

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ April 28

Pastor Bret Lamsma preaching.

12-1pm Sunday School Appreciation Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

12-1pm GEMS leader meeting in rm 12/13

Offering is for GEMS/Cadets Corporate.

2-5pm Alsum's Bible Study in Library

5-7pm High School Youth Group Game Night

Monday ~ April 29

Tuesday ~ April 30

1:30pm – Staff meeting in rm. 21

Wednesday ~ May 1 FAMILY NIGHT

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

9:30am – Ladies Morning Bible Study in 12/13

5:45pm – Meal served: Pizza & Salad

6:30pm - Elder Mtg. in rm 21, GEMS/Cadets, Coffee Break, *Beloved of God Yoga*

Thursday ~ May 2 ~

7:00am – 3:00pm Home –Schooler's Testing

9:00-12n – Sew & Sews

7:00pm - Band Practice in Sanctuary

Friday ~ May 3

7:00am – 3:00pm Home –Schoolers Testing

4-10pm: Home-school wrap up event.

Saturday ~ May 4

Sunday ~ May 5 – Grow Group Sunday and BBQ Picnic

New Member Welcome;

Senior Sharing

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, April 28

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

Andy Vanden Boogaard,

Nursery: Charys Youngsma, Hannah Grafton, Tina VandenBoogaard,

Mieke Waanders

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

Prayer Ministry Elders: Dave Cady & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Vermeer Family

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, May 5

Children in Worship: Jill Schreurs, Isaac Jonker, Aaron Elgersma, Wyatt Vermeer

Nursery: Christine Nibbelink, Bode Blohm, Ashlee Bol, Seth Soodsma

Camera: Mieke Waanders **Lyrics:** Ari Waanders **Sound:** Jon Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Fred Ritsema & Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Van Heukelem

Welcome guests and visitors: *First CRC is grateful to have you here with us! Please fill out a Connect card in the pew pocket so we know how best to support and encourage you. Elders are up front for you after each service.*

Women's Retreat Applications - The applications for the Sept. 25-27, 2019 Women's Retreat in Breckenridge, CO are available online: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10xEwbSxrQU9-29NsRUjETKkPVYGA_CGplI30iXr_hhM/edit?usp=sharing. Applications and payment are due on or **before July 21. There will be a few copies of the application on a table in the foyer. Contact Shirley Van Heukelem, or Julie Lamsma for more information.**

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.

Shirley and Rebecca would like to thank HR Committee for our lovely fresh flowers and appreciative cards on Administrative Professional Day!



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.*

Sunday~ April 28, 2019

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His love endures forever.

In our anguish we cried to the Lord,

and He answered by setting us free.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His love endures forever.

The Lord is our strength and our song;

He has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His love endures forever.

We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

The LORD has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

First Christian Reformed Church #303.733.4936

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

*Songs:

See What A Morning LUYH 181
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing LUYH 206

*Prayer

We give You thanks, great God,
for the hope we have in Jesus,
who died but is risen and rules over all.
We praise You for His presence with us.
Because He lives, we look for eternal life,
knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come
can separate us from Your great love
made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Song: *Stronger*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession: 1 John 2:24-25
Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon
Song of Assurance: *Tu Fidelidad/I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness*

Offering: GEMS/Cadets Corporate
Offertory: Missions Update on En Gedi

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

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: John 20:11-18 pg. 1087
The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: *"Being Pursued"* Dr. Bret Lamsma

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

Sending

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As Christ burst forth from the tomb,
may new life burst forth from us and show itself
in acts of love and healing to a hurting world.
**And may that same Christ, who lives forever
and is the source of our new life,
keep our hearts rejoicing and grant us peace
this day and always.**

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

*Blessing

*Postlude: *Build Your Kingdom Here instrumental*

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs (on vacation)
Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma (preaching today)
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper, First CRC Band

Up ~ Prayer and Praise:

*Our Persecuted Believer's prayer focus for **May** and **June** will be for our brothers and sisters of **India**, including **Sri Lanka**. Please take a prayer sheet by the silver message board, available next Sunday, 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 who have sustained trauma and great loss.*

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

We pray full recovery and **healing** for all who have had recent surgery.

We continue to pray for Ina and the **Smit family**, as Faye Smit (Lee's wife), passed away in Americus, GA.

Birthday Blessings to **Jack Allen**, turning 93 on **May 5th**:
650 S. Decatur, Denver CO 80219

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Our High School Youth Group is having an unofficial hang out/game night this Sunday night at church from 5-7. Come if you are able and please bring a snack or drink to share if you come.

Please Join us on Wednesday, May 1st, for our final **Family Night** of the 2018/2019 Educational Year: Staff is serving Pizza/Salad!
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"*

Long Scraggy Ranch Work Day ~ May 4th, 2019 Starts at 9:00 A.M.
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 worshiping 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 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.

GEMS would like to invite all GEMS girls, leaders and any other women who have been apart of GEMS or *Calvinettes* throughout the years to join us in our end of year celebration on **Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 PM**. We will be celebrating our year together, our GEMS & *Calvinette's* memories, and the GEMS global ministry celebrating their 60th anniversary. If you have any memorabilia or stories from being a part of the club, and would like to share it that night, please let Julie Lamsma know. Please RSVP to Julie at 209-985-3622 or julie.lamsma@gmail.com.

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. **May 11th**
Contact Rod Oosterhouse: rodohouse@comcast.net

Ladies' Wed. AM Bible Study in rm 12/13, **May 1 & May 15** 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. Please give today to this urgent need or for more information, please go to: www.worldrenew.net/cycloneidai.