

Church Calendar for the week of: April 2nd, 2017

Sunday ~ April 2: Pastor Joel Schreurs preaching, Mayli Ruter Baptism
11:00am - Town Hall Mtg. with DFF Bret; January Series Rm. 24, Sunday School,
Offering is for the General Fund, Choir rehearsal is in the Emerson House

Monday ~ April 3: office is closed 9-3
6:30pm: Dance Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Tuesday ~ April 4:
1:00pm - Staff Meeting
7:00pm - Elders Meeting
7:15pm - Twenty-Somethings Bible Study at Emerson House

Wednesday ~ April 5: CEP Meeting from 6:30pm-7:00pm in Room 24
7:30am - Men's Morning Huddle in the Emerson House
9:30am - Ladies Morning Bible Study in the Library
5:45pm - Family Night (Meal: TBD - Buteyn), Nursery: Anne Buteyn

Thursday ~ April 6:
6:30pm - Stephen Ministry
7:00pm - Hymn Study

Friday ~ April 7:
9:00am - Library Ladies
6-9pm - *Classical Conversation's* Dinner in Fellowship Hall and Kitchen

Saturday ~ April 8:
10:00am - *Circle of Hope* in Rm. 21
10:00am - Dance practice

Sunday ~ April 9: Pastor Joel Schreurs preaching
11:00am - Town Hall Mtg. with DFF Bret; January Series Rm. 24, Sunday School,
CEP - Christian Education Meeting in Emerson House (next door to church)
Offering is for IGNITE, Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm - Youth Group at First Church

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, April 2nd

Nursery: Allie Christians, Luke Ruter, Tina VDB, Wyatt & Owen Vermeer
CIW: *Have a Great Day*, Nancy Waanders, Marissa Bol, Isaac DenBraber
Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan
Coffee: Engelsman/Jonker **SS Nursery:** Van Otterloo
DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 4**
Lord's Supper Prep in April: **Grow Group 4**

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, April 9th

Nursery: Jen Van Otterloo, Amy Vance, Roger Van den Boogaard,
Brett Van den Boogaard, Elianah Reynolds
CIW: *Hosanna!* Briana Van Andel, Elle Reynolds, Matthew Jonker
Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric Den Braber & Nancy Waanders
Coffee: Lohmann **SS Nursery:** Vermeers
DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 4**
Lord's Supper Prep in April: **Grow Group 4**

Holy Week at First Church:

April 9th: Palm Sunday
April 12th: Regular Family Night
April 13th: *Maundy Thursday*~ No special events
April 14th: **Good Friday ~ 6:30pm** Contemplative Evening Worship
April 16th: **Easter Sunday ~ 9:30 am Service**

A warm welcome to all newcomers, guests and visitors! Please fill out a *Connect card* found in each pew. Coffee and tea are in the foyer. Prayer elders are up front.

Eagle Lakes Camps Update:

Questions? Contact Shirley Van Heukelem at shirley@firstcrdenver.org

- As of March 31, 76 campers have already registered!
- 4 more weeks to register for Eagle Lakes Camps before the price goes up from \$79 per camper to \$179 per camper.
- Register online at eaglelakecamps.com/hope
- We need volunteers - lunch team for the staff on one of the days, host families, high school Crew members, check-in and check-out volunteers. You can volunteer at eaglelakecamps.com/volunteer
- Eagle Lake Camp is a day camp for kids ages 6-12, June 12-16, 9am-4pm @ Hope Community Church, 1801 S. Logan St.

Opportunities To Support:

Learn more about JAMLAC's efforts to serve our community:

Learn about immigration, current changes, and how we talk about it.

Hear stories about barriers immigrants are experiencing.

Support services for immigrants at **JAMLAC**

For more information, please email Marlene at mbedoya@milehighmin.org.

Thursday, April 6th | 7:30-9:00AM (Breakfast Provided)

Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Clinic
913 N. Wyandot | Denver, CO 80204

Benefit for Joshua Station The 11th Annual Spring Theater Event will benefit the families transitioning from homelessness to stability at Joshua Station. Event Details: *The Robber Bridegroom*

April 19th | 5:30-8:30PM

Town Hall Arts Center | 2450 W. Main St, Littleton, CO 80120

VIP tickets (\$100) and General Admission seating (free) [are available now.](#)

For more information, please visit www.joshuastationdenver.org/springtheater!

