

Church Calendar

Palm Sunday ~ April 14th

Lord's Supper Sunday, Pastor Joel Preaching; offering for Benevolence

*The Deacon Benevolence fund is for the emergency financial needs of God's people. Please find details and applications behind the copier in rm. 24.

11-12n- Live it Out Activities for all ages.

5:00pm – Club 68

Monday ~ April 15th :

6:30pm ~ Count committee

Tuesday ~ April 16th –

9:15am – **Senior Moments: Passover Seder Meal**

1:30pm – Staff meeting in rm. 21

Wednesday ~ April 17th Family Night

8:00am – Men's Breakfast Bible Study in Emerson House

9:30am – Ladies' AM Bible Study in 12/13

5:45pm – Family Night Meal

6:30pm – *Beloved of God Yoga/Coffee Break Women's Bible study/GEMS, Cadets,*

Movie discussion group, Council mtg. in rm. 24

Thursday ~ April 18th

6:30-8:00pm – FP leadership Team de-brief mtg.

7:00pm - Band Practice

Good Friday ~ April 19th

6:30pm Communion service

Saturday ~ April 20th

7:00am – Men's Bible study – rm. 21

10-12n – Circle of Hope – Rm. 21

Resurrection Sunday ~ Lord's Supper

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, April 14

Children in Worship: Cathy Van Donselaar, Jacob Van Donselaar, Natalie Roberts

Nursery: Jevon van Vliet, Sam Lamsma, Matthew Jonker

Camera: Owen Vermeer **Lyrics:** Lilli Vermeer **Sound:** Cory Vermeer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Fred Ritsema & Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Lohmann's

Good Friday: April 19

Camera: Davis Addink **Lyrics:** Micah DeHaan **Sound:** Jim DeHaan

Nursery: Kristin Buys, Torre Blohm, Madisyn Hunt

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, April 21

Children in Worship: Lea Gunnett, Torre Blohm, Matthew Jonker, Sam Lamsma

Nursery: Jessica Clevelad, Evelyn Keyes, Owen Vermeer, Marissa Bol, David Youngsma

Camera: Adam De Boer **Lyrics:** Annika DeBoer **Sound:** Paul DeBoer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cal Van Heukelem, Anne Buteyn

Coffee: DeBoer/Kats

Welcome newcomers, guests and visitors: *We will celebrate*

communion today, on Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. All baptized believers who

place their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation are welcome to receive the sacraments.

Elders are up front for you after each service.

Lent Family Faith Formation Tip -

Good Friday Family Faith Formation Tip - Without experiencing the darkness of Good Friday, we can't fully appreciate the joy of Easter. Let kids know that it's appropriate to be sad this week as we remember Jesus' suffering and sacrifice, but remind them that death does not have the last word in God's salvation story! (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Missionary Prayer Update: *Starkenburgs in Nicaragua*

The socioeconomics crisis in Nicaragua has provided new opportunities for discipleship and growth. **April 19th** is the anniversary of the beginning of this crisis. We are still waiting for an end. It feels like everyone is collectively holding their breath, wondering how and when there will be resolution and justice. We covet your prayers for this nation. There is so much we would love to share, but we have to be careful what we put in print. One day the stories of so many dear Nicaraguans will be fully known and spoken out loud, but now they are whispered only among highly trusted friends. Please continue to pray!:

- Pray for families who have separated due to high stress.
- For financial provision for school families who have lost jobs and income.
- Pray for safety and an end to the country's downward economic spiral.

**More information is available in the Newsletter on the Missions table.*

April Missionary Birthday: *Liam Starkenburg* - April 12th



First Christian Reformed Church

*A Family of God, Living our Faith and Growing by:
Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives,
and Humbly embracing the hurting.*

Lent: Palm Sunday~ April 14th, 2019

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship:

King Jesus comes, King Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

Hail! King Jesus, King of all!

Recall the words of the Scriptures:

“A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying,

‘Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!’”

*Song: *Hosanna Loud Hosanna* LUYH 145

*Prayer:

O Lord Christ,

As You once entered Jerusalem, enter our hearts this day afresh.

As You once set your face toward death on a cross,

help us this day to walk with You to victory.

As the children once cried “Hosanna” to bless You,

enable us to confess You openly as Lord and Savior.

Grant us Your presence by the power of Your Spirit,

that our worship and our lives may truly honor You. Amen.

*Song: *Hosanna* (Praise Is Rising)

*God's Greeting

First Christian Reformed Church #303.733.4936

Church Office Hours: Tuesday ~ Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

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Pastor Joel Schreurs: Minister of the Word ext. 101

Shirley Van Heukelem: Programs & Office Admin. ext. 104

Kyle Cooper: Worship Coordinator ext. 103

Bret Lamsma: Director of Faith Formation ext. 105

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Renewal

Palm Sunday is a day we remember Christ's journey to the cross, where He entered into and took on our suffering. With this good news, we bring our requests to Him...

