

First CRC Fulton  
August 20, 2023  
Recipe for 'Great Faith'

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** Jesus Does

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship** Lord's Day 1

**God's Greeting**

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:** Heart of Worship By Faith My faith looks up to Thee

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offertory:** General Fund & Faith Promise

**Worship in Song:** Great is thy Faithfulness Lord I Believe in You

**We Prepare For & Hear God's Word**

**Scripture:** Matthew 15:21-28: <sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

<sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

<sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

<sup>26</sup> He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

<sup>27</sup> "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

**Sermon:** Recipe for 'Great Faith'

**Celebration of Communion**

**Prayer**

**WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

**Parting Song:** He is Exalted

**Blessing**

## Announcements

**Free Sale** - Today is the last day of our "Free Sale," from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Stop out and see what treasures you might find to take home for free!

**Thursday** This is our scheduled week for donating items to the Fulton Food Pantry. This month the suggested donation is *Peanut Butter or Tuna*.

**The Jeanette Brondyke Family** would like to send a warm and heartfelt thank you for all of the expressions of love and sympathy during their loss and a special thank you to the wonderful ladies who prepared food, served, and cleaned up after the luncheon. With love, Rick & Chris, Russ & Carolyn, Jim & Trish, Ken & Marsha

**Committee sign-up sheet** is on the back table. Please prayerfully consider utilizing your gifts and talents to serve our church and church family. Please run, don't walk! We are excited to build our church!

**Outdoor Services** will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday this summer. Our next outdoor service will be held on September 10th, 2023, and the theme will be announced soon.

**Remember in prayer** our members in care facilities and those that are homebound: Dorothy B, Carroll E, John S, Betty S, Mark S, Albert W

<b>August Birthdays</b>	14	Pam Bielema	<b>21</b>	<b>Brenda Bousman</b>	
2	Chris Roos	14	Sara Burns	<b>24</b>	<b>Teresa Dellit</b>
3	Audrey Balk	15	Dale Schaver	<b>25</b>	<b>April Prins</b>
3	Isabelle Fletcher	15	Jason Vander Eide	<b>26</b>	<b>Julie Lutz</b>
9	Jeff Vander Eide	18	Celia Behrens	28	Holly Bielema
10	Lynell Breidenbach	19	Andrew Zajicek	31	Joshua Bielema
10	Mary Medenblik	<b>20</b>	<b>Joseph Zajicek</b>		
<b>August Anniversaries</b>	5	Lauren & Jeriann M	27	Roger & Gayle D	
3	Sam & Ruby D	9	Bill & Mary M		

### Deacons' News

8/13/23 : Benevolence: \$93.00

Budget: \$2,042.00

**Offerings Today:** General Fund - Faith Promise

Received: \$867.00

Next Sunday: General Fund - UCSB

Short: \$1175.00

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

## Community News

**The Shirah Brothers** will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday August 20th at 6:00PM. Come join us for an evening of music and worship. In case of rain or extreme heat, concerts will be moved indoors. A free will offering will be taken. The Shirah Brothers is made up of three brothers who share their love for singing Southern Gospel music. Growing up as members of the Royal City Family Ministries, Southern Gospel music is no stranger to these three. Aaron, Jake, and Josh Shirah feel excited and blessed to have the opportunity to share God's Word through music. Their desire is to glorify God through the Shirah Brothers and the testimony it holds.

**The Chitans** will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday August 27th at 6:00PM. Please join us in the valley for an evening of music and ministry. The concert will be moved indoors if there is a threat of bad weather. A free will offering will be taken. We will also be serving root beer floats so come out and enjoy! The Chitans consist of five siblings. Kaiziah, Jesse, Karlainah, Jayden, and Kayandra. They and their parents, Layne and Karen, have been taking their music ministry on the road for the past seven years. Their music encompasses Southern Gospel, Contemporary Christian, Black Gospel, Caribbean, and traditional Hymns. Incorporating various styles in their concerts is what makes this unique blending of these styles truly special. The heartbeat of this family group is to point souls to Jesus Christ.

**Safe Families for Children QC** is having a GALA on October 2, 2023 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Holiday Inn in Rock Island. To reserve a ticket and meal, sponsor, or donate, visit <https://safefamilies-quadcities.funraise.org/fundraiser/quad-cities>.

**Beyond the Walls, 2023** Center for Missions & Evangelism National Conference, will bring encouragement to church leaders and lay people alike by focusing on what it looks like to do faithfully reformed, outward-facing ministry in an age of adversity. Join us at Bethel Church from October 6-7 in Lansing, Illinois. <https://www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference>

**The Annual Pro-Life Event** for the Pregnancy Center will be held this year at Journey Church in Clinton, on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 6:30-8:30pm. They will have pizza, great worship, a guest speaker and free pro-life giveaways. Mark your calendars. RSVP to Nancy by Email if you hope to attend or call 563-242-6628 with any questions.

**CRCNA Position Openings** - The Christian Reformed Church in North America has the following agency/ministry position openings in the US and/or Canada: Part-time (8 hrs/wk) Local Mission Leaders - Central US (Remote); Full-time (36 hrs/wk) Ministry Consultant (Safe Church) with Thrive in Grand Rapids, MI or Burlington, ON (Hybrid); 2 Full-time Mission Team Leader for South & South East and East Asia. For details, deadlines, or to apply, visit [www.crcna.org/jobs](http://www.crcna.org/jobs).

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe
Nursery Attendant	Lynell B	Michelle
Snack Provider	Sara B	Gayle D
Server	Eric B	Roger D

<b>Weekly Calendar</b>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
	Free Sale	11 am - 3pm
Tues, Aug 22	Deacons' Meeting	6:30pm
Thurs, Aug 24	Elders' Meeting	6:00pm
	Council Meeting	6:45pm

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