

Church Calendar for the week of: April 23rd, 2017

Sunday ~ April 23: Pastor Joel preaching; Offering for Benevolence

11:00am – Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Brunch

5:00pm - Youth Group at Church

Monday ~ April 24

Office is closed 9-3

10:00am – SSD Supervision Group at Emerson

Tuesday ~ April 25

1:00pm – Staff Meeting in Room 21

7:15pm - Twenty-Somethings Bible Study at Emerson House

Wednesday ~ April 26

7:30am – Men's Morning Huddle in the Emerson House

5:45pm - Family Night (Meal: served by Cadets) Nursery: Shirley V. H.

Thursday ~ April 27

9:30pm: Sew & Sews

7:00pm: Hymn Study at Vander Ark's

Friday ~ April 28

9:00am – Library Ladies

Saturday ~ April 29

7:00am – Men's Morning Bible Study

Sunday, April 30 ~ Pastor Joel preaching; Offering is for General Fund

11:00am – New Member's Brunch

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, April 23rd

Nursery: Jessica Addink, Lana Oosterhouse, Jon Waanders, Savannah Blohm, Madisyn Hunt

CIW: *Good-Bye for Now*, Christine Nibbelink, Erica Bol, Savannah Blohm

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Vermeer Family

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 4**

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, April 30th

Nursery: Emily Potherican, Paul DeBoer, Dale Sanderson, Chloe Hansum, Erica Bol

CIW: *A New Friend*, Karen Waanders, Eli Vermeer, Charlotte Reynolds

Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric Den Braber & Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Timmers

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 4**

Opportunities To Serve & Support:

Platt Park Children's Center: You are invited to attend our Silent Auction and Wine Tasting on **Friday, April 28 from 7pm-10pm.**

We're looking forward to a fun night together as we raise funds for our preschool. We'd love to see you there! If you would like to join us, you may either send in a check, email us and pay later, or click the following link

<http://plattparkchildrenscenter.com/pt-programs/silent-auction-april-28th-7-10-pm-details-soon/>.

Thank you!

Cheryl Schmitt

Director

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Where Are YOU Being Called To Serve?? *Volunteers In*

Action realizes you have *multiple opportunities* and we have *multiple needs*!! Currently we have 11 individuals on our "wait list" for a volunteer, ranging in age from 31-85!! We realize that our needs for volunteers are opportunities for God to transform both the volunteer and the client forever. So we ask you to PRAY and seek the Father's will in the area of servant hood.

Contact Kelli Schuttinga: [303-713-9144](tel:303-713-9144) or kellis@volunteersinaction.info

Your heart will be blessed!!

Upcoming Opportunities: The Table Ministry

Check it out - we've got many volunteer opportunities

coming up. No previous gardening experience? No

problem! [Join our MeetUp page](#) and pick an event to join

in. By the end of the day you'll be an expert

(comparatively speaking). We plan to continue regular

volunteer opportunities every other Monday evening as

well as weekly on Thursday morning.

Saturday, April 22 - 9AM - 12PM [Earth Day Work Day](#)

Monday, April 24 - 5:30PM - 7PM [Volunteer Option #1:](#)

[Planting carrots and beets](#)

Monday, April 24 - 5:30PM - 7PM [Volunteer Option #2:](#)

[Transplanting seedlings](#)

Saturday, May 13 - 8:30AM - 12PM [Plant Sale](#) @

Washington Street Community Center - SAVE THE DATE

Council News

2017 Deacon/Elder Nomination letters will be mailed this week.

The Giving Survey link was sent again this week by email, so we can get everyone's opinion. Hard copies are in the foyer. Please fill one out today. The deadline for completion has been extended to this Sunday, **April 23rd.**

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

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



Celebrating, Seeking, Sharing *abundant life in Jesus...* **Order of Worship**

Sunday ~ April 23rd, 2017

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Processional

Call To Worship:

This is the good news— the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—
once we were no people;
now we are God's people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace
we now share with each other.

Hallelujah!

*Song: *Come People of the Risen King*

*Reading from 1 Peter 1

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

We were redeemed from our empty way of life
with the precious blood of Christ,

a lamb without blemish or defect.

**Our faith and hope are in God,
who raised Jesus from the dead and glorified Him.**

*Song: *Crown Him With Many Crowns* LUYH 223

*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Assurance: *Amen (Because He Lives)*

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Offering: Benevolence

The Benevolence Fund meets emergency financial needs of families or individuals connected with First CRC. Information and an application may be found in the copy room on the bulletin board.

Offertory: *Beautiful Savior*

*Song: *Christ Is Alive Let Christians Sing* LUYH 206

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.

Scripture John 20:19-31 pg. 1088

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Missing Easter?*

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Open the Eyes of My Heart* LUYH 537

Sending

*Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Sending & Song: *Lift High the Cross* LUYH 264 (verses 2,4,5,6)

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper
Musicians: First CRC Band, Wind Ensemble
Accompanist: Jack Waanders

Farewell and Godspeed - Mark and Kristen Levri are attending their last church service here at First CRC today. They will be moving to St. Louis where Kristen will begin a graduate school program. The Levris expressed their love for First CRC and are sad to leave such a vibrant faith community. Before settling in St. Louis in August, they plan to hike the Pacific Crest Trail this summer. As if that were not a feat in and of itself, the Levri's have chosen En Gedi's Children's Home, a home for disabled children in Kenya that First CRC supports as one of our mission partners, as the cause they would like to share with those who read their blog of this journey. Be sure to say good-bye to the Levris before they leave. The link to their blog is: <https://kandmtakeawalk.wordpress.co>

Prayer and Care for God's People

We pray for healing of the sick and strength for those recovering from illness, surgery and hospitalization.

