

Church Calendar

April 21 ~ Resurrection Sunday ~ Lord's Supper

Pastor Joel is preaching. Offering is for General Fund.

12n The Table Lamb roast

Monday ~ April 22 *Pastor Joel Schreurs is on vacation this week.

Tuesday ~ April 23

1:30pm – Staff meeting in rm. 21

Wednesday ~ April 24

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

9:30am – Church juice Representative meeting w/staff

Thursday ~ April 25 *Shirley Van Heukelem to World Renew Board mtg.

7:00pm - Band Practice in Sanctuary

Friday ~ April 26

Saturday ~ April 27

7:00am – Men's am Bible study in rm 21.

1:00 - 3:00pm Stamp Class

Sunday ~ April 28

Pastor Bret Lamsma preaching.

12-1pm Sunday School Appreciation Luncheon in rm. 12/13

Offering is for GEMS/Cadets Corporate.

2-5 Alsum's Bible Study in Library

Thank you to all serving Easter Sunday, April 21

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

Nursery: Jessica Cleveland, 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

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, April 28

Children in Worship: Karen Waanders, Luke Ruter, Ali Schroder,

Andy Vanden Boogaard,

Nursery: TBD

Camera: Ian Reynolds **Lyrics:** Charlotte Reynolds **Sound:** Bob Reynolds

Prayer Ministry Elders: Dave Cady & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Vermeer Family

Welcome guests and visitors: *First CRC is grateful to have you here with us! Please fill out a Connect cards in the pew pocket so we know how best to support and encourage you. We will celebrate communion today, on 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.*

Easter Sunday Family Faith Formation Tip - Got Lego, Playmobil, or other small figures? Use them to reenact Jesus' resurrection with kids today. Read the Easter story from John 20:1-18 in a child-friendly version of the Bible like the NIV (available at BibleGateway.com). Then read it again, slowly, as kids act the story out with figures and experience it in a new way. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

April 24 is Administrative Professionals Day

1st Church is blessed to have two wonderful administrative professionals on staff who keep our church running smoothly! **Thank you**, Rebecca Schaefer and Shirley Van Heukelem, for all you do to organize information, coordinate care and programming, and show God's love to our congregation and community! ~ *First CRC HR Committee*

Missionary Updates:

The Table *Craig & Jeanine Broek and family*

The Table has been encouraging, training and urging seeds of faith we've planted to reach for fruit for over 8 years. We have discovered that the journey of faith, no matter where you are on that journey, is never linear:

- Pray for seeds planted to bear fruit, and opportunities to meet new people and build new relationships.
- For on-going financial provision and consistent volunteers.
- Pray for new intern, Jenna Van Donselaar, from Yale Divinity School, pursuing a Master of Arts in Religion.

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

Council News

Upon their request, the memberships of Darrell and Barb Hogan were transferred to Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church. We are thankful for their faithful and active presence at our church for so many years. All of us are blessed because of their ministry among us. The elders were delighted to receive the incoming membership of Matt and Cari Gardner and their daughter Marion.

Council spent time reviewing the draft budget. Next month we will approve the budget and it will be presented to the congregation in June.

Our staff worked on a new grow group system based on the geographical location of each member. Council is thankful for this work, as we were able to maintain a healthy inter-generational balance. Council approved the new geographical groupings. Look for information regarding the changes in July.

We have almost filled all the positions for new Council members. Please pray for conversations that continue to take place regarding this important role.

Count Committee Report: April 7 & 14

Council appreciates every faithful gift of your time, talents and treasure. Our God is a provider who multiplies each offering for the needs of His Kingdom:

General Fund:	\$22,877.00
Benevolence Fund:	738.00
Long Scraggy:	50.00

Please Join us on Wednesday, May 1st, for our final **Family Night** of the 2018/2019 Educational Year:

Free Dinner at **5:45pm** downstairs

6:30pm: Elder's Meeting, GEMS/Cadets, Coffee Break, Women of God Yoga, Movie Group is discussing: *"Short Term Twelve"*

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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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.*

Resurrection Sunday~ April 21, 2019

Prelude

Welcome

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* LUYH 182 verses 1,2,3,5

*Easter Declaration

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Songs:

I Know that My Redeemer Lives LUYH 193 verses 1,2,3,4,7
Praise the Savior Now and Ever LUYH 191

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Prayer for Renewal

*Song: *Because He Lives*

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: *My Shepherd*

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.
Surely Your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.

