

Church Calendar for week of April 15:

Sunday ~ April 15: Pastor Joel is preaching. Sunday School, *Live Justly*, Offering is for GEMS/Cadets Corporate.

5-7pm - Club 68

Monday ~ April 16

Tuesday ~ April 17:

9:00am – 3:00pm: Staff Planning Retreat (off-site)

Wednesday ~ April 18: Family Night

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

5:45pm – Family Night Meal

6:30pm – Council Meeting Rm. 24, GEMS/Cadets, Coffee Break in Emerson

Thursday ~ April 19

6:30-9:00pm – Band Practice in Sanctuary

Friday ~ April 20:

9-11am - Library ladies

10:00am - Fire Inspection

Saturday ~ April 21

Sunday ~ April 22: Pastor Bret Lamsma Preaching, *Live Justly*, Sunday School,

5-7pm Youth group Fun Night

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, April 15th

Children in Worship: Jessica Cleveland, Eileen Ruter, Marissa Bol, Matthew Jonker

Nursery: Cheryl Schmitt, Jevon van Vliet, Tina & Andy Vanden Boogaard

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: DeBoer/Kats

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, April 22nd

Children in Worship:

Nursery:

Prayer Ministry Elders:

Coffee:

Welcome to our visitors! Coffee and tea are near the main doors. How can we serve you? Elders are available up front to answer your questions and pray.

Dear First Church Family:

Thank you for your encouraging words and generous financial support as I prepare to begin my Doctor of Ministry program at Fuller Seminary!

I registered for my first class this week and have lots of reading (and a little bit of writing) to do before I travel to California for a week of class at the end of July. I remain excited for this opportunity and am grateful to have such a supportive church family!

Pastor Joel

He Has Risen!

Update from CRC Mission Partners: This week is one of the biggest holiday events in China with religious significance, but it has nothing to do with the Christian holiday of Easter. [Tomb Sweeping Day](#) is a traditional holiday for families to gather at the gravesite of departed loved ones to pray to their spirits, to clean the grave site, and to burn gifts that the departed need in the afterlife.

For Christians, it is an opportunity to share about a different tomb; to share a gospel message of living hope through the resurrection of our Savior who came out of the tomb and lives. As the coming of spring is sure, so is God's plan of redemption in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. May the good news of the risen Savior bring hope and assurance to you.

We began the five-month church internship program for future church leaders led by a church association in Chinese, for Chinese, and primarily led by Chinese. We expect it will provide deeper cross-cultural involvement between our peers, and the needs of the church. A pastor shared how his church has an established protocol written into their church constitution that lays out what to do if the pastor is detained by the police. Churches in China do not pay their pastors a living wage, another issue the church has to consider.

Thank you for the many ways you have partnered with us. Thank you especially for your many prayers and words of encouragement, which have sustained us in all circumstances and endeavors these past months. In the weeks ahead, here are three ways you can praise God for His provision and ask for guidance over the ministry with us:

1. Relationship with Pastor 'C'
2. Participation in internship
3. Growth in our involvement in local churches
4. Safety during a time of [increased government pressure](#)

Magnify: Julie



He is not here,
FOR HE IS
RISEN

Sunday April 15, 2018

Gathering

First Christian Reformed Church: 1814 South Emerson Street

Email: connections@firstcrcdenver.org **#303.733.4936**

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

Address: 1814 South Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80210

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
Larry Young:	Custodial & facilities	#303-582-4039
Rebecca J. Schaefer:	Communications & Admin.	ext. 102

Renewal

Up ~ Prayer

Our April Congregational Prayer Focus for Persecuted Believers features 10 specific ways to pray for a rapidly growing, but highly targeted group: **Muslim Background Believers**. See the display on the silver board and pick up a copy of the accompanying prayer sheet.

We continue to pray for Chris Vanden Broeke, in Florida for cancer treatments. He now has a serious post-op heel infection.

We lift up those in accounting and tax preparation for pace and peace as they practice and teach godly stewardship.

In ~ Events & Activities

Senior Moments: Reminder to sign up for the Tuesday, April 17th trip to the Littleton Museum if you are planning to participate in this activity. **Note time change:** We plan to **leave church at 11:00** a.m. starting with lunch at 11:30 to the Littleton Café. The museum tour begins at 1:00 p.m. Please see the flyer for details. Questions: Beth P. 303-947-1085 or Betty K. 303-514-6251.

