

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton
August 31, 2025 - 9:00am
Sabbath: Work, Rest, Delight

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Pianist

Welcome: Pastor Michael

Call To Worship: Pastor Michael

God's Greeting: Pastor Michael

Mutual Greeting:

Worship Through Song:

This is the Day

Shout to the Lord

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Announcements: Pastor Michael

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Michael

Offering: General Fund & Fulton Food Pantry

Worship Through Song:

The Glorious Gates of Righteousness - Blue Hymnal 234

The Lord's My Shepherd

Be Still and Know - Celebration Hymnal 585

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Genesis 1:31-2:2

³¹*God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.*

¹*Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.*

²*By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.*

Exodus 20:8-11

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Exodus 1:11-14

¹¹So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³and worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁴They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

Isaiah 58:13-14

¹³“If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord’s holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, ¹⁴then you will find your joy in the Lord, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.”

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Sermon: Sabbath: Work, Rest, Delight - Pastor Michael

WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Parting Song: Holy is the Lord

Announcements

Elder and Deacon nominations will begin today. The nomination box is in the back of the sanctuary.
The **congregational meeting** will be held on September 14.

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

31 Joshua Bielema

September Birthdays

5 Carla Zajicek

17 Roger Frazier

5 Elizabeth Long

18 Ed Huisenga

8 Bonnie Simon

19 Michael Hooker

10 Joe Long III

19 Virginia Scidmore

12 Courtney Lown

19 Andrew Dykstra

15 Lynda Vander Eide

25 Eileen Frazier

27 Leo Burns

September Anniversaries

1 Jeff & Carla Zajicek

3 Jon & Lynell Breidenbach

2 Charlie & Rachel Elliot

4 Rollie & Lynda VanderEide

10 Pastor Michael & Alida Hooker

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 8/24/25:

Benevolence: \$27.00

UCSB: \$289.00

General Fund

Budget: \$2,180.00

Received: \$775.00

Under: \$1,405

Offerings Today: General Fund & Fulton Food Pantry

Offerings 9/7/25: General Fund & Building Fund

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

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus replied, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matt. 22:37-39, NIV). How can you show love to God through loving your neighbors this week? Whether it be in helping someone in your building carry groceries, bringing flowers to someone on your street, or buying a special treat for someone in your broader community, find a way to extend an act of love to one of your neighbors. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Get Involved with Generation Spark - Generation Spark offers hands-on coaching, practical strategies, and extensive support to help all generations form meaningful relationships that result in sustained, lifelong faith. Thrive, the CRC's congregational support agency, invites you to learn more about what it might look like for your church to invest in intergeneration mentoring! An informational webinar will be offered on September 11, 11:30am ET. Register at: shorturl.at/d7DEO

Community News

Unity Christian School has immediate openings for the current school year, and we would deeply appreciate your help in spreading the word! We are prayerfully searching for: **A full-time Secondary History Teacher** – A passionate educator who desires to disciple students while providing strong academic instruction in a Christ-centered environment. **A part-time Band Director** (approx. 2 hours per day)– Someone with a heart to serve, helping provide musical instruction to our 5th-12th grades students. **An Industrial Arts Teacher (Shop)** - A

passionate individual who can guide students in basic knowledge of safety, drafting, and creating projects using tools and collaboration. If you know of anyone within your church family who may be interested or gifted in these areas, please feel free to share this opportunity or direct them to us. We would love to connect with individuals who are called to serve in Christian education and who share our mission to equip students academically and spiritually. More details and application information can be found on our website at www.unitychristian.com/employment, or interested applicants can reach out directly to me, Jessica Hollewell, at jhollewell@unitychristian.com. Thank you for supporting Christian education and for standing with us in prayer as we seek God's provision for these roles.

The Mulkins Family will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, August 31st at 6:00 PM! We will be serving Root Beer Floats after the concert! 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 Mulkins Family exists to glorify God through their music and evangelism. As a young family, they continue to develop their instrument skills and singing harmony to deliver a fun, uplifting, and God-honoring gospel concert.

Annual Spaghetti Supper at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, at 1201 N Bluff Street, Albany, IL, will be held on Saturday, September 13th, from 4p – 7p. The dinner will include spaghetti, salad, applesauce, French bread, beverage, and ice cream for dessert. Suggested donations are \$13 for adults, \$5

for children ages 5 – 12. Carry-outs will be available at the church. Questions, call Ruth at 563-357-6328

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.

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am

	August 31 st	September 7 th
Recorder & Sound	Joe	David D.
Nursery Attendant	Sara B.	Amy D.
Snack Provider	Lynda V.	Ruby D.
Server	Carman F.	Lynell B.