We praise God for a fruitful year of Sunday School, as we thank all participants for partnering in the *Great Commission*.

Groups and Activities

All those involved in leading the Sunday School program this year are invited to a lunch after service today, **April 23rd at about 11:15am**. This includes everyone who taught, was an aide, or substitute taught, provided snacks, taught songs, Magnify leaders, catechism teachers, and the overall coordinators. This will be a time for our Director of Faith Formation, Bret Lamsma, to get to know you, thank you and receive feedback from you. Hope to see you all downstairs in Rooms 12/13!

Youth group - we will be meeting at church from **5-7 pm** on Sunday for a meal and a night of games. Come out for a night of fun!

The next Hymn/Bible study and discussion group will gather Thursday, **April 27, 7 PM**. Location will be at Nolan & Joey Vander Ark's home: 6440 E. Bates 80222 The selected hymns are: *Shall We Gather at the River? Lead Me to Calvary, Standing on the Promises*. Email h-zoetewey@att.net

April 30th New Members Brunch & Meeting

If you have recently visited, are thinking about joining, or simply curious about First CRC Denver, you are invited to a New Members brunch after the worship service on **Sunday, April 30 at about 11:00am**. Contact Rebecca in the church office at Rebecca@firstcrcdenver.org to RSVP.

All Church Picnic celebration, at First CRC, after worship on May 7th: More food and fellowship details to come. This event will be hosted by our Grow Group Elder/Deacon Teams, with Ed Schans as Chairman of Fun!

Save the Date! We are planning another **Women's Retreat** and have the date and venue all set - **September 22-24, 2017 at Glen Eyrie** Conference Center in Colorado Springs. More details to follow, but mark you calendars today if you think you might attend. Contact shirley@firstcrcdenver.org if you have any questions.

LIBRARY: The Library is missing a resource material that has not been checked out, and we have a request for the material. Please check your vehicle or home for **PASSPORT 2 PURITY**. It is a CD resource parent guide with a journal included. Return the material into the drop box as soon as possible. Thank you. Library Ladies.

OUT Serving Options:

Sun Valley Youth Center - Sign up to clean out garden beds, mulch the yard and prepare for vegetable planting at Sun Valley Youth Center on Tuesday, **May 9 from 5:00 pm** (or whenever you can make it) **to 8:00pm**. Sun Valley Youth Center is located at 1230 Decatur St, Denver, CO 80204 Contact: Chad Nibbelink at: chadnibbelink@firstcrcdenver.org

Canterbury Gardens - The final OUT for CG will begin at **2 p.m. on April 30th**. Ice Cream Sundaes, singers & small group prayers will conclude this year's season. Families with kiddos are always welcome!! These folks love to see us, talk & share....please consider touching lives. Address: 11265 E. Mississippi in Aurora (we meet in the Kingston Building west of the Main Building). Contact Kelli Schuttinga at: frippermom@gmail.com

Joshua Station - 28 members and friends of First CRC painted remodeled office areas in the Joshua Station building in late March. Thanks to all who participated!

Platt Park Neighborhood Cleanup – Join our Platt Park neighbors for the community cleanup and tree planting on June 3rd. We will be doing neighborhood specific tasks in Platt Park and all of City Council District 7. We will then have a municipal fair and cookout at Johnson Habitat Park. This is a city-sponsored event, so all we need to do is register and show up! You can see the details at <http://www.luckydistrict7.org/springcleanup.html>

Meals for Mullen High School students – Sheri DeHaan's ministry to students who otherwise would go without lunch needs people willing to cook and bake meals. Thanks to the generosity of our community, the freezer is still full from the last OUT project. Look for more opportunities with this ministry in the future. Contact: Sherri DeHaan at: sheridehaan@firstcrcdenver.org

Requested Announcements:

Eagle Lakes Camps: Questions? Contact shirley@firstcrcdenver.org

- 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.

Denver Christian Schools 2017 Summer Camp registration:

The goal of the Denver Christian Summer Camps is to nurture and develop God-given talents and interests through top quality staff who have a passion for youth. This program offers students the opportunity to enhance learning while they pursue their passions. We are going to have a variety of specialized camps plus half day/ full day camp options. Early registration starts today!

*Full Day/Half Day Camps start June 5, 2017 - August 11, 2017

*Full Day Summer Camp: ~~\$340~~ \$255 with dcpartner, week: M-F 8:30-5:00 Lunch included

*Half Day Summer Camp: ~~\$200~~ \$150 with dcpartner: week M-F 8:30-12:30 or 12:30-5:00 (Lunch included)

Daily Drop off: ~~\$85~~ \$63.75 with dcpartner Lunch Included

Specialty Camps: Prices vary, please check registration details Our system enables parents to quickly complete the paperless registration process. For more information, contact Jason Romero at jromero@denverchristian.org.