

First CRC Fulton
April 16th, 2023
Believe Resurrection, Live Resurrection

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Resurrecting

Welcome

Announcements

Call To Worship: Lord's Day 17, Q&A 45

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.¹

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.²

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.³

1 Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:16-20; 1 Pet. 1:3-5

2 Rom. 6:5-11; Eph. 2:4-6; Col. 3:1-4

3 Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 15:12-23; Phil. 3:20-21

God's Greeting

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

I believe in Jesus

The Lion and the Lamb

We believe

Congregational Prayer

Worship Through Giving: General Fund & Faith Promise

Next week: General Fund & UCSB

Worship Through Song:

My God How Wonderful Thou Art

Blessed Assurance

Oh, How I Love Jesus

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon: Believe Resurrection, Live Resurrection - Pastor
Byker

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: Amazing Grace

Blessing: Pastor Byker

Announcements

Save the Date: the next community evangelism event will be held May 7th and we have exciting ideas! If you would like to be on our planning team, please let Marissa or Stacy know.

Semi-Annual Blood Drive will be held May 24, 2023 from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm at 1st CRC. To schedule an appointment please call or text Amy Dykstra at 563-357-8555. Thank you for saving lives!

Easter Lilies may be taken home today.

Easter Lilies were given in memory of:

Carl Vander Eide from the family

Elmer & Alberta Vander Eide from The Vander Eide
Family

Jake & Florence Balk & Roger Simon from Bonnie Simon

Angela McGinty from the family

Merle & Carol Bielema from the family

Brad Lown from the family

Ken & Stephanie Balk from Audrey Balk and Family

Melinda Wilkinson, Bonnie Casey, and Velma Wilkinson
from the family

For Family from Barb and Don Mathey

Sebert & Phyllis Dykstra from the Family

April Birthdays

3	Marissa Wilkinson	17	Eric Burns
7	Ray Wiebenga	20	Jeff Zajicek
13	Ryan Dykstra	29	Michelle Vander Eide
15	Jessica Sohre	30	Henry Bielema, Jr.

April Anniversaries

11	Tom & Virginia Scidmore	28	Joe & Stacy Stephenson
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Remember in prayer our members in care facilities and those that are homebound: Dorothy B, Jeanette B, Carroll E, John S, Betty S, Mark S, Albert W

Deacons News

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

4/2/23

Budget: \$2,042.00

Received: \$2,588.00

Over: \$546.00

Benevolence Fund: \$180.00

UCSB: \$80.00

Offerings Today: General Fund - Faith Promise

Next Sunday: General Fund - UCSB

Youth Group

We will meet this Sunday, April 16, at First CRC from 5:30-8:00. We will have snacks. Come join us!

We have all our spots reserved for SERVE 2023. We will be traveling to the Twin Cities in Minnesota on July 29 and return on August 5. We are excited to see what God has planned for our group.

Unity Christian School News

Mon, Apr 17-4:30pm Girls Soccer vs Faith Christian
(Drives Field)

6:00pm Boys Volleyball vs Faith Christian (in gym)

Thurs, Apr 20-6:30pm Preschool Spring Program (gym)

Friday, Apr 21 -6:30pm K-6th Spring Program (in gym)

Tuesday, April 25 - Girls Soccer vs Galesburg Christian
School (@ Drives Field)

Community News

Felix Adler Center Pizza Ranch fundraiser May 1st, 5-8p.

Felix Adler Day Family Festival June 17th

Final Expenses Benefit for Kimberlee Dauphin will be held at Triple Play Bowling and Banquet, 1601 9th Ave, Fulton, IL, today from 2pm to 6:00 pm. For more information, please see the attached flyer on the back page.

Baby Bottle Boomerang If you took a baby bottle and have not returned it, please do so ASAP. If you would like to donate, please place money in one of the envelopes or in the large baby bottle.

“Let There be Life,” the 37th Walk for Life at the Pregnancy Center, will be Saturday, April 29th. All are invited to Pray, Donate, or become a sponsored walker. Registration begins at 8:15am and the walk begins at 9am from The Pregnancy Center.

Rescued For A Reason, An unbelievable true story of kidnapping, theft, and the power to overcome, at First Reformed Church on Sunday, April 30th at 9:00 am. For more information call 815-589-2203.

Voice of Praise invites you to experience “Tribute!” A cantata like you have never heard before, celebrating the powerful music of Geron Davis, at Emmanuel Church, 202 E Morris St in Morrison, IL on April 21st, at 7:00 pm, April 22nd, at 3:00pm, and April 23rd, at 7:00 pm.

Calvinist Cadets have moved. Their new address is: 4695 44th St SE, Ste B-130, Kentwood, MI 49512.

Roseland Christian Ministries invites you to join their Spring Banquet, “We Are Grateful,” on April 20 at Georgios, 8800 West 159th St. in Orland Park. Doors open at 6:30, dinner is served at 7 p.m. Contact Kisha Pleasant at 773-264-5665 for reservations or more details.

Iron Sharpens Iron, one-day women’s conference, hosted by Focal Point Ministries, will be Saturday, April 22nd, 2023, from 8:30am to 4:00pm. The keynote speakers will be Erin Campbell and Rosalinda Rivera. Visit FocalPointMinistries.net for more information.

Biblical Study Tour to Italy (May 22 - June 2, 2023): Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Dr. Weima 616-328-3110 weimje@calvinseminary.edu

CRC News

CRCNA Position Openings - The CRCNA has the following full-time position openings: Communications Specialist, ReFrame Ministries & Director of Advancement, ReFrame Ministries. These positions are hybrid positions, working several days per week out of Grand Rapids, MI, or Burlington, ON, offices. Visit www.crcna.org/jobs for details or to apply.