Ladies Morning Bible Study Group will resume on April 18th.

Club 68 has our final meeting of the year this Sunday night from 5-7. We will meet here at church for a meal together, and Enjoy a fun night of fellowship and community building together.

Gems: Julie

Save these Dates

Next Church Family Night Meals is April 18th at 5:45pm:

Meal is served until 6:30pm. Enjoy fellowship from 6:30pm to 8:00pm:

- GEMS girl's club rm 12/13, Cadet boys club in Pit Stop garage
- Nursery available downstairs for ages 5 and under.
- Movie Discussion group in the Library.
- Council will meet on 4/18 in Room 24.
- Coffee Break Women's Bible study in Emerson House.

Our Wednesday night Film and Ethics class will be discussing the movie "The Circle" starring Emma Watson and Tom Hanks this Wednesday night. Everyone is invited for discussion and sharing. We meet in the **Library** from **6:30-8:00**.

May 1st - Women's Night Out: **A Night to Bless and Be Blessed**. Color, decorate, and fill Gift Bags for the Delores Project (Women's Homeless Shelter) on **May 1 from 7 to 9 PM**. Please see table in back of the foyer for more information and a sign-up sheet..

May 3rd - National Day of Prayer

May 6th will be our All-Church PICNIC! Our special guest is Margaret Njuguna from En-Gedi Children's Home in Nairobi, Kenya.

May 19th Save the Date for an OUT Volunteer Opportunity!

1st CRC will be partnering with **The Table** to do garden clean-up and preparation for the upcoming growing season in the Platt Park neighborhood on **Saturday, May 19**. All ages are encouraged to volunteer, and no experience is necessary! Please look for additional details and sign-up sheets in the coming weeks.

June 11-16 Eagle Lake Camp at Hope Fellowship.

Out ~ Missions Updates

Denver Area Youth For Christ will be hosting a *Mental Health First Aid* Course at our offices on **Saturday, April 28th**. This course is offered free of charge on behalf of the CO Office of Behavioral Health. Denver Area Youth For Christ will provide lunch for anyone who attends the course.

Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that teaches you how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. It will focus on how to care for one another as caregivers as well as how to care for others. *While not counseling training, this training helps you identify, understand, and respond to signs of addictions and mental illnesses.*

We would like to open this course up to our church partners for your staff and volunteers to participate. Anyone who works with people would benefit from the course! **For more information and to register**, visit http://www.denverareayouthforchrist.com/events/mental_health_first_aid_course

Feel free to forward this message to anyone you think may be interested in participating in the course. Please let me know if you have any questions! Hope to see some of you there!

Heidi Brunsting/Communications Coordinator
303.843.0370 www.yfcdenver.org

Living Water Drill and Hygiene Trip:

This notice is for anyone interested in joining our Drill/Hygiene Trip **November 3-11 to Honduras**. These trips are organized and directed by Living Water Int'l (LWI). This is the eleventh year First CRC has taken a mission team drilling for clean water to Central America.

The cost for the trip is \$2,000 per person and **50% of the cost is due by May 3, 2018**. Expense assistance is available through the Church Treasurer, Chris Lighthiser (clighthiser@gmail.com). Registration and security clearance for Honduras is obtained from LWI's Trip Coordinator, Kim R. (877-594-4426). Her email is kim@water.cc. Anyone needing more information please call Kim, or Al Wassenaar at 720-530-0907 or go on line to the Living Water International web site www.water.cc.

LWI serves the poor who are thirsty for clean water and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They partner with local churches and pastors as much as possible. Volunteer team members typically drill and develop a well, teach hygiene and have an opportunity to share their faith, all in a short week. Come and join us on a drill/hygiene trip for a vacation with a purpose.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (Oct 4-16, 2018) - Travel by motor coach (8 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.

Summer Youth Camp in Hungary - Your presence can make a difference in the life of Hungarian youth and the Hungarian church! From June 15-30, help lead two one-week VBS-style youth camps in Hungary for kids. Visit ResonateGlobalMission.org/HungaryCamp for more information or to apply.

Word

Children in Worship Dismissal

Leader: The Lord is here. The Lord is there.

The Lord is everywhere.

The Lord is high. The Lord is low.

The Lord is on the path we go.

People: **The Lord be with you.**

Children: **And also with you.**

Scripture:

Sermon:

Sending

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band

Accompanist: Barb Hogan