

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton

July 6, 2025 - 9:00am

Independence Day: Freedom in America & Freedom in
Christ

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Accompanist

Welcome: Bruce

Call To Worship: Bruce

God's Greeting: Pastor Lain

Mutual Greeting:

Worship Through Song:

America, the Beautiful

My Country Tis of Thee

Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praises

Announcements:

Congregational Prayer: Stacy

Offertory: Norah Clark

Offering: General Fund & Building Fund

Worship Through Song:

Shine Jesus Shine

Who You Say

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: John 8:31-32

"To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.""

Sermon: Independence Day: Freedom in America &
Freedom in Christ - Pastor Lain

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Lain

Parting Song: Lord I lift Your Name on High

Announcements

Totally Tuesday July 8th, 5-7:30pm 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.

July Birthdays

1 Albert Wiebenga	17 Bo Lown
2 Paul Thompson	17 David Dykstra
4 Dick Huizenga	17 Steve Huisenga
6 Jessica Russell	25 Jonah Lutz
15 Walker Vander Eide	28 Logan Moore
	29 Graicie James

July Anniversaries

1 Seth & Janelle Bradley	12 Bruce & Lori Bielema
	20 Eric & Sara Burns

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 6/29/25:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,180.00

UCSB: \$297.00

Received: \$6,470.28

Over: \$4,290.28

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

Offerings 7/13/25: General Fund & Ministry Shares

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

CRC News

World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) Volunteer Opportunities - When a community experiences a natural disaster, recovery is often complex and seems out of reach. You can change stories of disaster into stories of hope by volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS)! This fall, join a DRS reconstruction team in Sarasota, Florida, or Windsor, North Carolina, to repair disaster-impacted homes for families in need. With construction supervision on site, generous volunteer reimbursements, and ministry opportunities, what are you waiting for? Team dates and contact information to sign up are available at worldrenew.net/volunteer

Job Opening: Director of Partnership Administration - Grand Rapids, MI or Burlington ON. - Are you a servant leader with a proven track record of excellence in administration and organizational management? Do you love the church and want to use your passion for good governance, organizational strategies, and balanced budgets to further God's kingdom? Then please consider applying for the CRCNA's director of partnership administration position. As a member of the Office of General Secretary, the Director of Partnership Administration works collaboratively to guide and orient the

ministries of the CRCNA according to the direction provided by the CRCNA ecclesiastical assemblies, especially synod and the Council of Delegates. Partnering with the executive leaders of the Canadian and U.S. ministry boards as well as leaders of the educational institutions and World Renew, the Director of Partnership Administration will advance the work of the CRCNA in areas such as governance and compliance, joint ministry plans, finance, and budgets to create a well-functioning organization that operates on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

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 – In Joshua 4, God instructs the Israelites to gather twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan River as a reminder of what God has done for them. As we move into the second half of the year, create your own remembrances from the first half of the year. What moments serve as reminders of God's care, provision, and lovingkindness? Write them on a poster and hang them in your home as a sign of God's faithfulness. Or gather rocks, paint them, write keywords on them, and display them along a walkway outside or in a common room in your home. 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

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.

Alleluia Quartet 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! We will be having Sundays Night Sundaes after the concert! 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. Four guys from Beth Eden United Methodist Church got together in 1985 to share their musical talents in worship. Since that day, God has continued to bless them and their ministry. Alleluia Quartet shares their unique style of four-part harmony to witness to the love of God in their lives. AQ has been blessed to share this music in many different settings all over northern Illinois, southern Wisconsin, Iowa, and even Ohio. They share a message of hope, grace, and love wherever they go.

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

	July 6 th	July 13 th
Recorder & Sound	David D.	Paul T.
Nursery Attendant	Celia B.	Sara D.
Snack Provider	Virginia S.	Ann D.
Server	Virginia S.	Ann D.