

## Church Calendar for April 17, 2016

Sunday ~ April 17

Pastor Joel Preaching; Kolsten Ruter Baptism, Offering: General Fund  
**11:00am – 12noon New Member Orientation in Emerson House**  
11:00am – 12noon Grow Groups (intergenerational Sunday School)

Monday, ~ April 18

Tuesday ~ April 19

7:30am - 4:00pm *Classical Conversations Challenge A*  
9:15am. Senior Moments (55+) *Wings over Rockies* Tour & lunch  
1:00pm – Staff Meeting in Room 21  
7:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday~ April 20: Family Night

9:30 am - Ladies Morning Bible Study  
5:45pm – Family Night Meal/GEMS/Cadets, Coffee Break

Thursday ~ April 21

Friday ~ April 22

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ April 23

10-12 noon - Dance Practice in Sanctuary

Sunday – April 24~Donuts for a Dollar – proceeds donated to Claire Froehlich's ministry to at-risk youth.

Offering is for Benevolence  
Grow Groups Video Scavenger Hunt

**A sincere welcome to our guests.** We are glad you are here!

**Please fill out a Connect Card** found in the pews and on the tables.

Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available at the tables in back.

**Coffee & Tea can be found near the doors.** Elders up front will pray and answer questions about sacraments, worship or whatever is on your heart.

*Donuts for a dollar* available on **April 24th** to support Claire Forehlich and her ministry to at-risk youth.

**Thank you to all serving next Sunday, April 17th**

**Nursery:** Briana Van Andel, Erin Reynolds, Lea Gunnett, Torre Blohm, Charlotte Reynolds

**Children in Worship:** *Jesus Appears to Thomas*, Cathy Van Donselaar, Torre Blohm, Ali Schroder

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Cyndi Berghuis, Joel Jonker

**PPT Preparation:** James Timmer

**Sound:** Paul DeBoer **Video:** Hannah DeBoer **PPT:** Annika DeBoer

**DVD Delivery:** Grow Group #3

**Coffee:** Timmer

**Thank you to all serving next Sunday, April 24th**

**Nursery:** Jill Schreurs, Troy Newcombe, Kelsie Ruter, Carter Sanderson, Adam DeBoer

**Children in Worship:** *Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit*

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Ed Schans & Rick Schmitt

**PPT Preparation:** James Timmer

**Sound:** Jon Waanders **Video:** Micah Den Braber **PPT:** Brett VDB

**DVD Delivery:** Grow Group #3

**Coffee:** Vermeer Family

## Grow Group Schedule

Join us for our final Grow Group events this season:

**April 17** - "Up"- Group Lesson – *I Can Do It Myself: The Difficulty of Living Out the Catechism*

**April 24** – “In” - Video Scavenger Hunt for All Ages (Bring Cell Phones)

**May 1** – “In” - All-Church BBQ: Pit Stop and Emerson House back yard.

**May 8** - Sign up for the following "Out" service options throughout May:

\*Visit **Canterbury Gardens Assisted Living** on May 15

\*Help with cleanup/repair at **RoundUp Fellowship's Houses**, serving people with developmental disabilities

\*Spring clean up for seniors through **Volunteer's In Action**

### Requested Announcements:

**Celebrate Successful Aging ~ with Aged To Perfection**, the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual fundraising event **on April 21, 2016 4:30pm-8:30pm**, at Holly Creek: 5500 East Peakview Avenue in Centennial 80121, on behalf of Christian Living Communities. Reservations requested by April 15<sup>th</sup>, go to: [ChristianLivingCommunities.org/aged-to-perfection](http://ChristianLivingCommunities.org/aged-to-perfection). For questions, please contact [LLopez@CLCmail.org](mailto:LLopez@CLCmail.org) 720.974.3642.

**Youth For Christ** invites you to their Annual Auction **April 23, 9-12!**

Free admission to Pace Center in Parker, something for everyone: Vacations/staycations, Super Bowl 50 memorabilia, Mother/Father's day gift certificates, golfing foursomes and much more! [yfcdenver.org/events](http://yfcdenver.org/events)

**Platt Park Children's Center's Silent Auction & orders due:**

Platt Park Children's Center Plant Sale orders are due Wednesday, April 20. You may email your order [toppcc@plattparkchildrenscenter.com](mailto:toppcc@plattparkchildrenscenter.com) or give it to Cheryl Schmitt. Call the preschool with any questions 303-282-7722.

