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*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

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First CRC Fulton
November 5, 2023 - 9:00am
Do as I say, not as I do?

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Gratitude

Welcome

Announcements

Call To Worship: Pastor Michael

God's Greeting:

Leader: The Lord Be with you.

Congregation: And Also with you.

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

His Mercy is More

The Power of His Love

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Offertory: General Fund & Building Fund

Worship in Song:

Living for Jesus

Lord, Speak to Me

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12

¹Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: ²“The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. ³So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.

⁴They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

⁵“Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; ⁶they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; ⁷they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.

⁸“But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Sermon: Do as I say, not as I do?

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: He is Exalted

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Announcements

Thank you! During Pastor Appreciation month when special appreciation is expressed for your Pastor Michael, thank you also for cards and other kind expressions to those of us who gratefully provide pulpit supply at 1st CRC. It was much appreciated! John & Kathy Byker

Elders and Deacons Nomination letters have been mailed. Please prayerfully consider God's calling you to serve in this exciting and rewarding capacity.

November Council meeting will be November 16th.

Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, December 3rd, immediately following the service.

Free Coat Drive was held November 4th and will be open again on November 11th, 9am to 2pm. Free coats, sizes 3 to 3x will be available.

Annual Soup Supper for our Youth will be November 9th, (this Thursday) from 4:30 to 7:00pm. The funds raised will help with the cost of local SERVE projects. We need your help with donations of soup (1 gallon of Chicken & Rice, Chili, or Vegetable Beef) and desserts of any kind (Poke cake, Pies etc). We are asking for monetary donations to purchase ground beef for BBQs. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Thank you in advance. We will also need help in the kitchen with setting up, serving, and cleaning up. If you can help in any way, please put your name on the sign-up sheet and what you can help with!

Blood Drive: First CRC will be hosting our semi-annual blood drive on Wednesday, November 15, from 3p - 5:30

p.m. Masks are optional, but appointments are required. All blood types are needed, but there is a critical need for Types B-, O+, and O-. To make an appointment, go to https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/120380 and use Group Code 2371 or contact Amy Dykstra at 563-357-8555. Last date to donate was 9/20/23.

Pie and Praise will be held on November 22nd at 6:00pm. Bethel, Morrison, 1st Reformed, and CrossView Churches are invited to join us for a short praise and worship time. Please bring a pie to pass.

Poinsettia orders are due to Michelle Vander Eide by Sunday, Nov. 26th. This year they are \$20 each for an 8” pot (instead of 6.5”) with 5 -8 blooms per plant. Choose from red, pink, or white. Proceeds benefit Unity Athletic Boosters Orders and our local greenhouse. Please inform Michelle of your color choice, who it is in memory of and who it is from. Thank you!

Potluck - Our December 10th potluck theme is “Together for the Holidays” – bring leftovers or test your new holiday recipes on the congregation.

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

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

November Birthdays

9	Jim Dykstra	13	Hadley Collins
10	Edith Schaver	14	Jon Breidenbach

14	Roger Dykstra	20	Rebekah Smith
14	Roger Laborn	21	Randy Atherton
16	Elijah James	28	Harlan Tiesman
20	Steve Bielema	29	Pat Huisenga

November Anniversaries

5	Paul & Sheila Thompson	14	Jim & Linda Dykstra
15	Joe & Beth Caven	20	Rick & Chris Huizenga

Deacons' News

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

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

Next Sunday: General Fund & The Pregnancy Center

Offerings Received 10/29/23

General Fund

Budget: \$2,042.00

Ministry Shares: \$264.00

Received: \$1,698.00

Short: \$344.00

Through the month of September, we are approximately \$3,607 under budget for General Fund offerings.

Community News

Hunger for a World Where Hunger Does Not Exist! - No child should know the pain of hunger. Together, we hunger for a world where hunger does not exist! This week is World Hunger Sunday and through our gifts, we can help World Renew equip communities with the knowledge and resources they need to change the story of hunger. To learn more, visit www.worldrenew.net/worldhunger

Fulton Community Fund fall mailing campaign has begun. To donate or volunteer, please call city hall at 815-589-2626 or email FultonCommFund@gmail.com.

Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center Now through Nov 12 - A-MAZE-ing Maze is Open. Nov 10 - Online silent auction opens and closes Nov 20. Nov 19 - Pasta Dinner Fundraiser at Rastrelli's. 11/21 - Pizza Hut Fundraiser. Nov 25, Dec 8, & Dec 17 - Enjoy milk and cookies with Santa. Dec 31 - 11th Annual Family New Year's Eve party.

The annual Rock River Hospice & Home: Festival of Trees event, will be November 9-19, 2023, at Northland Mall in Sterling. This event has been a primary source of our annual funding for 30+ years, which allows us the financial freedom to offer top notch hospice services for our patients and their families, with NO medical costs passed onto the families. To volunteering for the event, please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA9A728ABFCC61-44726728-festival>

35th Great Thanksgiving Banquet will be held at the Victory Center on Wednesday, November 22, at 6:30pm. There will be a free Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings, door prizes for adults, prizes for children, delicious desserts, singing and fellowship. For more information call 563-242-9016.

"Away in the Basement" a church basement ladies Christmas, a hit musical comedy, will be performed at the John and Alice Butler Hall, Heritage Center, at the University of Dubuque on Tuesday, December 5th, at 2:00pm. Visit www.Dbq.edu/heritagecenter for more information. Group tickets are \$26 - \$44, call 563-589-3432

From Morrison CRC - The Morrison CRC will hold its last official service on Sunday, December 24, 2023 at 8:45 a.m.

We are in the process of selling our property to Crossroads Church. Continue to lift this process in prayer as we navigate uncharted waters with sadness, but yet with hope and joy as the Crossroads leadership teams are very excited about the opportunities their new home will offer them.

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	Nov 12
Recorder & Sound	David	Paul
Nursery Attendant	Alida	Amy D
Snack Provider	Lynell	Evangelism
Server	Lynell	Committee

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am