

# **First Christian Reformed Church**

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

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First CRC Fulton  
September 22, 2024 - 9:00am  
In God We Trust

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** Pianists

**Welcome:** Worship Leader

**Announcements:** Worship Leader

**Call To Worship:** Apostle's Creed (All Read in Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**God's Greeting:** Pastor Byker

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:**

Wholehearted Thanksgiving to Thee I will Bring

Faith of Our Fathers

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

## **Congregational Prayer: Rollie**

**Offering:** General Fund/Unity Christian School Booster Fund  
**Offertory - Pianists**

**Reading of Poem:** Beth Caven

### **Worship in Song:**

I'll Fly Away  
What A Day That Will Be  
He Touched Me

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

**Scripture:** Psalm 20

*<sup>1</sup>May the Lord answer you when you are in distress;  
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.*

*<sup>2</sup>May he send you help from the sanctuary  
and grant you support from Zion.*

*<sup>3</sup>May he remember all your sacrifices  
and accept your burnt offerings.*

*<sup>4</sup>May he give you the desire of your heart  
and make all your plans succeed.*

*<sup>5</sup>May we shout for joy over your victory  
and lift up our banners in the name of our God.  
May the Lord grant all your requests.*

*<sup>6</sup>Now this I know:*

*The Lord gives victory to his anointed.  
He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary  
with the victorious power of his right hand.*

*<sup>7</sup>Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.*

*<sup>8</sup>They are brought to their knees and fall,  
but we rise up and stand firm.*

*<sup>9</sup>Lord, give victory to the king!  
Answer us when we call!*

**Sermon:** In God We Trust - Pastor Byker  
**Prayer**

**WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

**Parting Song:** Come Thou Almighty King

**Blessing:** Pastor Byker

**Announcements**

**Today we welcome** Pastor John Byker to join us in worship this morning. Thank you for sharing God's word with us. May we all be blessed and inspired by our time together.

**Thank you** for all your song requests! We hope you are blessed by singing some of your favorites today!

**Wedding** - Eric and Sara Burns cordially invite the congregation to the wedding ceremony uniting their daughter, Abby, and Adam Nussel on October 12 at 3:00 in the afternoon. Please join us as we celebrate the beginning of their marriage.

**Save the date!** Our next potluck will be October 13th! The theme is fall fest! There will be pumpkins to decorate and maybe a couple fun games! Be sure to bring a friend!

**Remember in prayer** our members in care facilities or homebound: Carroll E, Albert W

Please send prayer requests to Pastor Michael at  
**[mhooke01@gmail.com](mailto:mhooke01@gmail.com)**.

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

## **September Birthdays**

5 Carla Zajicek

5 Elizabeth Long

8 Bonnie Simon

10 Joe Long III

12 Courtney Lown

15 Lynda Vander Eide

17 Roger Frazier

18 Ed Huisenga

19 Michael Hooker

19 Virginia Scidmore

19 Andrew Dykstra

25 Eileen Frazier

27 Leo Burns

## **September Anniversaries**

1 Jeff & Carla Zajicek

2 Charlie & Rachel Elliot

3 Jon & Lynell Breidenbach

4 Rollie & Lynda VanderEide

10 Pastor Michael & Alida

13 Ed & Jennifer Huisenga

20 Fred & Ronda Phillips

## **Deacons' News**

Offerings Received 9/15/24:

Building Fund: \$160.00

Faith Promise: \$176.00

General Fund

Budget: \$2,051.62

Received: \$2,459.00

Over: \$407.38

Offerings Today: General Fund & UCSB

Offerings 9/29/24: General Fund & Fulton Food Pantry

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

## **CRC News**

**Ministry Shares** - Today is one of two Sundays each year that churches have an opportunity to think more about ministry shares, which support CRC ministry across North America and far beyond. As a Christian Reformed Church member, have you ever wondered about ministry shares? When you put your dollar in the offering plate or give a monthly tithe to your church, where exactly do those ministry share dollars go? The answer is: All over the world! Watch this video to find out more: [tinyurl.com/CRC-Ministry-Shares-Video](http://tinyurl.com/CRC-Ministry-Shares-Video)