**Silent Auction tickets** are available for our event **Friday, April 29.**

We'd love to have you join us! Thank you!

**JAMLAC invites you to a Kentucky Derby celebration** of 10 years of seeking Justice. **Saturday, May 7, 2016** from 3-7pm at the Wellshire Inn: 3333 South Colorado Blvd. Denver 80222

RSVP at [www.JAMLAC/ORG/DERBY](http://www.JAMLAC/ORG/DERBY) Admission: FREE! Donations appreciated. Appetizers, Live Music and childcare provided.



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Pastor Joel Schreurs, ext. 101, Minister of The Word

Shirley Van Heukelem, ext. 104, Programs & Office Administrator

Kim Csepe, ext. 103, Director of Faith Formation

Larry and Alyse Young, Custodians

Rebecca J. Schaefer, ext. 102, Administrative Assistant



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in Jesus...*

**Order of Worship ~  
April 17, 2016**

Prelude and Processional

Welcome and Call to Worship

\*Song: *All Creatures of Our God and King* LUYH 551 1,3,5,6

Psalm of Praise:

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is He who made us, and we are His;

we are His people the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise;

give thanks to Him and praise His name.

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations. - Psalm 100 NIV

\* Song: *Forever* LUYH 578

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

### Renewal

*Baptism of Kolsten David Ruter*

*We welcome Luke and Kelsie Ruter into our fellowship.*

Profession of Faith - **Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1**

1: Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. **That I am not my own,  
but belong - body and soul,  
in life and in death -  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way**

**that not a hair can fall from my head**

**without the will of my Father in heaven:**

**in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to Him,**

**Christ, by His Holy Spirit,**

**assures me of eternal life**

**and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready**

**from now on to live for Him.**

Presentation

Covenant Promises and Profession of Faith

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregational Promises and Prayer:

Brothers and sisters,  
we now receive Kolsten into Christ's church.  
I charge you to nurture and love him  
and to assist him, to be Christ's faithful disciple.  
**With joy and thanksgiving,  
we now welcome you into Christ's church;  
for we are all one in Christ.  
We promise to love, encourage, and support you and to help you  
know and follow Christ.**

Prayer:

Lord our God, forever faithful to Your promise,  
we thank You for assuring us again that You will forgive us and receive  
us as your children.  
**Grant wisdom and love to the parents and to us all as we carry out  
the vows we have just made.  
We pray that You will guide our little ones throughout their lives.  
Enable them to respond in faith to the Gospel,  
Fill them with Your Spirit and make their lives fruitful.  
Give them strength to endure trials.  
And when Christ returns, let them celebrate with all the people of  
God Your greatness and goodness forever  
in the joy of Your new creation. Amen**

\*Presentation Song: *Come Thou Fount* LUYH 521

### Word

Children in Worship Blessing

*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.**

Prayer of Intercession and Gratitude

Text: Mark 5:1-20 Page 1006

Sermon "Forgiven and Free" Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer

Songs of Response: *At the Cross~  
\*Mighty to Save* Dance Ministry Team

### Sending

Offering

Offertory and Prayer

Sending Words

\*Song: *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

\*Blessing

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs  
Musicians and Accompanists: First Youth Group, Barb Hogan & Christy Bol

### Prayer For God's People

Pray for Kyle Cooper as he graduates in May, and transitions from Asuza Pacific to life and ministry in Denver at First Church.

Let us lift up all of our ministry partners this week: Victor and Sandra Perez, Margaret Njuguna and the En-Gedi staff and children, the Broek family, the Starkenburg family, Claire Froehlich and the youth she mentors, and Jon and Marian Cady for: strengthened faith, wisdom, guidance, provision and protection.

Barb Anema requests prayers for her sister, Claire Hoek, who is fighting a battle with multiple myeloma, a bone marrow cancer. We are so thankful that the stem cell transplant took hold and blood values are returning to normal. However, Claire is now experiencing low blood pressure and fainting spells, a result of nerve damage caused by chemotherapy. Please pray for wisdom and healing.

