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Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love

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First CRC Fulton
November 8, 2026 - 9:00am
"God of Wonders!"

We Gather in Praise and Worship
Prelude: "Wonderful Maker" Jeremy Camp
Welcome: Lynda V.
Announcements: Lynda V.
Call To Worship: Lynda V.

Psalm 113:1-6

[1] Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, you his servants;
praise the name of the Lord.
[2] **Let the name of the Lord be praised,**
both now and forevermore.
[3] From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.
[4] **The Lord is exalted over all the nations,**
his glory above the heavens.
[5] Who is like the Lord our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,
[6] **who stoops down to look**
on the heavens and the earth?

God's Greeting: Pastor John
Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:
God of Wonders
He Will Hold Me Fast
O Lord Most High

Congregational Prayer: Brenda A.

Worship Through Song:
Indescribable
You Are Holy

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word
Scripture: Psalm 40:1-5 (Pg 638)
Sermon: "God of Wonders!" – Pastor John

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING
Parting Song: Go Now In Peace
Blessing: Pastor John

Announcements

Today we welcome Pastor John Byker. We look forward to worshipping with you today. Thank you for sharing your love and talents with our congregation.

Sunday School with Brenda will be held downstairs, **next Sunday**, November 15th after the service.

Thank you to all who donated blood on Nov. 4! Including your donations, the Blood Center collected 8 units. This will help save up to 24 lives and increases the local blood supply. There is a need for all blood types right now, but especially Types O+ & O-. If you are willing and able to donate, please call 1-800-747-5401 to schedule an appointment. Thanks for your support. – Amy (Dykstra) Carroll

Deacons and Elders nomination letters have sent out this week. Please prayerfully consider these nominations.

Congregational Meeting will be held after Sunday Service on December 6th.

Please send prayer requests to pathomps1708@yahoo.com. All prayers will also be added to the weekly bulletin (not published on the website) unless otherwise specified.

Please send all bulletin information to
FirstCRCFulton@live.com by Thursday at 6p.

If you have anything for the Newsletter, please email it with the subject line "Newsletter" by the last Wednesday of the month.

Birthdays:

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

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 11/1/26

Building Fund: $246.00

General Fund
Budget: $2,166.00
Received: $1,869.00
Under: $297.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Ministry Shares
11/15/2026 Offerings: General Fund & Faith Promise
Please place your offering in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.

Community Announcements

Free Coat Drive will be held in First CRC basement on November 14th from 9 am to 2 pm. Free coats are available from size 3 to 3x. There will also be some other winter essentials available in limited sizes and quantities.

Save the Date - On January 16 at 5:39 pm Bethel will host their annual game night to beat the cabin fever! We will be playing Telestrations! Never heard of it? It is a cross between Pictionary and the telephone game. You'll be laughing before the night is over!

Men's breakfast, speaker, and worship at the Church of the Open Door in Clinton at 8am, the first Saturday of every month.

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – "Wondering questions" are an excellent way to engage kids (and people of all ages!) with Scripture. For example, after you read the creation story, ask open-ended questions like "I wonder what it looked like when God created the stars?" "I wonder what it would be like if there were no predators in our world?" "I wonder what you would feel like if you were the first person in God's creation?" Take some time to read a favorite Bible passage this week, asking wondering questions to explore the text in a new way. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Chaplaincy Sunday - November 15 - Next week we will recognize and celebrate the work of the 90+ chaplains of the CRC. These specialized ministers bring the presence of God into institutional settings, such as prisons, hospitals, hospice, long-term care, counseling centers, industrial and workplace settings, and military installations. Learn more about Thrive and their work with chaplains at: crcna.org/Chaplaincy

We're Hiring! Ministry Consultant - Renewal and Discipleship - This position will implement Thrive's congregational renewal efforts, with a strategic emphasis on discipleship multiplication, to help Christian Reformed congregations. This role will enable CRC to grow faithfully, holistically, and missionally, embodying the gospel of Jesus Christ in local contexts. The starting salary for this position is $91,482/year USD or $93,084/year CAD. This position offers a flexible remote work schedule and an attractive benefits package, including retirement fund contribution, four weeks of vacation, and more. Learn more and apply by November 22, 2026, at https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/postings/6613251a-1156-4bf5-9f95-845845908fec