Save the date! Platt Park Children's Center Silent Auction is April 28.

More information coming. PPCC looking to replenish our substitute teacher list for this school year and will be **adding to our teaching staff next school year.** If you love to work with young children and have experience/early childhood education call [303-282-7722](tel:303-282-7722) or email ppcc@plattparkchildrenscenter.com for more information. Thank you!

First Christian Reformed Church: 1814 South Emerson Street

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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
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Kyle Cooper:	Worship Coordinator	ext. 103
Bret Lamsma:	Director of Faith Formation	ext. 105
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Celebrating, Seeking, Sharing abundant life in Jesus... Order of Worship

Gathering ~ April 2, 2017

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional

Call to worship: Psalm 145: 3, 4, 7

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

His greatness no one can fathom.

One generation commends Your works to another;

they tell of Your mighty acts.

They celebrate Your abundant goodness

and joyfully sing of Your righteousness.

*Song: *We Will Extol You God and King* LUYH 562

*Psalm 145:13-16

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and Your dominion endures through all generations.

The Lord is trustworthy in all He promises

and faithful in all He does.

The Lord upholds all who fall

and lifts up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to You,

and You give them their food at the proper time.

You open your hand

and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

*Song: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* LUYH 348

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Baptism of Mayli Anne Ruter

Words of Institution and Instruction

Presentation

Covenant Promises

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Mayli Anne Ruter

Congregational Promises and Prayer

Brothers and sisters,
We now receive Mayli into Christ's church.
I charge you to nurture and love her
and to assist her, 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: Baptism of Children LUYH 786

Lord our God, forever faithful to Your promise,
we thank You for assuring us again that You will forgive us
and receive us as children of Christ.

**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: *Sons and Daughters*

Word

Children In Worship Sending:

Leader: When I listen to you, God,
I am like a tree planted by a river,
A tree full of fruit
With leaves that are always green.

Congregation: *The Lord be with you.*

Children: And also with you.

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

*Sung Prayer for Illumination: *Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak* LUYH 754

Scripture: 1 Kings 2:1-12 Pg. 330

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: *The Last Word*

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Take, O Take Me as I Am* LUYH 741

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: Ignite Ministries

Sending

Sending: Commissioning of Nicaragua group

*Sending Song: *O Church Arise*

*Blessing

Postlude:

Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band

Accompanist: Barb Hogan

Prayer and Care for God's People

Thank you dear friends for your prayers, cards, notes of encouragement and dinners after my recent surgery. Your kindness upheld me throughout my recovery. Thank you so much. Carol Ackerman

Please pray for smooth recovery, reduced swelling and no complications for Betty Eyser, resting at home after knee replacement surgery.

Cyndi Berghuis offers a prayer of thanks for her surgery going well, and for all of the visits and well wishes.

We are grateful that Betty Klap's leg procedure went well, and continue to pray for complete recovery.

Please pray for healing for 3-year old Isaiah (Schaefer) Lee, and wisdom for his doctors and parents in treating a serious digestive issue.

Update from Judy DenBraber: My most recent pet scan (early March) was basically good news, and things are still relatively stable. However, it did show some inflammation and activity in my right shoulder area, which was the original site of the bone cancer in 2009. An MRI revealed that the original lesion was slightly active and there was a new lesion in the deltoid muscle. This week I received a dose of radiation to that area. We are hopeful that it will be as the radiation dose I received last year in my left shoulder. All indications are good, with a noticeable reduction in the pain already. I continue to receive an infusion once every three weeks and the plan is to continue that for the foreseeable future. Russ and I continue to covet your prayers and are so thankful for the prayer support we have already received.

Groups and Activities:

Two opportunities to meet with our new Director of Faith Formation -

On **April 2** and **April 9** all members of First are invited to meet in the sanctuary after the morning worship service to discuss the ministries and mission of the church with Pastor Bret. We will be discussing the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that our congregation faces when it comes to faith formation of our members and community during these sessions. These will be similar sessions, so please plan on being at either one or the other meeting. This is our chance to get to know Pastor Bret and his vision for faith formation as well as have congregational input in the formation process at First CRC.