Pray for strengthened marriages; and especially for those raising children in a single-parent home.

### Missions Activities and Opportunities:

**Word Renew Missions Opportunities:** Are you looking for a unique, exciting **short-term missions** experience? - Are you seeking guidance and direction about God's specific purpose for your life? Serve With A Purpose-Uganda is a 4-week opportunity to explore, learn, grow and serve within with a community of teens and young adults who think like you do. For more information, check out [worldrenew.net/swap-uganda](http://worldrenew.net/swap-uganda).

**Southern Africa Ministry Team Leader - World Renew**, an agency of the CRCNA, is seeking a Team Leader for Southern Africa based in Lilongwe, Malawi. The Team Leader will provide leadership in a region seeking to improve food security, build sustainable livelihoods and increase the use of household resources to improve maternal and child health. The position will be responsible for building collaborative regional and country teams under a unified vision of community transformation in Southern Africa, with a particular focus on programming in Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique. Please visit our website at [www.worldrenew.net/careers](http://www.worldrenew.net/careers).

**Position Opening** - The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) is seeking applicants for the bi-national position of Director of Communications and Marketing. This position will provide leadership, strategy, planning and oversight in the communications and marketing of the CRCNA. The position will be based in either Grand Rapids, Michigan or Burlington, Ontario. Visit [www.crcna.org/jobs](http://www.crcna.org/jobs) for a detailed position description. For consideration, complete the on-line application by 4.30.16.

### First Church Upcoming Activities

**Senior Moments:** Today, Sunday, April 17th is the last day to sign up for the *Wings Over the Rockies tour, Tuesday April 19th*. We will leave the church at 9:15. See details in the flyer. Questions? Please contact: Betty K. 303-5147-6251 or Beth P. 303-947-1085.

**Supper Club this month** will be on **Sunday, April 24 at 5:30pm** at Jill and Troy Newcombe's house (2158 S. Clarkson St. Denver, CO 80210). The theme will be **Asian cuisine**, so bring some curry, sushi, ramen, potstickers, or whatever sounds good to you! All are welcome!

**First Church men are invited** to join the men of Immanuel CRC, Fort Collins, for the annual **Men's Retreat in Moab, Utah, Friday, April 29-Sunday morning, May 1**. Quite a few men arrive earlier, on Thursday. Our sites are reserved for Thursday night as well as Friday and Saturday. All First Church men and guests are welcome. Chris Lighthiser is the contact for First Church: [clighthiser@gmail.com](mailto:clighthiser@gmail.com).

**June 13-17, 2016 Eagle Lake Summer Camp** to be held again this year at Hope Community Church. First Church is partnering with Hope and Platt Park Churches to host this fun-filled week for kids in 1st through 6th grade. Postcards are available at the back tables for you to share with friends and family. Go to <http://eaglelakecamps.com/athope> to register

### Council Announcements

**Council Nominations** - It is time to prayerfully consider nominations of members to serve as Elders and Deacons for the next three years, beginning in July. This year we will elect two Deacons and three Elders, with one of the elders serving as Clerk. Nomination forms are available in back of church, or you may e-mail your nominations **by April 17** with a brief description of spiritual gifts to [Darrell@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:Darrell@firstcrcdenver.org)

### **Worship Coordinator Position**

We are happy to announce that **Kyle Cooper has accepted** the offer from First CRC to become our Worship and Music Coordinator. Kyle takes a lot of joy in planning thoughtful, thematic and scripturally rooted worship services. He also values worship that is grounded in tradition but incorporates contemporary elements. Above all, we think Kyle is a man of great Christian character who has a teachable spirit and with whom others would enjoy working. We expect him to start work on May 24<sup>th</sup>, so that he may have some time with Pastor Joel before Joel and Jill leave for their trip to Israel.

### **Count Committee Report: 4/3 & 4/10**

The Council appreciates your generosity and faithful stewardship, especially in responding to the roof repair need.

**General Fund** \$27,419.77  
**Roof** \$37,757.80

*Next Count Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>.*

**Library Alert:** We have noticed some disarray of books recently in the church library. Please respect the books and the way they are displayed. Our dedicated Librarians volunteer every Friday to make sure our library has a variety of interesting books displayed for your use and research. Thank you for your cooperation.