	Today	Next Sunday
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe V
Nursery Attendant	Michelle V	Alida H
Snack Provider	Michelle V	Gayle D
Server	Michelle V	Roger D

Weekly Calendar		
Sunday, April 16 th	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
	Youth Group	5:30 pm

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Final Expense Benefit

for

Kimberlee Dauphin



Sunday, April 16th 2pm - 6pm
Triple Play Bowling and Banquet

1601 9th Ave, Fulton IL 815 589 3215



Cancer Steals

Kim was diagnosed with Small Cell Lung Cancer in May Of 2022. She has fought with great courage thru many hard rounds of chemo and radiation and was in remission for 3 months. In Feb she found out her cancer is back and it's metastasized to her brain with 10 tumors throughout it. Her prognosis is 6 months

Kim was a Makeup-Artist for companies such as Lancome, Estee Lauder and many others for over 20 years. Where she exceled at her job. But when Covid hit, she lost her job and her life insurance and medical benefits.

Kim also suffers from MS and as this worsened she was unable to return to any type of work.

We are holding this benefit to help Kim with her final expenses. Any and all contributions will be greatly appreciated.

We will be selling tickets to raffle off a Samsung 55 inch 4K LED Smart TV (\$5 for one or \$20 for 5 Tickets)

Plus we will have the following:

- * Basket Raffles
- * 50/50 Raffles
- * Baked Goods
- * Food
- * Booze Barrel Raffle



Cancer Steals



Please join us in supporting Kim! There will be awesome prizes up for Raffle as well as great food and Karaoke!

Food will be for the following Donation amounts:
Adults: \$10 Children: \$5

All Proceeds will go for Kim's Final Expenses

Give The Gift of Life

Dear Friends,

I would like to introduce you to Ty Echebarria. Some of you may already know Ty. He is an incredible 28-year-old young man from our community who is in need of a living kidney donor.



I have only met Ty within the last couple months, and I have been blown away by him. He has one of the biggest hearts I think I've ever seen with a huge passion for Jesus. Ty and his brother were both born with a disease called *progressive tubulo-interstitial nephropathy* and *cholestatic liver disease*, leaving both boys with the need for liver and kidney transplants at very young ages. Ty's mother and father (Dawn and Glenn Stuart) have both already witnessed the blessings of what God can do by being living donors themselves for their children. Ty received a kidney from his father when he was just 10, which has lasted him 18 years! Unfortunately, this kidney is now starting to fail. Ty's most recent GFR level puts him in stage 4 kidney failure. There are only 5 stages of kidney failure, and stage 5 would mean needing to start dialysis and another whole very difficult road to go down. The process of becoming a donor can take time, (from starting testing to surgery can take up to a year) so the sooner one can get started with the process, the better.

There have been so many advances with kidney donation programs that now we don't even need to be a blood type match to donate! UW Madison has an absolutely wonderful living donor paired program available where you can now donate to someone within the program (for Ty), and Ty would be able to receive a kidney from someone else within that same program who would be a match for him. [Please see the back of this flyer for more information on the University of Madison Kidney Donor Program.](#)

If you are interested in becoming a donor or just have questions, please call/text/email Ty or his mom, and they would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have. Thank you for taking the time to read Ty's story. I ask that you pray about it, and consider being a donor for Ty and giving him the gift of life.

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Dawn Stuart: stuarddawn0@gmail.com / Phone: 815-590-0032

Matthew 25:40 - "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Ephesians 2:10, NIV - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Introduction to living kidney donation

As a kidney donor, you can greatly improve someone's life. To the recipient, you will always be their hero. More than 80 percent of the people on the national organ transplant wait list need a kidney, and wait times are increasing. Living with kidney disease is very difficult. Dialysis treatments are tiring and do not end the disease. Living kidney donation is the best way to save more lives. Did you know:

- You only need one kidney to live a healthy, long life.
- Most donor surgery is done laparoscopically, meaning through tiny incisions.
- The recuperation period is usually fairly quick, generally two weeks.
- The cost of your evaluation and surgery will be covered by the recipient's insurance. The hospital can give you extensive information on this.
- You will have a separate team of healthcare professionals to evaluate you as a living donor. Their job is to help you understand the risks and benefits and look out for YOUR best interests.

Why is a kidney from a living donor better?

A kidney transplant can happen as soon as a donor is found, approved and ready to donate. Getting a kidney from a living donor is better for the recipient because:

- The recipient will get transplanted sooner, ending or avoiding dialysis
- Living kidney transplant surgeries can be scheduled, making recovery easier
- The kidney may be a better match to the recipient, and will come from a person who has been tested to ensure they are very healthy
- A kidney from a living donor will last much longer than one from a deceased donor, lessening their need for another kidney in the future

Who can be a living kidney donor?

You do not need to be related to recipient. You do not need to have matching blood types. If you are older than age 18 and in good physical and emotional health you can apply to be a living donor. Not everyone who considers donation can or will donate. Our Independent Living Donor Advocate represents you, the donor to make sure your decision remains private. They are responsible for representing your wishes, discussing any issues and being your advocate.

Options for living kidney donation:

- * Direct Donation
- * Paired Kidney Exchange
- * Advanced Donation-Voucher Programs
- * Non-direct donation
- * Compatible Share

For more information on the University of Madison Kidney Transplant Programs and to see if you can possibly be a donor please visit:

<https://www.uwhealth.org/treatments/kidney-transplant?fbclid=IwAR3mSn9oVNwDOEs1hgZkqMlycKwj7DA7yIYfCIrzGFuSfGI-9yvZEFVzsig>