

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton
February 4, 2024 - 9:00am
Adapting to Share the Gospel

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: For the Cause

Welcome

Announcements:

Call To Worship: Pastor Michael

God's Greeting: Pastor Michael

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Build Your Kingdom Here

Shout to the North

Installation of New Elder

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Worship in Song:

O Lord You're Beautiful

In Christ Alone

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching

the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

¹⁹Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Sermon: Adapting to Share the Gospel

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: Pass it on

Blessing: Pastor Michael

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.

Volunteer schedules for the year have been placed in mailboxes at the back of the sanctuary. If you are unable to commit to a date assigned to you, please trade with someone and email FirstCRCFulton@live.com as soon as possible.

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.

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

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

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

Next Sunday: Ministry Shares & Benevolence

Offerings Received 1/28/2024

General Fund

Budget: \$2,051.62

Faith Promise: \$160.00

Received: \$2,107.00

Over: \$55.38

Community News

Unity Christian School Events:

Thursday, February 15, from 4:30-7:30pm – annual open house and kindergarten round-up on. Current and prospective families are invited to tour the campus, visit classrooms and teachers, and meet with mentor families along with getting information about tuition/financial aid, our TRIP and HEART programs.

Friday, February 23, doors open at 5:30pm, and trivia starts at 6:30pm – the annual Trivia Night supporting our athletic boosters!

Saturday, March 16, from 5-10pm – Gala Auction - our largest event of the year is also our main fundraiser to help keep the school operating and tuition as low as possible. There will be a wonderful dinner, time for fellowship and fun, and some great items to bid on!

Calvin Symposium on Worship (Feb. 7-9, 2024) - Join us as leaders from churches and worshipping 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

Food and Faith (webinar) Series: 6 Weeks - Join the 2024 Food and Faith 6-week series of discussions with leaders working in food justice and faith. Topics will include Food and Our Faith; Food, Faith and Farming; Food, Faith and Creating Just Food Systems; Food, Faith and Church Growing

Projects; Food, Faith and Sharing with Community; and Food, Faith and Advocacy. Discussions will include congregations in the US who are responding in creative and caring ways because of their faith. Dates: February 8-March 14, Thursday PM (7:30 Eastern, 6:30 Central, 5:30 Mountain, 4:30 Pacific). Register at worldrenew.net/events. There will be a giveaway at each session, but you must be present online to win! Contact Jodi Koeman at jkoeman@worldrenew.net.

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/>

Discovery Center - 2/13 -- Pizza Hut Fundraiser
2/25 -- *Susie Clark: The Bravest Girl You've Ever Seen*
- Meet the Illustrator: Local Artist Hayle Calvin
3/12 -- Pizza Hut Fundraiser
3/24 -- 36th Annual Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser

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	Joe V
Nursery Attendant	Alida H	Stacy S
Snack Provider	Amy D	Potluck
Server	Amy D	Potluck

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am

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Prayer Concerns

Tom Scidmore - For continued recovery from Hospitalization for RSV and Prayers of thanks for his return home.

Gayle Dykstra - Health concerns for her back.

Harlan Tiesman - Health concerns for his wrist and pain management.

Dick Huizenga - Ongoing health concerns.

Joe Long - Health Concerns and Mobility Issues.

Kim Pins - Wife of Bruce's friend from Dubuque, has Pancreatic Cancer.

Jerry Schaver - Cancer has returned.

Marissa's Dad, Steve Wilkinson - Ongoing cancer treatments.

Lori's Dad, Bernie Groharing - Bladder Cancer - Good reports.

Audrey Balk - Ongoing Health Concerns

Leanna Schipper - Ongoing health concerns.

Members of the congregation who are homebound and in care facilities: Dorothy B, Carroll E, John S, Betty S, Albert W