

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton
November 2nd, 2025 - 9:00am
“Live in Victory”

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Raise a Hallelujah

Welcome: Bruce

Announcements: Bruce

Call To Worship: Certainty of Promise from The Sing Hymnal
L - What has God promised to those who are in Christ?

All - The forgiveness of sins.

The transforming power to make us whole.

The presence of the Holy Spirit.

Peace, joy, comfort, and hope through trials.

Protection and deliverance from the evil one.

Victory over sin and death.

Provision for our deepest needs.

Eternal life, rest, satisfaction, and joy.

That we shall see him face to face.

God's Greeting: Pastor Lain

Mutual Greeting:

Worship Through Song:

Across the Lands

There is a Fountain - Praise 265

Congregational Prayer: Bruce

Offering: General Fund & Building Fund

Offertory: Pianists

Worship Through Song:

Sing Oh Sing of My Redeemer - Praise 539

God of Our Fathers - Praise 488

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:57 - *⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 John 5:4 - *⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.*

Deuteronomy 20:4 - *⁴ For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."*

Sermon: Live in Victory – Pastor Lain

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Lain

Parting Song: Victory in Jesus - Praise 526

Announcements

Today we welcome Pastor Lain Vandermyde to bring us God's word. We look forward to worshiping with you, once again. Thank you for sharing your love and talents with our congregation.

Lori has decided to retire from our janitor position at the end of the year. Anyone who may be interested in filling this position can contact a council member or Lori for details.

Blood Drive: First CRC will be hosting our semi-annual blood drive on Wednesday, November 5 from 2:30 – 5 p.m. All blood types are needed, but there is a critical need for Types O- and B-. To make an appointment, contact Amy (Dykstra) Carroll at 563-357-8555 or and use Group Code 2371 at

https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/138337. Last date to donate was 9/10/25.

Pie & Praise 1st CRC Congregation has been invited to Pie & Praise at 1st Reformed Church on November 26th at 6:30pm. More information to come.

Please send prayer requests or updates to Bruce at
bjbielema@gmail.com.

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

November Birthdays

9 Jim Dykstra	14 Roger Laborn
10 Edith Schaver	16 Elijah James
13 Hadley Collins	20 Steve Bielema
14 Jon Breidenbach	21 Randy Atherton
14 Roger Dykstra	25 Barb Mathey

November Anniversaries

5 Paul & Sheila Thompson	14 Jim & Linda Dykstra
15 Joe & Beth Caven	

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 10/26/25:	<u>General Fund</u>
	Budget: \$2,180.00
UCSB: \$194.00	Received: <u>\$502.00</u>
	Under: \$1,678.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

Offerings 11/9/25: General Fund & Ministry Shares

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

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – World Hunger Sunday - Find time this week to invite some friends and neighbors over for a simple meal. Afterward, donate what you would have spent on an evening out to World Renew's efforts to help achieve food security around the world (worldrenew.net/world-hunger). Or commit to not eating out for a set number of days and donating the money you save to World Renew. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Let's Answer God's Call to Feed the Hungry - Around the world, conflict and disasters are pushing more families into a food crisis. There is an urgency to answer God's call to feed the hungry, now more than ever. With your support, we can walk alongside communities and equip them with the training and tools to achieve lasting food security. Please give generously to today's World Hunger Sunday offering. To learn more, go to worldrenew.net/worldhunger

Community News

Winter Coat Giveaway November 1st and 8th from 9am to 2pm at First CRC, 801 15th Avenue, Fulton. Coats, size 3 - 3x. This year there will also be 30 pairs of boots and 30 pairs of snow pants and over 200 coats. Please come if you, your family, or your friends need FREE winter weather items.

Grief Share - Bethel CRC is inviting you to join a 13-week Grief Share class, hosted by our Parish Nurse, Shelle Sikkema. The class will be held at Bethel CRC on Monday evenings, 6:00-8:00 pm, beginning November 10. The workbook does cost \$15. Please contact Bethel 815-589-2501 if you are interested in attending this class.

Calvin Seminary Upcoming Opportunities

Formational Reading of Scripture Join us as we explore ways to read Scripture not only for information, but also for transformation—for ourselves and our communities. In this course, students will experience: Historic and biblical practices for formative Bible reading, instruction on how to invite others to read the Bible formationally, and care for their souls as practices are implemented into students' own spiritual rhythms. January 5-22, 2026, Self-paced, Instructor: Dr. Jeff Sajdak, Cost to audit: \$125, Register to audit by Friday, December 19th, 2025

Truth, Reconciliation & Exchanging Hearts: A Canadian Model Join us for this unique opportunity designed to equip Reformed Christians to participate more fully in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous people. In this course, students are formed for contextualized ministry by: Learning from Indigenous stories, practices, and treaty traditions, Critical consideration of historical interactions between Indigenous people and settlers, Reflection on the gifts and responsibilities of contemporary efforts, such as the 2015 report from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. February 9-March 20, 2026, Online meetings: February 11 & 18 from 1:00-4:00pm EDT, March 11 & 18 from 1:00-4:00pm EST, Instructors: Adrian Jacobs, Cindy Stover & Mike Hogeterp, Cost to audit: \$125, Register to audit by Friday, January 30, 2026

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13. 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more info, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

	November 2nd	November 9th
Pastor	Lain Vandermyde	Eric Shering
Recorder & Sound	Joe V.	David D.
Nursery Attendant	Michelle V.	Stacy S.
Snack Provider	Lori B.	Lynda V.
Server	Lori B.	Carman F.

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am

You're Invited!

Unity Christian School joyfully invites you to celebrate God's faithfulness and see the progress of our new **Clinton Campus!**

Open House & Site Tours



Saturday, November 15, 2025



9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Unity Christian School – 1000 19th Ave NW, Clinton, Iowa

Come and tour the new K-12 facility, **meet members of the Unity family**, and hear how God is at work through Christian education in the Clinton area. This is a **milestone nine years in the making** — and we would love for our area churches to share in the celebration!

Unity Christian School exists to partner with Christian families and churches to teach students the Truth from a Christ-centered perspective for lives of discipleship.

Whether you're curious about Christian education, the Iowa ESA program, or simply want to see what God is building in our community, we welcome you to come and see!

Learn more: <https://event.auctria.com/66bcc373-77ff-424f-85d7-80310969efda/>

Questions? Contact Unity Christian School at **(815) 589-3912** or **secretary@unitychristian.com**

“Come and see what God has done, His awesome deeds for mankind.” – Psalm 66:5