

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton
January 14, 2024 - 9:00am
A Torn Open Heaven

*****Serviced cancelled due to severe weather*****

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: I Believe in Jesus

Welcome

Announcements:

Call To Worship: Pastor Byker

God's Greeting: Pastor Byker

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

In Christ Alone

The Power of Your Love

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Offertory: Holy Water

Worship in Song:

Beautiful Savior

Holy Spirit You are Welcome Here

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Mark 1:4-11

Sermon: A Torn Open Heaven

⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing

made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw **heaven being torn open** and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."*

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

Blessing: Pastor Byker

Announcements

Installation of new Elders and Deacons will occur next Sunday, January 21st, during Sunday Service.

Please be very diligent when reading emails. An email was sent to the church email from "Michael Hooker," however, the email address was not Pastor Michael's email address. These types of emails can appear to be from someone you know but end up being malicious.

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

Please send prayer requests to Pastor Michael at **mhooke01@gmail.com**.

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

January Birthdays

1 Audrey Atherton	15 Bodey Stephenson
1 Angie Vander Eide	15 Mark Dykstra
4 Joe Vander Eide	21 Fred Phillips
4 Jean Medenblik	24 Leanna Schipper
6 Jamie Wiebenga	24 Joshua Wiebenga

January Anniversaries - 15 Roland & Celia Behrens

Deacons' News

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

Offerings Today: General Fund & Ministry Shares

Next Sunday: General Fund & Faith Promise

Offerings Received 1/7/2024

General Fund

Budget: \$2,042.00

Building Fund: \$346.00

Received: \$1,481.00

Short: \$561.00

Community News

Fulton Fire & EMS Annual Soup Supper will be held Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 11am – 7pm at the Fulton Fire Station, 1802 16th Avenue, Fulton, IL. They will be serving chili, vegetable beef, chicken noodle, split pea soup and oyster stew along with snowflake rolls, and desserts. Free will donations are welcomed and all proceeds go toward the purchase of fire and EMS equipment to keep our community safe.

Free Movie Night First Reformed Church invites you to come the Sound of Freedom on Saturday, January 20, 2024.

Admission is free and the movie begins at 6:30pm. They will also be showing a children's movie (TBA) and there will be popcorn, snack, and drinks available at intermission.

Camp Greenwood Summer Camp 2024 is here!

Registration opens on January 1, 2024 with Early Bird Discounts on opening day. We want to see you and your family this summer! <https://campgreenwood.org/summer-camp/summer-camp/>

Calvin Symposium on Worship (Feb. 7-9, 2024) - Join us as leaders from churches and worshiping communities of all sizes and settings gather February 7–9, 2024, on the campus of Calvin University & Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to learn and worship together. The book of Ezekiel will be the preaching focus at the five primary Symposium worship services. In a fractured time for the worldwide church, Ezekiel's messages of judgment and profound hope provide just the word the people of God need. Learn more at worship.calvin.edu/event-programs/2024-calvin-symposium-on-worship

Roseland Christian Ministries fundraiser--- Join us Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 3pm-6pm at ROW 24 in Chicago. Learn how you can **Walk With Us** as we continue to love our neighbors in Roseland. A silent auction and raffle will be a highlight of the evening. Purchase tickets at <https://roselandchristianministries.yapsody.com/>. Call 773.264.5665 for more information.

Iron Sharpens Iron 2024 Men's conference will be held in Davenport, IA, on March 2nd, or Lemont, IL, on March 16th, from 8:30am – 4:00pm. Keynote speakers include Don Davis, Chris Harper, Danny Lopez, and Larry Jackson. For

more information visit FocalPointMinistries.net, email info@focalpointministries.net or call 563-249-0110.

Iron Sharpens Iron 2024 Women's conference will be held at Calvary Church in Moline, IL, on Saturday, April 13, 8:30am – 4:00pm. Keynote speakers include Alisha Childers and Rachel Lovingood. For more information call 563-249-0110, visit FocalPointMinistries.net, or email info@focalpointministries.net.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (May 31 - June 11, 2024): 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. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

	Today	Next Week
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe V
Nursery Attendant	Michelle V	Sara D
Snack Provider	Lynda V	Ruby D
Server	Carman F	Lynell B

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am

