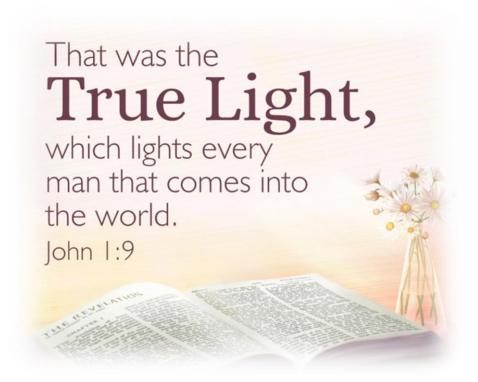
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Growing Closer to God Through Service & Love

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First CRC Fulton December 31, 2023 - 9:00am Revisiting the Light in the Manger

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: What a Glorious Night

Welcome

Announcements:

Call To Worship: Pastor Byker God's Greeting: Pastor Byker

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Here I am to Worship Shine Jesus Shine Knowing You Jesus

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Worship in Song:

The Light of the World is Jesus Shine on us

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: John 1:1-9

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was

made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

Sermon: Revisiting the Light in the Manger

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: Send the Light

Blessing: Pastor Byker

Announcements

In celebration, we will be serving cake after the service this morning to welcome Don and Barb Mathey into our membership. May God richly bless them as they become full members with us.

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

Please send prayer requests to Pastor Michael at **mhooke01@gmail.com**.

Please send all bulletin information to

FirstCRCFulton@live.com by Thursday at 7:00pm.

December Birthdays		14 Alida Hooker
1	Collin Burns	18 Brenda Atherton
1	Genevieve Tiesman	21 Sheila Thompson
	Tucker Smith	27 Paige Vander Eide
	Kelly Dykstra	27 Ana Ton
	Rollie Vander Eide	28 Matt Smith
9	Brenda Huizenga	28 Rachel Elliot
9	Jake Smith	30 Stacy Stephenson
12	Don Mathey	31 Ben Smith

January Birthdays

1	Audrey Atherton	15 Bodey Stephenson
1	Angie Vander Eide	15 Mark Dykstra
4	Joe Vander Eide	21 Fred Phillips
4	Jean Medenblik	24 Leanna Schipper
6	Jamie Wiebenga	24 Joshua Wiebenga

December Anniversaries - 28 Albert & Gloria Wiebenga **January Anniversaries -** 15 Roland & Celia Behrens

Deacons' News

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

Offerings Today: General Fund & Ministry Shares Next Sunday: General Fund & Building Fund

Offerings Received 12/24/23

General Fund

Budget: \$2,042.00 UCSB: \$354.00

Received: <u>\$8,431.00</u> Over: \$6,389.00

Community News

Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center – The 11th Annual Family New Year's Eve party is today, Dec 31st from 3pm - 5:30pm.

Fulton Fire & EMS Annual Soup Supper will be held Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 11am – 7pm at the Fulton Fire Station, 1802 16th Avenue, Fulton, IL. They will be serving chili, vegetable beef, chicken noodle, split pea soup and oyster stew along with snowflake rolls, and desserts. Free will donations are welcomed and all proceeds go toward the purchase of fire and EMS equipment to keep our community safe.

Free Movie Night First Reformed Church invites you to come the Sound of Freedom on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Admission is free and the movie begins at 6:30pm. They will also be showing a children's movie (TBA) and there will be popcorn, snack, and drinks available at intermission.

Camp Greenwood Summer Camp 2024 is here! Registration opens on January 1, 2024 with Early Bird Discounts on opening day. We want to see you and your family this summer! https://campgreenwood.org/summercamp/summer-camp/

Iron Sharpens Iron 2024 Men's conference will be held in Davenport, IA, on March 2nd, or Lemont, IL, on March 16th, from 8:30am – 4:00pm. Keynote speakers include Don Davis, Chris Harper, Danny Lopez, and Larry Jackson. For more information visit FocalPointMinistries.net, email info@focalpointministries.net or call 563-249-0110.

Iron Sharpens Iron 2024 Women's conference will be held at Calvary Church in Moline, IL, on Saturday, April 13, 8:30am – 4:00pm. Keynote speakers include Alisha Childers and Rachel Lovingood. For more information call 563-249-0110, visit FocalPointMinistries.net, or email info@focalpointministries.net.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (May 31 - June 11, 2024): 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 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Christmas Greeting Video from The Banner - Watch a warm year-end video message where Banner editor Shiao Chong explains the impact The Banner has with its journalistic ministry that reaches thousands of people. He shares Christmas greetings to all readers. View it now! tinyurl.com/BannerChristmas23

	Today	Next Week
Recorder & Sound	Joe V	David D
Nursery Attendant	Stacy S	Lynell B
Snack Provider	Mary M	Lori B
Server	Deacons	Lori B

Weekly Calendar				
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am		



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