

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton
September 14, 2025 - 9:00am
The Rejoicing of the Lost that are Found

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Pianist

Welcome: Pastor Michael

Call To Worship:

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water.

All: Come, all who are weary;

Leader: Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

All: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,

Leader: Our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Drink deeply of these living waters.

All: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

God's Greeting: Pastor Michael

Mutual Greeting:

Worship Through Song:

His Mercy is More

Jesus Does

Gratitude

Announcements: Pastor Michael

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Michael

Offering: General Fund & Kids Club

Worship Through Song:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Shepherd of Love

Softly and Tenderly

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³Then Jesus told them this parable:⁴“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Sermon: The Rejoicing of the Lost that are Found - Pastor Michael

WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Parting Song: Revelation Song

Announcements

We will have a congregational meeting after service today.

Elder and Deacon nominations are underway. The nomination box is in the back of the sanctuary.

The congregation is cordially invited to the wedding ceremony uniting Amy Dykstra and Jim Carroll Jr. on September 26, at 4:00 in the afternoon. Please join us as we celebrate the beginning of our marriage.

Please send prayer requests to mhooke01@gmail.com or call 847-513-2809.

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

September Birthdays

5	Carla Zajicek	17	Roger Frazier
5	Elizabeth Long	18	Ed Huisenga
5	Elizabeth Long	19	Michael Hooker
8	Bonnie Simon	19	Virginia Scidmore
10	Joe Long III	19	Andrew Dykstra
12	Courtney Lown	25	Eileen Frazier
15	Lynda Vander Eide	27	Leo Burns

September Anniversaries

3	Jon & Lynell Breidenbach
1	Jeff & Carla Zajicek
4	Rollie & Lynda VanderEide
2	Charlie & Rachel Elliot
10	Pastor Michael & Alida Hooker

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 9/7/25:	<u>General Fund</u>
	Budget: \$2,180.00
Building Fund: \$223.00	Received: <u>\$10,888.00</u>
	Over: \$8,708.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Kidz Club

Offerings 9/21/25: General Fund & Faith Promise

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

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – This week is Mission Emphasis Week in the Christian Reformed Church, a time to think about God’s mission to restore and renew his broken

creation through Jesus Christ (see Rev. 21:1–4). It is also a time to renew our participation in that mission by supporting missionaries nearby and far away and by creating our own descriptions of God’s mission—a few sentences that describe what God is doing and why we are glad he’s doing it. Practice sharing your sentences with one another, and then look for opportunities to share them with others! Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Support Earthquake Survivors in Afghanistan- Thousands of families are still experiencing urgent need from the devastating 6.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Afghanistan on August 31, followed by multiple aftershocks across remote, mountainous regions in several eastern provinces. More than 2,200 lives have been lost, and entire villages have been leveled—leaving families without shelter as winter approaches. We pray for God’s comfort for grieving families, healing for the injured, and provision for those displaced. World Renew is responding to meet urgent needs among the most vulnerable. Please give generously at worldrenew.net/Afghanistan-earthquake or by calling 1-800-552-7972. Let us stand together to extend God's hope to families impacted by this disaster.

Community News

Prince of Peace Fall Fest is today from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm at 1105 Lametta Wynn Drive in Clinton. They will be serving pork sandwiches, hot dogs, homemade fries, chicken & pork tacos, quesadillas, chips & salsa, elote, and drink. There will be a bake sale, silent auction, kids activities, and live music from Shaun Easton.

Familiar Hands: New Voice featuring Jun-Hee D. Han will be at Ferguson Fine Arts Center, Sunday, September 14, at 3pm.

Zion Lutheran Church's Pork & Sauerkraut Supper will be on Thursday, September 18th from 4pm – 7pm. These are “drive thru” meals. Deliveries available (call 563-242-7391). Cost is \$15 and meal consists of pork loin, sauerkraut, potatoes & gravy, green beans, applesauce, a roll, and dessert.

Roseland Christian Ministries annual banquet – Join us for a fundraising banquet on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at Georgios Banquets in Orland Park. There is no ticket fee but a free will offering will be taken. RSVPs are required. Call 773.264.5665. Your support helps us meet the needs of the Roseland community.

Mid-America Reformed Seminary invites you to join us this fall as Dr. Eric Watkins leads a **4-part evening class, *Walking By Faith: The Life of Faith in Hebrews 11***. Together we'll explore this powerful chapter of Scripture and learn what real faith looks like as it clings to God's promises in both light and darkness. Classes will meet on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (central; Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11) and will include two 45-minute sessions with a short break in between. The class is free, and registration is available both on campus and via livestream. Register today at www.midamerica.edu.

Mid-America Reformed Seminary invites you to join us for three special events the first week of October: On Wednesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. (CT), we will hold a Building Dedication service in our new chapel auditorium, with live stream available on our YouTube channel; on Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 p.m. (CT), at First OPC in South Holland, IL, we will inaugurate Dr. Alan Strange as the Seminary's second president, also available via live stream; and on Friday–Saturday, October 3–4, we will gather at Bethel Church in

Lansing, IL, for the 2025 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference, “*Gossiping the Gospel: Everyday Evangelism*,” with registration at www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
	Congregational Meeting	

	September 14 th	September 21 st
Recorder & Sound	Paul T.	Joe V.
Nursery Attendant	Alida H.	Stacy S.
Snack Provider	Virginia S.	Ann D.
Server	Virginia S.	Ann D.

September 14 Congregational Meeting Agenda

- 1) Opening prayer
- 2) Member count to determine majority
- 3) Discussion on potential future pastor position
- 4) Poll members on their preference
- 5) Possible action to be taken on future pastor position
- 6) Update on building maintenance work
- 7) Closing prayer