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

Scripture: Luke 12:1-12 pg. 1043

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *When Monday Comes*

Song of Response: *Goodness Love and Mercy*

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right for us to celebrate this irrepressible life.

Open your hearts to the joy and wonder of infinite possibility,
of unquenched hope, of eternal resurrection.

**We celebrate! We raise our voices and our hearts
in worship and thanksgiving to the God who lives...**

We give thanks to God the Father

that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before He suffered,
gave us this memorial of His sacrifice,
until He comes again.

At His last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread,
and when He had given thanks,
He broke it

and said, "This is my body, which is for you;
do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way, He took the cup after supper
and said, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood;
do this in remembrance of Me."

For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God,
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
that we may be one with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

Come, then, for all is ready. Christ was raised to life,
death is swallowed up, victory is won. Alleluia!
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Distribution Songs:

Man of Sorrows (Hillsong) and *Christ Is Risen!*

Communion

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.

Thanks be to God.

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Prayer

*Sending Song: Hallelujah Chorus

*Blessing

*Postlude:

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper, First CRC Band & choir ; Drum circle, Dance Team

Accompanists: Christy Bol

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. Which country do you recommend we focus our prayer effort on in May/June?

We pray for those unable to worship with us today, due to illness or travel.

Pray for the on-going work of the Holy Spirit, always drawing hearts to our resurrected Lord.

We lift up those in assisted living, under hospice care, and in the hospital, as well as their care-givers.

Praise and thanks for the dedication of our First CRC Council, the love they pour into their Grow Group Families and their commitment to the Lord's work among us. We appreciate the extra time, hours of prayer, meetings and visitation of the sick and homebound.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

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.

Save the Date! Sunday, May 5, will be our final Grow Group Sunday for this year. After the worship service we will have a cook-out for all those worshipping with us that day. The elders and deacons will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers on the grills outside. If the weather is lovely, we will set up tables outside and in the Pit Stop where we can all enjoy a pre-summer picnic together. There is no charge for this meal, so come join your fellow worshipers as we celebrate together the end of another year together and the beginning of our summer break. In case of inclement weather, we will picnic in the church basement.

Men's Wed. AM Bible Study 8:00 in the Emerson House South of church, coffee is on at 7:30am. Contact: Joel.jonker@gmail.com

Men's Sat. AM Bible Study in rm 21, *every other Sat.*, next mtg. **April 27th**
Contact Rod Oosterhouse: rodohouse@comcast.net

Ladies' Wed. AM Bible Study in rm 12/13, **May 1** at 9:30am.

Contact study leader Walt Ackerman: wackerman@comcast.net

Ladies' Wed. PM weekly Coffee Break at 6:30pm in Emerson House.
Contact Betty Eyser: b.eyser@comcast.net

Beloved of God Yoga at 6:30pm Wed. pm. Contact Pamela: dphansum@q.com.

Sew & Sews meets every other Thursday in rm 12/13. **May 2, 16 & 31.** Contact Joey Vander Ark for more information: joeyvanark@aol.com

Senior Moments (fellowship for 55 & up): May 21st, look for more details and a sign-up sheet to come. Castlewood Canyon excursion ~
Contact: Engel18419@live.com

OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Are you 18 to 24 years old and interested in embarking on a short-term volunteer opportunity with life-long impact? *World Renew's Global Volunteer Program* provides opportunities to live, work, eat, and play in an international community while exploring how God wants to use your talents and skills for His purpose. For more information, contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

Israel & Jordan Study Tour (Oct. 10-22, 2019) - Travel to NT sites connected with Jesus' life and the early church: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, the major biblical places in Jerusalem, Masada and much more. This tour also uniquely involves key biblical sites in Jordan, including the amazing city of Petra. Visit www.jeffreyweima.com or contact Dr. Jeff Weima at wemje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

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