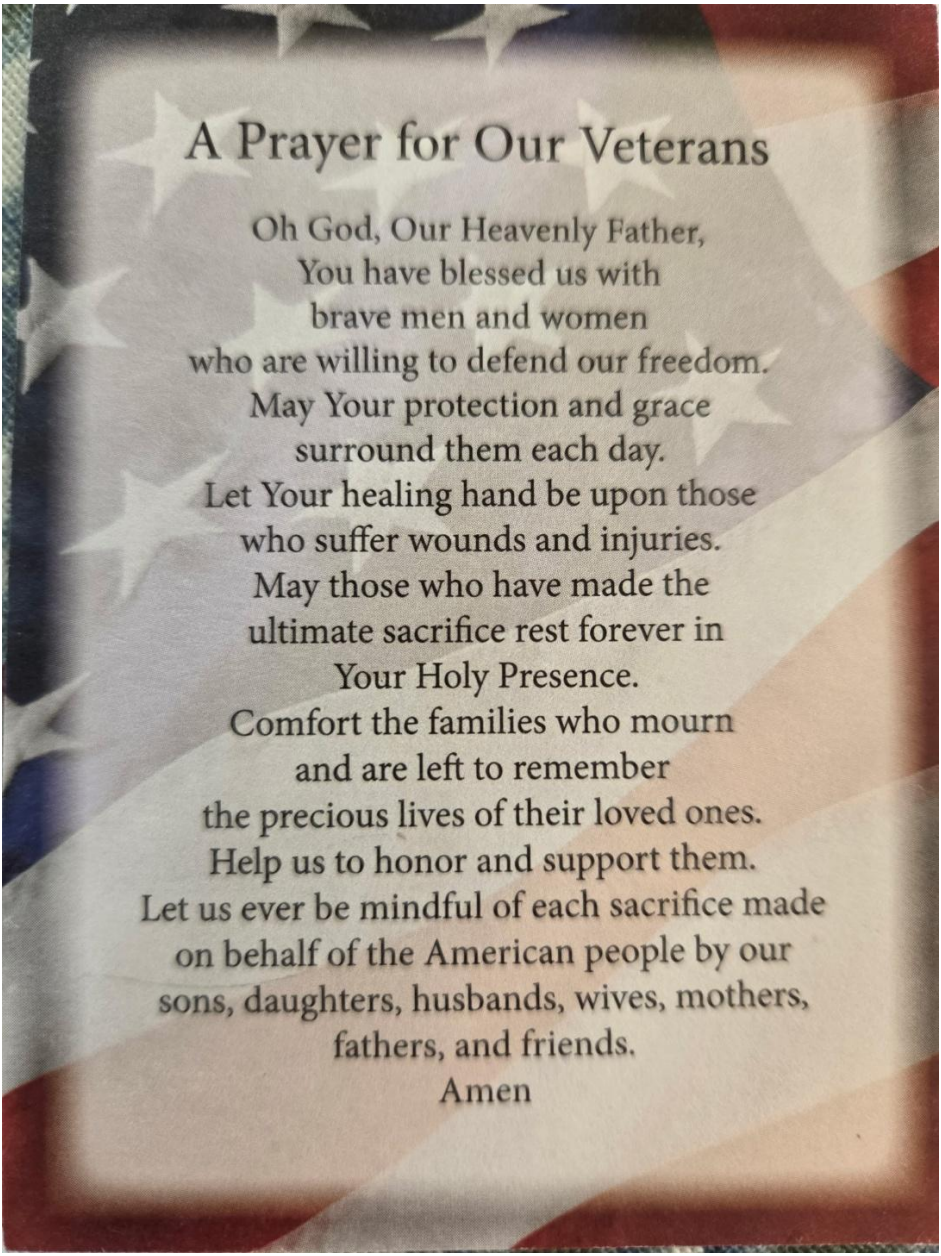
	November 8th	November 15th	November 22nd
Pastor	John Byker	John Byker	Jake Ritzema
Sound	Paul T.	Joe V.	David D.
Nursery	Celia B.	Sara B.	Amy C.
Snack	Lynda V.	Lori B.	Ruby D.
Server	Marissa W.	Lori B.	Lynell B.
Planner	Lynda V.	Brenda A.	Beth C.

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Sunnday November 15th	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
	Sunday School	10:15 am

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Prayer Concerns

Prayer for the Pastor Search Committee as they continue to work towards finding a new Pastor to lead the congregation. Members of the congregation who are homebound and in care facilities.

Did you know we have a prayer chain email? If you would like to get emails asking for prayers or sending praises you can contact Paul at pathomps1708@yahoo.com to be added to the email chain.


A Prayer for Our Veterans
Oh God, Our Heavenly Father,
You have blessed us with
brave men and women
who are willing to defend our freedom.
May Your protection and grace
surround them each day.
Let Your healing hand be upon those
who suffer wounds and injuries.
May those who have made the
ultimate sacrifice rest forever in
Your Holy Presence.
Comfort the families who mourn
and are left to remember
the precious lives of their loved ones.
Help us to honor and support them.
Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made
on behalf of the American people by our
sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers,
fathers, and friends.
Amen