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Song: *El Señor Es Mi Pastor* PFAS 231

Offering: *Benevolence*

Offertory

Word

Children In Worship Dismissal

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters,
He refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: **The Lord be with you.**
Children: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *In Enemy Territory*

Prayer

Distribution Songs:

Table of Plenty LUYH 808
Nothing But the Blood

Sending Prayer:

Loving God,
We thank You that You have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ and given us a foretaste of the heavenly
banquet in Your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of Your Spirit
to live and work to Your praise and glory
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Sending Song: *In Christ Alone* LUYH 770

*Blessing

*Postlude:

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper and First CRC Band
Accompanists: Christy Bol & Ethan Cleveland

Up ~ Prayer and Praise:

Our Persecuted Believer's prayer focus for March and April will be for our brothers and sisters of Latin America. Please take a prayer sheet by the silver message board for strategic prayer ideas. As you watch the weekly news, continue to pray for provision, protection and a sense of our Lord's Divine presence for our neighbors being uprooted, starved and persecuted.

We praise God for comforting those among us grieving the loss of a loved one: the Wassenaar family, the Smit family, the Hansum family, the McGuire family.

The Smit Family, especially Ina and Connie, is so grateful for the support of their First Church Family as they grieve the loss of Joy, who was dearly loved by all. A special thank you to Pastor Joel, Pastor Bret, the Van Heukelem's and the First CRC staff and Council for the many prayers, visits and concern. You extended the hand of God to all of us. ~ The Smit family

We pray for **John Kline** (Rebecca's son-in-law) undergoing pacemaker surgery this Thursday, and for Jill and daughters: Riley, Karsyn and Carter as they care for him.

We praise God for new life with Randy & Emma as we welcome baby **George Milton Schwager**.

Please pray for members of our extended church family, **Paul Park** and his wife **Ahna Cho**. Paul and Ahna are both working towards ordination in the CRCNA and Ahna is a member of the church staff at Redeemer Christian Church (University/Florida). Last week, Paul suffered a stroke while attending the CRC Missions conference in Los Angeles. Ahna is currently pregnant and unable to travel.

We pray for pastors as they prepare to receive and deliver the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus Christ this Easter!

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Family NIGHT this week!

5:45pm ~ Meal

6:30pm: Council Meeting, Fellowship for everyone, Beloved of God Yoga, GEMS Girl's Club, Cadets Boy's club, Coffee Break Women's Bible Study

Movie Discussion: *"If Beale Street Could Talk."*

TODAY Live It Out Room Locations: 11:00-12noon

Dance – Rm. 12/13

Drum Circle - Nursery

Choir - Sanctuary

Visual Arts - Pit Stop

Family Promise - Library

Club 68 meets tonight at church from 5-7 for our last meeting of the year.

Men's Wed. AM Bible Study 8:00 in Emerson, coffee is on at 7:30am.

Ladies' Wed. Morning Bible Study in Rm .12/13, **April 17** at 9:30am.

Ladies' Wed. PM weekly Coffee Break at 6:30pm in Emerson House.

Beloved of God Yoga led by Pamela Hansum at 6:30pm Wednesday pm.

Senior Moments Event~

Passover Seder on April 16th, Please arrive by 9:15 for coffee and music, The Bible through Sunday School Songs. Followed by Rev. Mark Flaxman taking us on a journey of The Passover Seder. Potluck lunch; bring either a salad, main entree, or desert. Beverages will be provided. This will be an informative and fun event. Please sign up on the form on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary.

Long Scraggy Ranch Work Day ~

May 4th, 2019 Starts at 9:00 A.M.

As much time as you can give will be appreciated.

For details or questions call #303-838-7770

Please RSVP so we know how much food to cook.

OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Explore a Global Church Partnership - Are you looking for opportunities to develop in-depth relationships with other Christians, locally and internationally? World Renew helps churches to develop committed church-to-church relationships that enrich life within a congregation -- and provide long-term, two-way support between churches. Find out more about partnering with churches worldwide and furthering God's kingdom through World Renew! Contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net for more.

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

World Renew Responds to Cyclone Idai - Right now, 2.6 million people in Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe are facing devastation in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai. World Renew is working to deliver emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies to the survivors affected by the disaster. Please give today to this urgent need or for more information, please go to: www.worldrenew.net/cycloneidai.

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

Volunteers in Action/Jesus on Colfax Work Day: Volunteers in Action is helping organize a work/cleanout day at the new Jesus on Colfax building at 9605 E. Colfax on **Saturday, April 20, 8am-noon**. Jesus on Colfax has purchased this building to remodel into a Ministry Center to serve those on the streets and in the motels in this East Colfax area. If you can help this coming Saturday, please call Donn Hansum at Volunteers in Action, **#303-713-9144**. Thanks for considering this opportunity to serve!"

Today concludes our first Family Promise hosting week. It was a great week for our church community to be involved in the lives of 4 special families for a short time. All together about 100 people from First helped with the planning, set-up, implementation, and take-down for this week. That's amazing! Thank you to everyone who helped out this week in so many ways. A special thank you to our host team for all of the work that they put in getting us ready for this opportunity. If you missed out this week we will be **hosting again from July 21-28**. If anyone has any questions, comments, or suggestions please contact Pastor Bret or a host team member this week.