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

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First CRC Fulton

August 3, 2025 - 9:00am

The Witness of God's World and the Witness of God's Word

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Piano Duet

Welcome: Bruce B.

Call To Worship: From Psalm 24

Leader: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

All: for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

God's Greeting: Pastor Rich Bawinkel

Mutual Greeting:

Worship Through Song: First Verse of each of these songs

And Can It Be? - Praise Hymnal 61

Amazing Grace - Praise Hymnal 293

How Great Thou Art - Praise Hymnal 16

I Love to Tell the Story - Praise Hymnal 516

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet - Psalter 569

Announcements: Bruce B.

Congregational Prayer: Bruce B.

Offering: General Fund & Building Fund

Worship Through Song:

Lead Me, Guide Me - Psalter Hymnal 544, 1st verse

You Are My All in All

As a Deer

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Psalm 19

¹*The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

²*Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.*

³*They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.*

⁴*Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.*

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ *It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.*

⁶*It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.*

⁷*The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.*

*The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.*

⁸*The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.*

*The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.*

⁹*The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.*

*The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.*

¹⁰*They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;*

*they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.*

¹¹*By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.*

¹²*But who can discern their own errors?*

*Forgive my hidden faults.
13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.
14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

Sermon: The Witness of God's World and the Witness of God's Word - Pastor Rich Bawinkel

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Rich Bawinkel

Parting Song: I'll Fly Away - Praise 256, 1st v, repeat chorus

Announcements

Thank you for all of your song suggestions for the service today! We hope you enjoy singing some of your favorites!

The council has been looking into potential global mission partners. We have supported missionaries in the past and would like to continue in this tradition. If anyone in the congregation knows of any connections for global partners, the council would love your input as we look for this new partnership.

Thank you to everyone who remembered me in any way for my birthday. It was greatly appreciated!! David Dykstra

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.

August Birthdays

2 Chris Roos
3 Audrey Balk
3 Isabelle Fletcher
10 Lynell Breidenbach
10 Mary Medenblik
14 Pam Bielema
14 Sara Burns
15 Dale Schaver

15 Jason Vander Eide
18 Celia Behrens
19 Andrew Zajicek
20 Joseph Zajicek
21 Brenda Bousman
24 Teresa Dellit
25 April Prins
28 Holly Bielema
31 Joshua Bielema

August Anniversaries

3 Sam & Ruby Dykstra
5 Lauren & Jeriann Medenblik
9 Bill & Mary Medenblik
27 Roger & Gayle Dykstra

Deacons' News

Through the end of the second quarter our General Fund offerings are approximately \$5,600.00 behind budget.

Offerings Received 7/27/25:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,180.00

UCSB: \$158.00

Received: \$615.00

Under: \$1,565.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

Offerings 8/10/25: General Fund & Faith Promise

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

CRC News

Ride to Renew: Cycle for Change - Join World Renew for the ride of a lifetime from November 1–9, 2025. 100 riders will cycle through beautiful Florida and help raise funds to equip 1,500 farmers worldwide with sustainable farming practices. Each rider commits to raising \$3,000, directly supporting 15 global farmers in achieving food security for their families and communities. Let's ride together for a more food-secure future! visit worldrenew.net/ridetorenew for more information.

World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) - Are you someone with time on your hands that is passionate about service towards God's kingdom? It's not too late to repair homes in a disaster-impacted community this fall by volunteering with World Renew DRS! Our reconstruction teams in Sarasota, Florida, and Windsor, North Carolina, have a spot waiting for you. Contact Diana Marquez, our Volunteer Program Manager, at dmarquez@worldrenew.net or 616-224-0701 for more information.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – As another school year approaches, spend some time in prayer for teachers, administrators, and students from preschool through graduate school. Pray that students may turn their ears to wisdom, apply their hearts to understanding, and find the knowledge of God (Prov. 2:2,5). Pray that administrators and teachers may model God's wisdom, love, and compassion as they support and instruct students. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Community News

The Windmill Culture Center (WCC) needs you! We are having a coffee at the WCC for new volunteers. The meeting is August 13 at 2:30 PM at the Culture Center, 111 10th Ave., Fulton. Come join us to learn about volunteering. If you cannot attend this meeting but are interested in volunteering please call Jane Orman-Luker at 815-589-3479.

Riven Quartet will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, August 3rd at 6:00 PM! Come and join us for an evening of praise and worship. A free-will offering will be taken. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors.

The Dotsons will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, August 10th at 6:00 PM! The Dotsons are a family gospel group from northern Indiana. The group consists of husband and wife, John and Yavonna Dotson and their oldest son, Christopher Dotson. For the first seven years of The Dotsons ministry, it was just John and Yavonna. Christopher joined them full time in August 2013. Christopher brings a lot to the group with his love for gospel music and many talents of playing the mandolin, acoustic, lead and steel guitar as well as singing harmony and some lead vocals. John and Yavonna have been singing together for over 30 years. They started out singing in their home church, funerals and weddings. In early 1998 God started opening doors and leading them in a different direction. They did their first recording project in October 1998. After the group did their first recording in 1998, it was evident to them that God had given John the gift of songwriting. The Dotsons desire is to be used by the Lord to help others find their way to Him and encourage others in their walk with the Lord.

Weekly Calendar

Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
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	August 3rd	August 10th
Recorder & Sound	Paul T.	Joe V.
Nursery Attendant	Stacy S.	Lynell B.
Snack Provider	Michelle V.	Sara B.
Server	Michelle V.	Eric & Sara B.

Upcoming events!

Fulton night out & “Totally Tuesday” at Drives Park.

August 12th, 5-8pm: The Fulton Police Department has asked us to partner with them, again, to help with the kid’s activities.



There will be a DRY bounce house and carnival-type games that we’ll need volunteers for. Any amount of time you can offer is appreciated. Please let Beth C. know if you can help!

"Back to school" Sunday! August 17th, we will be celebrating communion and having a potluck after the service. It is also county fair time, so the theme for the potluck is fair food! Turkey Legs? Fried anything? Anything on a stick! Have fun with it! Here's a link to some more ideas:



<https://www.delish.com/cooking/g39527639/carnival-recipes/>



Coming soon: Praise team in concert!

We will be in contact with some Assisted Living and Long-term care facilities to visit them to sing a few songs and provide some entertainment. We will keep you posted!

**3RD ANNUAL
EVERYTHING IS FREE
SALE**

Hosted by 1st Christian Reformed Church

Do you have items you no longer need that are cluttering up your house?
Please consider donating household items, clothes, kitchen & bathroom
items, shoes, small furniture, arts & crafts materials, electronics...just about
anything ..

We will take it.

**Donations accepted in our parking lot on
August 11th-15th
5:30pm-8pm**



**All items collected will be
Available for FREE on
Saturday August 16th, 9am-1pm**

Lets do our part and reduce waste, reuse, and repurpose items.
Don't have anything to donate...that's ok...please stop by and do some
shopping on Aug 16th.

Any donated items that remain at end of day will be donated to Bargain Bonanza
Questions: Please call Stacy @ 563-212-7474