

## **First Christian Reformed Church**

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*Growing Closer to God  
Through Service & Love*

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**First CRC Fulton**  
May 24, 2026 - 9:00am  
“A Joy-filled R.S.V.P.”

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** Pianists choice

**Welcome:** Beth C.

**Announcements:** Beth C.

**Call To Worship:** Apostles’ Creed (in Unison)

**God’s Greeting:** Pastor Rich

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:**

He has made me glad

There's a sweet, sweet spirit – Brown Hymn #89

**Congregational Prayer:**

**Worship Through Song:**

Holy Ground

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

America the Beautiful – Brown Hymn #485

**We Prepare For & Hear God’s Word**

**Scripture:** Psalm 122 – Pew Bible #704

**Sermon:** “A Joy-filled R.S.V.P.” – Pastor

**WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING**

**Blessing:** Pastor Rich

**Parting Song:** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

**Announcements**

**Today we welcome** Pastor Rich Bawinkle. We look forward to worshipping with you today. Thank you for sharing your love and talent with our congregation.

**Thank you** to all who donated blood on May 20! Including your donations, the Blood Center collected 10 units. This will help save up to 30 lives and increase the local blood supply! There is a need for all blood types right now, but especially Type O-. If you are willing and able to donate, please call 1-800-747-5401 to schedule an appointment. Thanks for your support. – Amy (Dykstra) Carroll

**Graduates:** It is that time of year! Please email information on our graduates – their names, graduation date, school they are graduating from, future plans, & any other information you want to include (maybe a picture) to [FirstCRCFulton@live.com](mailto:FirstCRCFulton@live.com)

**Food Pantry** This is our scheduled week for donating items to the Fulton Food Pantry. This month the suggested donation is Toilet Paper.

### **2026 Graduates:**

**Jayson Johnson**, grandson of Roger & Gayle Dykstra, earned his Natural Resource Ecology and Management degree from Iowa State University on 5/16/26.

**Kaden**, grandson of Roland and Celia, graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly, IA, on May 23. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a double major in accounting and business administration with a finance focus. He also played football all 4 years. He will be working at State Farm Insurance in Independence, Iowa.

**Danyell**, Granddaughter of Roland and Celia, graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Agriculture Business on May 16. She is seeking employment in Agronomy.

**Please send prayer requests to**  
**stacy\_stephenson\_1980@yahoo.com** and *all* bulletin  
information to **FirstCRCFulton@live.com** by Thursday at 6p.  
If you have anything for the Newsletter, please email it with the  
subject line “Newsletter” by the last Wednesday of the month.

### **Birthdays**

25 Joe Stephenson

25 Joan Jackson

### **Deacons' News**

Offerings Received 5/17/26:

General Fund

Faith Promise: \$211.00

Budget: \$2,166.00

Memorial Fund: \$100.00

Received: \$835.00

Benevolence \$50.00

Under: \$1331.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & UCSB

5/31/2026 Offerings: General Fund & Kiwanis

*Please place your offering in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.*

### **Community Announcements**

**Men's breakfast, speaker and worship** at the Church of the  
Open Door in Clinton, 8am, the first Saturday of every month.

**Mike Haemmerle** will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley  
Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on  
Sunday, May 31st 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.

### **CRC News**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** – Today we celebrate Pentecost,  
the festival when Jesus' promise to send his Spirit to all  
believers was fulfilled (Acts 2:1-41). This is a great time to  
celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church.  
For ways in which you can celebrate as a family or with friends,

download God's Big Pentecost Story: A Celebration for Families ([DwellCurriculum.org/Home](http://DwellCurriculum.org/Home)). Brought to you by Thrive: [cena.org/Thrive](http://cena.org/Thrive)

	<u>May 24<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>May 31<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>June 7<sup>th</sup></u>
Pastor	Rich Bawinkle	Ken Renkes	Lain VanderMyde
Sound	Paul T.	Joe V.	David D.
Nursery	Amy C.	Lynell B.	Michelle V.
Snack	Sara B.	Michelle V.	Rachel E.
Server	Sara B.	Michelle V.	Rachel E.
Planner	Beth C.	Brenda A.	Lynda V.

<u>Weekly Calendar</u>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Thursday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
	Deacons Meeting	6:30 pm
	Council Meeting	6:45 pm