

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton
October 26th, 2025 - 9:00am
The Christian's Promised

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude:

Welcome: Beth

Announcements: Beth

Call To Worship: Beth

L: Praise be to God,

**P: who rescues us from the power of darkness;
who redeems us and sets us free!**

L: Praise be to Jesus Christ, the first born of all creation,

**P: through whom all things were made,
in heaven and on the earth.**

L: Praise be to the Spirit of God,

**P: whose presence sustains us,
and whose breath renews all creation.**

L: Behold! I am making all things new!

All: Come, O God, and make your home among us.

Pour out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth

God's Greeting: Pastor Rich

Mutual Greeting:

Worship Through Song:

This is the day

O day of rest and gladness

God Himself is with us

Congregational Prayer: Brenda

Offering: General Fund & Unity Christian School Boosters

Offertory: Pianists

Worship Through Song:

I see the Lord

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

Revelation Song

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-5

¹Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Sermon: The Christian's Promised Land – Pastor Rich

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Rich

Parting Song: He is exalted

Announcements

Today we welcome Pastor Rich to bring us God's word. We look forward to worshiping with you, once again. Thank you for sharing your love and talents with our congregation.

Lori has decided to retire from our janitor position at the end of the year. Anyone who may be interested in filling this position can contact a council member or Lori for details.

1st CRC Congregation is invited to Bethel's 5th Annual Prayer, Praise, & Pie! On October 26th, we will have our 5th year of coming together to give our Lord the praise he deserves and our time of conversation with him through our prayers. On this night, we will be having pie, cake, and other desserts to celebrate this milestone. You are all invited to share in the 3-P's on Sunday, October 26th at 5:00 pm at Bethel CRC.

New Address for Pastor Michael and Alida is 3628 15th Ave. CT, Moline, IL 61265.

Blood Drive: First CRC will be hosting our semi-annual blood drive on Wednesday, November 5 from 2:30 – 5 p.m. All blood types are needed, but there is a critical need for Types O- and B-. To make an appointment, contact Amy (Dykstra) Carroll at 563-357-8555 or and use Group Code 2371 at https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/138337. Last date to donate was 9/10/25.

Please send prayer requests or updates to Bruce at bjbielema@gmail.com.

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

October Birthdays

1 Abigail Nussel	9 Tegan Breidenbach
4 Rylie Dykstra	18 Ruby Dykstra
5 Darla Birks	20 Noah Atherton
8 Sarah Wiebenga	28 Linda Dykstra

October Anniversaries

5 Roger & Eileen Frazier	20 David & Brenda Huizenga
12 Adam & Abby Nussel	27 Andrew & Kelly Dykstra

Deacons' News

We are running approximately \$3200 behind in our general fund offerings through the 3rd quarter.

Offerings Received 10/19/25:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,180.00

Faith Promise: \$180.00

Received: \$683.00

Under: \$1,497.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & UCSB

Offerings 11/2/25: General Fund & Building Fund

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

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – Reformation Sunday - The Reformers emphasized that the Bible is our authority in matters of faith and life (sola scriptura). Ask someone whose faith you admire to share with you how God's Word helps guide their decisions and their view of the world. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Together We Can End Global Hunger - In a world where there is more than enough food to feed everyone, yet more than 900 million people do not have enough to eat, let us work to end hunger for good. Next week, join World Renew's mission to share Christ's hope with communities struggling with hunger. With your gifts, we can help provide the training and tools families need to journey away from hunger for the long haul. To learn more, go to worldrenew.net/worldhunger

Community News

Winter Coat Giveaway November 1st and 8th from 9am to 2pm at First CRC, 801 15th Avenue, Fulton. Coats, size 3 - 3x. This year there will also be 30 pairs of boots and 30 pairs of snow pants and over 200 coats. Please come if you, your family, or your friends need FREE winter weather items.

Grief Share - Bethel CRC is inviting you to join a 13-week Grief Share class, hosted by our Parish Nurse, Shelle Sikkema. The class will be held at Bethel CRC on Monday evenings, 6:00-8:00 pm, beginning November 10. The workbook does cost \$15. Please contact Bethel 815-589-2501 if you are interested in attending this class.

Calvin Seminary Upcoming Opportunities

Formational Reading of Scripture Join us as we explore ways to read Scripture not only for information, but also for transformation—for ourselves and our communities. In this course, students will experience: Historic and biblical practices for formative Bible reading, instruction on how to invite others to read the Bible formationally, and care for their souls as practices are implemented into students' own spiritual rhythms. January 5-22, 2026, Self-paced, Instructor: Dr. Jeff Sajdak, Cost to audit: \$125, Register to audit by Friday, December 19th, 2025

Truth, Reconciliation & Exchanging Hearts: A Canadian Model Join us for this unique opportunity designed to equip Reformed Christians to participate more fully in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous people. In this course, students are formed for contextualized ministry by: Learning from Indigenous stories, practices, and treaty traditions, Critical consideration of historical interactions between Indigenous people and settlers, Reflection on the gifts and responsibilities of contemporary efforts, such as the 2015 report from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. February 9-March 20, 2026, Online meetings: February 11 & 18 from 1:00-4:00pm EDT, March 11 & 18 from 1:00-4:00pm EST, Instructors: Adrian Jacobs, Cindy Stover & Mike Hogeterp, Cost to audit: \$125, Register to audit by Friday, January 30, 2026

Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13. 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 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 info, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

	October 26 th	November 2 nd
Pastor	Rich Bawinkel	Eric Schering
Recorder & Sound	Paul T.	Joe V.
Nursery Attendant	Amy D.	Michelle V.
Snack Provider	Brenda A.	Lori B.
Server	Stacy S.	Lori B.

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Tuesday, October 28 th	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm