Deacons' News**

Offerings Received 1/26/25:	<u>General Fund</u>
	Budget: \$2,180.00
UCSB: \$427.00	Received: <u>\$766.00</u>
	Under: \$1414.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

Offerings 2/9/25: General Fund & Benevolence

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

### **CRC News**

**Technology Support Volunteer Opportunity in Nicaragua -**

Do you have IT skills and a heart for service? Tesoros de Dios, a ministry in Nicaragua serving children and youth with disabilities, is seeking a volunteer to help improve their technological systems. Tasks include updating databases, cleaning and securing computers, improving networks, and

training staff in technology. This flexible opportunity ranges from 1 week to 3 months. Basic Spanish is preferred. Visit [resonateglobalmission.org/technology](https://resonateglobalmission.org/technology) to learn more and apply!

### Community News

**Children's Discovery Center:** 2/8/25 – Family Valentine Party 11am–1pm. Meet Paul the golden retriever who loves to get pets, decorate Valentine cookies (& eat them!) make Valentines to give to special people, play some fun games.

**Rise Up Roseland:** Join us for our “Rise Up Roseland” silent auction fundraiser on Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 3pm-6pm at Harborside International Golf Center in Chicago. Hear how you can partner with us as we meet the needs of the Roseland community. Call 773-264-5665 for more information. Purchase tickets at <https://roselandchristianministries.yapsody.com/>

**Still Waters Tour** featuring Cade Thompson & Leanna Crawford and River Church Worship! The worship night will be Friday March 7, 2025, at the River Church in Clinton, IA. Leanna Crawford is red hot on Christian radio with the hit song Psalm 23 (Still Waters) and Cade Thompson has been on Christian radio for years. VIP tickets are almost sold out! There are also 4 packs of tickets available for a discounted price. Tickets will go up the day of the show. Visit [EventBrite.com](https://EventBrite.com) for tickets.

**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. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation** - (May 27 - June 8, 2025) Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's first, second, and third missionary journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

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

	<b>February 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>February 9<sup>th</sup></b>
Recorder & Sound	Joe V.	David D.
Nursery Attendant	Michelle V.	Celia B.
Snack Provider	Lynda V.	Ruby D.
Server	Michelle & Paige V.	Lynell B.