Sunday School opportunity for adults: We will be showing several of the January Series videos during the Sunday School hour for the last 2 weeks of the season - **April 2 and April 9 at 11:00 in the Council Room.** If you missed these lectures when they were shown at Denver Christian School in January, this will be your opportunity to see a few of them and discuss the content with others.

Senior Moments: Mark your calendar for our April 18th tour to FOX 31 Denver/ Colorado's own CW 2 facility. Lunch at Racine's. See details in our Senior Moments flyer.

Mandatory informational meetings~

Learn more about the commitment First Church has to Christian Education. Attendance at one of these meetings is *required* to participate in academic year 2017-2018: Sunday, **April 9 from 11-11:30am in the Emerson House**, or Wednesday, **April 5th from 6:30-7:00pm in the Council room.** To enroll in the Christian Education Program at First CRC, please visit the following site: <http://tiny.cc/cep2017>, Contact cepboard@firstcrcdenver.org for more info.

Requested Announcements:

Rehoboth Christian School Band will be presenting a multi-media worship service including art work by Elmer Yazzie on the theme of "Forgiven" on **Sunday, April 2 at 6:30 pm at Hope Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, 2400 S. Ash Street, Denver, CO.** Plan to attend this innovative and reverent worship experience.

An Invitation - to join Bethany Christian Services for the musical performance of "*The Robber Bridegroom*" on **April 11, 2017; 7:30pm.**

It will be at the Town Hall Arts Center located at 2450 W. Main Street, Littleton, CO 80120. Please logon to our website to reserve your tickets. Tickets are free but we require an RSVP at www.bethany.org/colorado and go under the 'Events' tab. There will be an opportunity to give to Bethany's ministry at the performance. If you have questions, please call the office at [303-221-0734](tel:303-221-0734) or email jhodapp@bethany.org.

Council News

Deacon/Elder Nominations:

It is time for Council Nominations again. For the next few weeks, First CRC members will be asked to submit names for elders and deacons. 2017/2018 nomination forms are available in the back of church this week and for the next two Sundays. Retiring elders are Eric Den Braber and Rick Schmitt. Retiring deacons are Kyle VanAndel, Keith Bol, and Troy Newcombe (treasurer). We are extremely grateful for the dedication to First Church, and the time, talent and treasure these people have offered to our church family. Thank you!

Please return blue nomination forms: to the green nomination box in foyer, to Clerk of Council, Karen Waanders or to your Elder/Deacon by Sunday, **April 17.** You may also e-mail nominations to kwaanders@firstcrcdenver.org.

First CRC Giving Survey: The Deacons have compiled a giving survey, located in the foyer. Will you please take 5 minutes to fill this sheet out and place it in the basket? Answers are completely anonymous and the information collected will greatly assist Council with strategic planning. The survey will also be e-mailed.

Count Committee Report 3/27/17: 3/19 and 3/26

The Council of First Church is grateful for your tithes and offerings:

General Fund: \$25, 389.12

Benevolence: \$476.00

The offering today is for the general operating fund of First Christian Reformed Church.

Missionary Updates & Birthdays:

Liam Starkenburg's Birthday - April 12th

Please pray for the **Nicaragua Retreat Team:** dates are April 5-12, 2017. Team members: Alice Waanders, Leah Van Donselaar, Alyse Young, Sharon Engels, Karen Waanders, Melanie Jonker, Erin Reynolds and Davinia Lyon. The team will be serving missionary families by sharing God's word during fun activities with the children of missionary families, so the parents can refuel.

Come with Living Water International (LWI) to drill a clean water well in a community in northeast Honduras. We are forming a drill/hygiene team to drill a well **Nov. 4-11, 2017.** Your **commitment** to join the team should be made by **May 4.** Another team from the Oakwood Christian Reformed Church of Belding, MI will partner with the team from Denver. They are also sponsoring the cost of this well. If you are interested in joining the team, please email me at awassenaar@cox.net or Kim Rathgeber at kim@water.cc ~ Al Wassenaar