

First CRC Fulton
October 22, 2023 - 9:00am
What Makes Heaven Happy?

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: The Goodness

Welcome

Announcements

Call To Worship: Pastor Byker

God's Greeting: Pastor Byker

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Whiter Than Snow

And Can It Be

Good Good Father

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Offeratory: Bodey S

Worship in Song:

Mighty To Save

I Surrender All

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Sermon: What Makes Heaven Happy?

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: Go Now In Peace

Blessing: Pastor Byker

Announcements

Thank You to Logan VanderEide for helping me clean the church. He was a BIG help, willing to do anything I asked of him. We also enjoyed some good conversation. And it made my night go faster! Thank you, Lori B

Food pantry This is our scheduled week for donating items to the Fulton Food Pantry. This month the suggested donation is -----.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and we appreciate Pastor Michael, Alida, Simon and Berend. There is a basket in the back of the sanctuary for cards and other tokens of appreciation.

Council Nominations are drawing near as we are nearing the end of the year. We have three council members who will be leaving Council - Elder Celia, and Deacons Marissa, David. Stacy and Lynell are not eligible for nomination. The nomination box is on the back table. Nominations should be received no later than **TODAY**.

Other Council News: The council Meeting for October was moved to October 23rd and the council meeting for November has been scheduled for November 16th.

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

Trunk or Treat will be held in the church parking lot on Tuesday, October 31st, 6 pm to 8 pm, during Fulton Trick or Treating. All are encouraged to decorate a trunk, hand out candy the night of, or donate candy to the cause. Bethel and Morrison will be invited, as well.

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

Annual Soup Supper for our Youth will be November 9th, 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 church. Thank you in advance. We will also need help in kitchen with set up, serving, and clean up. If you can help in any way, please put your name on 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 online 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. We will be inviting Bethel, Morrison, 1st Reformed, and CrossView Churches to join us for a short praise and worship time. Please bring a pie to pass.

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

October Birthdays	9 Tegan Breidenbach
1 Abigail Burns	18 Ruby Dykstra
4 Rylie Dykstra	20 Noah Atherton
5 Darla Birks	28 Linda Dykstra
8 Sarah Wiebenga	28 Hannah Couch

October Anniversaries	
5 Roger & Eileen F	21 Todd & Cindy W
20 David & Brenda H	27 Andrew & Kelly D

Deacons' News

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

Offerings Today: General Fund – Faith Promise
Next Sunday: General Fund – UCSB

Offerings Received 10/15/23

General Fund

Budget: \$2,042.00

Received: \$815.00

Short: \$1227.00

Faith Promise: \$151.00

Through the month of August, we are approximately \$2,570.52 under budget for General Fund offerings.

Community News

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.

Morrison CRC - It is with sadness that we announce our closure at the end of this year. Our last service will be Sunday, December 24, at 8:45 am. It has been a decision long in coming. We have provided 88 years of service to our members and in our community. When the opportunity arose earlier this year to sell our facility to Crossroads, we began meeting with them. They have officially accepted our offer and are now working through the necessary details to make the purchase. They are very excited with the opportunities our facility will provide for them and we look forward to watching turn 'our' church into 'their' church. Their excitement is catching and makes our loss easier to bear. We appreciate and thank you for your prayers during this process. Thank you

Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center 10/24 - Pizza Hut fundraiser. 11/10 - Online silent auction opens and closes 11/20. 11/19 - Pasta Dinner Fundraiser at Rastrelli's. 11/21 - Pizza Hut Fundraiser. 11/25, 12/8, & 12/17 - Enjoy milk and cookies with Santa. 12/31 - 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. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the event, please direct them to our easy Sign-Up Genius link: <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

	Today	Next Sunday
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe V
Nursery Attendant	Celia B	Sara D
Snack Provider	Amy D	Virginia
Server	Amy D	Virginia

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Mon, Oct 23	Elders' Meeting	6:00 pm
	Council Meeting	6:45 pm
Tues, Oct 25	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm

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