

## Church Calendar for April 24, 2016

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

Offering is for Benevolence.

**11:00am** - Grow Groups Video Scavenger Hunt

Pastor Joel Preaching on The Lord's Day 1 from *Heidelberg Catechism*

**5:00pm** Youth Group Meeting upstairs

**5:30pm** Supper Club at Troy and Jill Newcombe's

Monday, ~ April 25

**6:30pm** - Count Committee

Tuesday ~ April 26

**7:30am - 4:00pm** *Classical Conversations~ Last Day Challenge A*

**9:15am.** Senior Moments (55+) *Wings over Rockies* Tour & lunch

**1:00pm** – Staff Meeting in Room 21

**7:00pm** – Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday~ April 27: Last Family Night for the season

**5:45pm** – Family Night Meal/GEMS/Cadets, Coffee Break

Thursday ~ April 28

**9:00-11:00am** – Sew & Sews

Friday ~ April 29

**9:00am** - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ April 30

**7:00am** – Men's Bible Study

**10-12 noon** - Dance Practice in Sanctuary

Sunday – May 1~ All-Church BBQ~ Everyone welcome; all food provided!

Pastor Joel Preaching on Lord's Day 1 from *Heidelberg Catechism*

Offering is for First Church General Fund.

**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.

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

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

**Children in Worship:** *Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit* Nancy & Ari Waanders, Elle Reynolds

**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

**Thank you to all serving next Sunday, May 1st**

**Nursery:** Karen Waanders, Melanie Jonker, Jameson Newcombe, Roger Vanden Boogaard, Tyler Schroeder

**Children in Worship:** *Jesus Ascends into Heaven* Nancy & Ari Waanders, Noah Van den Boogaard

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Donn Hansum & Eric DenBraber

**PPT Preparation:** Stephanie Den Braber

**Sound:** Cory Vermeer **Video:** Wyatt Vermeer **PPT:** Gabe Zoetewey

**DVD Delivery:** Grow Group #4 **Lord's Supper Prep for May 8:** GG #4

**Coffee:** Hogan

## Grow Group Schedule

Join us for our final Grow Group events this season:

**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.

All food will be provided and everyone is welcome to the celebration!

**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**

*Donuts for a dollar available TODAY April 24<sup>th</sup>, with proceeds to support Claire Forehlich and her ministry to at-risk youth.*

*\*See the Connections announcement about the YFC Clothing Swap for additional ways to support YFC Youth Camp for the youth they serve!*

**June 13-17, 2016 Eagle Lake Summer Camp** is honored again this year to be able to partner with Hope Community Church to host this fun-filled week for kids in 1st through 6th grade. Please take postcards, available at the back tables, to share with friends and family. Invite a friend and register online this week at <http://eaglelakecamps.com/athope>

**Volunteer Opportunities:** *Additional details on the sign-up sheets*

✚ **2 Host Families Needed (6/11-6/18)~ applications due May 1**

✚ **10 or more to donate toward camp scholarships and/or Food.**

✚ **8 High School Crew Members to work with trained Eagle Lake staff: M-F 8:45 -4pm ~ get to know one group of kids all week.**

✚ **4-6 Lunch Servers/clean up: 11:30-1:00pm (one Day of camp)**

✚ **Facility Team:** 1-2 property upkeep Flexible times  
6 + to deep Clean Hope Church on Friday eve 4-7pm

✚ **1 Medical Volunteer:** certified nurse, paramedic or EMT, flexible hours

*Volunteer responsibilities, sign-up sheets, and a flyer are available in the foyer and in your mail boxes today!*

**Cascade of Hope Vacation Bible Club: Please note day/time changes:**

Last week you received a Vacation Bible Club flyer in your mailbox from Victor Perez, requesting volunteers for Vacation Bible Club at Mountain View Community Church:3939 West Florida Avenue. Please note the day for VBC has been rescheduled to **Thursdays, from June 9-July 14**, and the **new time is 10:00am until 12 noon.**



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

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

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in Jesus...*

**Order of Worship ~  
April 24, 2016**

**Gathering**

Prelude and Processional

Welcome and Call to Worship

\*Songs:

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

LUYH 348:1-3

*This is My Father's World*

LUYH 21:1, 3

\*Litany of Praise:

God, our Creator,

from nothing You made our world.

**You formed us, love us, and give us all that we need.**

God, our Redeemer,

You rescued us from sin.

**You have given us new life  
and hope of healing to the world.**

God, our Comforter,

You are with us always.

**You comfort us, renew us,  
and guide us into Your truth.**

Almighty God, for Your gracious love for us,  
we praise You. **Amen**

\*Song:

*Blessed Be Your Name*

LUYH 343

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ: From where does your help come?*

**Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

*Grace, Mercy, and peace be yours in the name of the Triune God—  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**Renewal**

Prayer of Confession:

From LUYH 653

Almighty and loving God,

**we confess**

**that we put our trust in other gods.**

**In hard work and personal freedom,**

**in bank accounts and politicians.**

**We honor these Gods**

**alongside of You and in place of You.**

**By the Holy Spirit's power,**

**Help us to know You,  
the only true God,  
as You have revealed Yourself in Your Word,  
to trust in You alone,  
to look to You for every good thing,  
humbly and patiently,  
and to love, fear and honor you with all our hearts.  
In Jesus' name. Amen**

Song: *I Lift My Eyes Up* LUYH 652

Offering: Benevolence Fund of First Church  
*The Benevolence Fund of First Church provides grace-filled financial assistance to those in emergency need, with a connection to this church family or neighborhood.  
\*Copies of the Fund guidelines/applications are behind the copier in Room 24.*