**Position Opening: Donor Relations Manager, Resonate (Michigan)** - Develop relationships and implement a strategy with existing and potential donors that will increase financial support and resources, engage current constituents and cultivate potential donors in support of the ministry. This full time, hybrid position in Grand Rapids, Mich., offers a flexible work schedule, attractive benefits package (including retirement fund contribution), and three weeks vacation. Apply at [crcna.pinpointhq.com](http://crcna.pinpointhq.com).

### Community News

**Meet & Greet** You are invited to Bethel CRC (1208 3rd Ave, Fulton) on Wednesday, September 25 at 10:00 am for a meet & greet in the fellowship hall with Pastor Jeremiah. Light refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you!

**UCS Spanish Club Trivia & Taco Night** September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 pm at Erie Christian Church, 715 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Erie, IL. We'd love for your church to consider forming a team to join us. The event supports our Spanish Club's activities and would be a great way for our communities to connect. Teams are \$10 per person, Teams of up to 8 people. If you have any questions, contact Jackie Haas at [jhaas@unitychristian.com](mailto:jhaas@unitychristian.com)

**Trinity Christian College** will celebrate its 65<sup>th</sup> birthday this October! You are invited to [Celebrate Wonder](#), a masquerade-themed event at Brookfield Zoo on Friday, October 4 from 7:00 pm-9:30 pm. Join us for an evening of wonder as we celebrate the impact Trinity has had on students over the past 65 years and the faithfulness God has shown to Trinity during this time. The setting will feature an indoor/outdoor gazebo with access to Carousel rides and a unique animal experience. Live music will be provided by the Larry Anthony Trio. Come in your own masquerade-themed celebratory attire, or pick up

a celebration mask when you arrive. Throughout the evening you'll enjoy an assortment of displayed appetizers, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages as you connect with Trinity students, alums, and friends. Trinity students will host a brief program sharing stories of impact, followed by a live auction and paddle raise. All funds raised will directly support student scholarships.

**Car & Truck Show** will be held at First Reformed Church, 510 15th Ave., Fulton, on October 5 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. You are more than welcome to come and walk around the show. While here have lunch and ice cream provided by T-Daddy's BBQ and Dolph's Dips. We will also be taking a special collection for the Brubaker family whose house was lost in a fire recently.

**ANOTHER** amazing contemporary Christian show coming to our area sponsored by Simply Free Church and Tammy Stephan of Lanark IL. We have Consumed By Fire and Caleb and John coming Friday October 11 to Simply Free Church in Lanark IL. See promo poster on the bulletin at the back of the church and below is a link to purchasing tickets!! Both artists are red hot on Christian radio!! John Dail, 815-441-5453  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walk-with-jesus-tour-featuring-consumed-by-fire-and-caleb-and-john-tickets-999452829317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church** will be having their annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 4 – 7pm at 1201 N Bluff St, Albany, IL. The dinner will include Spaghetti, all you can eat, salad, Applesauce, French bread, beverage, and ice cream for dessert will be served in the hall. Donations for the meal are: \$13 for adults, \$5 for children age

5-12, and free for children under 5. Carry outs will be available at the church.

**The Pregnancy Center's** annual Pro-Life Youth Event will be held at River Church in Clinton on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, from 6:00-8:30pm. They will have food, great worship, testimonies and free stuff. Mark your calendars. Questions call 563-242-6628! More details to follow.

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece** (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 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 information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

	<b>September 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>September 29<sup>th</sup></b>
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe V
Nursery Attendant	Sara B	Amy D
Snack Provider	Michelle V	Sara B
Server	Michelle V	Sara & Eric B



## **Weekly Calendar**

Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Tues, Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm
Thurs. Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
	Deacons Meeting	6:30 pm
	Council Meeting	6:45 pm