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*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

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First CRC Fulton

August 30, 2026 - 9:00am

“So, What Keeps You Awake At Night?”

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Trust in You

Welcome: Lynda V.

Announcements: Lynda V.

Call To Worship: Lynda V.

Psalm 139: 7-10

L: Where can I go from Your Spirit?

P: Or where can I flee from Your presence?

L: If I ascend to heaven, You are there;

P: If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

L: If I take the wings at dawn,

P: If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,

L: Even there Your hand will lead me,

P: And Your right hand lay hold on me

L: If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,

P: And the light around me will be night."

L: Even the darkness is not dark to You,

P: And the night is as bright as day.

L: Darkness and light are alike to You.

God's Greeting: Ken

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

He will hold me fast

I am not my own

When in the Night

Congregational Prayer: Angie

Worship Through Song:

Sun of My Soul

By Faith

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Hebrews 11:21 (Pg 1355)

Sermon: "So, What Keeps You Awake At Night?" – Ken

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Ken

Parting Song: Yet Not I but Christ in me

Announcements

Today we welcome Ken Renkes. We look forward to worshipping with you today. Thank you for sharing your love and talents with our congregation.

Thank you all for thinking of us on our 50th wedding anniversary. Your cards and warm wishes are greatly appreciated! -Roger & Gayle Dykstra

Please send **prayer requests** to **stacy_stephenson_1980@yahoo.com** and all bulletin information to **FirstCRCFulton@live.com** by Thursday at 6p. If you have anything for the Newsletter, please email it with the subject line "Newsletter" by the last Wednesday of the month.

Anniversaries: **August 31st** Michael & Alida Hooker

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 8/23/26

General Fund

UCSB: \$290.00

Budget: \$2,166.00

Received: \$709.00

Under: \$1,457.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Fulton Food Pantry

9/6/2026 Offerings: General Fund & Building Fund

Please place your offering in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.

Community Announcements

The Mulkins Family will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, August 30th, at 6:00 PM! 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.

Bound for the Kingdom Faith, Music, and Community, Friday, September 4th featuring Jon Micah Sumrall, Olivia Lane, Amanda Nolan, Grace Heyvaert, and Saturday, September 5th featuring Ryan Stevenson, Consumed by Fire, Madison Watkins, and Josh & Sarah Furrow. [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) for more.

Coffee with Kelli Coffee and Conversation with Superintendent Parsons. The purpose of these meetings are to provide local residents with an opportunity to discuss district goals, ask questions, and share concerns with Mrs. Parsons.

Wednesday, September 2, 7:00 a.m.-9:00a.m. at Sunrise Family Restaurant

Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 a.m.-9:00a.m. at Brunch House

Friday, September 18, 7:00 a.m.-9:00a.m. at Steam Anchor

Friday, September 25, 7:00 a.m.-9:00a.m. at the District Office

Men's breakfast, speaker, and worship at the Church of the Open Door in Clinton at 8am, the first Saturday of every month.

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – The late United States congressman John Lewis believed in the nonviolent resistance techniques he learned from Martin Luther King, Jr., and others. He grew up with the gospel teaching that everyone is made in the image of God. To honor that image, we just need to slow down and see others through the lenses of grace and

forgiveness. Humanizing people—even one’s enemy (Matt. 5:44-45)—according to Lewis, is the first step toward reconciliation and social change. Whom might God be asking you to forgive this week? How can you recognize and honor the image of God in everyone you encounter this week? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

	<u>August 30th</u>	<u>September 6th</u>	<u>September 13th</u>
Pastor	Ken Renkes	Lain V.	John Byker
Sound	David D.	Paul T.	Joe V.
Nursery	Ana T.	Lynell B.	Michelle V.
Snack	Lynda V.	Lori B.	Ruby D.
Server	Stacy S.	Lori B.	Lynell B.
Planner	Lynda V.	Beth C.	Brenda A.

<u>Weekly Calendar</u>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am