Offertory and Offertory Prayer

### 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.**

\*Song: *My Only Comfort* LUYH 781

Scripture: Genesis 50:15-20 page 55 pew Bible  
*The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God*

Sermon: *Spoiler Alert.* Pastor Joel Schreurs

### Sending

Spoken and Sung Prayers of Intercession and Gratitude  
*Don't Be Afraid [refrain]* LUYH 429

Sending Words (Psalm 33:18,20-22)

The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him,  
on those whose hope is in His unfailing love

**We wait in hope for the Lord;**

**He is our help and our shield.**

**In Him our hearts rejoice,**

**for we trust in His holy name.**

**May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,  
even as we put our hope in You.**

\*Song: *He Knows My Name* LUYH 339

### \*Blessing

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs  
Director of Faith Formation: Kim Csepe  
Musicians: First Church Band: Chris Lighthiser, Bri Van Anandel, Nick Borgia, Lynn Roberts, Christy Bol, Elaine Lim, David Csepe, Hannah De Boer.

**Prayer For God's People** *Elders are available for prayer after service*  
Please pray for Fran and Kerwin Van Wyhe. Fran is currently hospitalized with breathing difficulties. Pray for wisdom for the medical team and the best medical care for her. Kerwin's brother-in-law, Jasper Timmer, died of a heart attack Thursday morning. Kerwin asks prayer for sister Marlene.

Continue to pray for all who are walking through varied and unique stages of grief and loss, and for freedom and healing for any trapped in addiction.

Please pray for our home-bound loved ones to experience connection and care through prayer, visitation and DVD deliveries

### 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).

**Help Earthquake Survivors in Ecuador:** - More than 480 people are dead after a horrific earthquake struck Ecuador last weekend. Four thousand more are injured. Your help is needed. Your gifts to World Renew's "International Disaster Response Rapid Response Fund" will be used to provide immediate and long-term assistance to those affected by this disaster. Learn more or donate at [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net), by calling 1-800-552-7972, or send your check to 1700 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49508.

### First Church Upcoming Activities

**Spring Mom's Morning Play Group Schedule:** April 27-OFF

May 4- Eileen Ruter

May 11-Karen Soodsma

May 18- Jill Schreurs

May 25-OFF

Contact : [alliechristians4@gmail.com](mailto:alliechristians4@gmail.com) to be included on emails!

**Senior Moments:** We have rescheduled our tour to Wings Over the Rockies Museum for **Tuesday, April 26th**. We will leave church at 9:45 am. Lunch at North County. Sunday is the last day to sign up for this trip. Details see the updated flyer. Questions: Betty K. [303-514-6251](tel:303-514-6251).

**Supper Club this month** will be **TONIGHT 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, 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 men and guests are welcome. Contact Chris: [clighthiser@gmail.com](mailto:clighthiser@gmail.com).

**Ladies Clothing Swap! Saturday, May 7, 9am-12noon**, Fellowship Hall. Bring all the items you'd like to donate - clothes, jewelry, household items, etc. and take as much as you'd like! Coffee and changing rooms provided and your donation of \$10 at the door goes to the **YFC Jeremiah Project camp** for incarcerated youth coming this summer. Everything left over will

go to Goodwill. If there are special needs in our congregation for particular items, please list those so all needs get met: [Claire@yfcdenver.org](mailto:Claire@yfcdenver.org)!

### **Club 68 End of Year BBQ**

All 6th-8th grade kids and your families are invited to an end of year BBQ (whether you've attended Club 68 or not!)

**Date:** Sat., **May 21st**

**Time:** 4pm - 8pm-ish

**Location:** Schroder-Zachman household 7000 W. 64th Ave, Arvada 80003  
Main course and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.  
RSVP to Werner by **May 15th:** 303-808-6145 (phone/text)  
or [denvermountaineer@gmail.com](mailto:denvermountaineer@gmail.com)

**Youth Group end-of-year BBQ** bash at the Ruter's on **Sunday, May 22nd**, *Save the Date*. More details and information coming soon! Come to our regularly scheduled **Youth Group meeting tonight at 5:00pm** upstairs.

### Requested Announcements:

**Platt Park Silent Auction tickets** are available for our **event Friday, April 29**. We'd love to have you join us! Call the preschool with any questions 303-282-7722 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.

**Loving Your Neighbor Today Conference - July 19-21, 2016**, featuring Dr. Richard Mouw as keynote speaker. Join us at Calvin Theological Seminary for worship, presentations, small group conversations, and panel discussions. We will ask, from a variety of perspectives, about what it means to love our neighbors in today's world. Check out the ad in The Banner. Then, visit [calvinseminary.edu/neighbor](http://calvinseminary.edu/neighbor) for more information and to register.

### Council News

1. The Council reviewed the list of members nominated as Deacons and Elders for the next three years and adopted a list of candidates. Letters will be sent to those members, asking them to prayerfully consider this important service to First CRC.
2. The Council met with Pastor Victor Perez and received an update of the Cascade of Hope ministry to the Spanish community. Cascade of Hope is asking for local CRC church members to consider a six-month commitment to help initiate ministry programs there. The commitment would begin next September. More information will be provided in the next few weeks.
3. Results of the recent Grow Groups surveys were reviewed and discussed. This information will be used to plan for next season programming. Thank you to all who provided this valuable input.

**Agenda for Synod 2016** - The Agenda for Synod 2016 is now available on the Synod Resources page of the Christian Reformed Church in North America website. Hard copies of the Agenda will be mailed to churches later this month. To access the online Agenda and sign up for Synod-related news, visit [www.crcna.org/Synod](http://www.crcna.org/Synod).