

Church Calendar for week of April 29:

Sunday ~ April 29: Pastor Joel is preaching, Craig Broek *The Table* update, Offering is for Benevolence Assistance Fund for emergency financial needs.

Monday ~ April 30:

Tuesday ~ May 1:

6-9pm – **Women’s Activity:** Gift Bags for Delores Project

Wednesday ~ May 2:

9-11am – Women’s Morning Bible Study in 12/13

6-8pm – Coffee Break in Emerson

6:30pm – Elder’s Meeting in Rm. 24

Thursday ~ May 3: National Day of Prayer: Sanctuary open 9-3

7-9pm – Band Practice in Sanctuary

Friday ~ May 4:

9:30-11:30am - Library is open

Saturday ~ May 5:

9am - Long Scraggy work Day

Sunday ~ May 6:

Pastor Joel is preaching, Missions Update: Margaret Njuguna

Offering is for General Fund

New Members Welcomed in Service, All Church Picnic!

5-7pm Youth Group *Street To Life* Speaker

Thank you to all serving THIS Sunday, April 29th

Children in Worship: Bret Lamsma, Hannah Grafton & Davis Addink, Sam Waanders

Nursery: Jenn Van Otterloo, David Youngsma, Ashleigh Bol, Ari Waanders

Camera: Isaac DenBraber

Lyrics: Dan Addink

Sound: Cory Vermeer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Nancy Waanders, Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Hogans

Thank you to all serving NEXT Sunday, May 6th

Children in Worship: Kelsie Ruter, Torre Blohm, Erica Bol, Erin Youngsma

Nursery: Jessica Benson

Camera: Davis Addink

Lyrics: Micah DeHaan

Sound: Jim DeHaan

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Timmers

Welcome to our visitors! How can we serve you? Elders are available up front to answer your questions and pray. A children’s coloring/activity bulletin, called *Sweet Rewards*, can be found in the green baskets in the foyer. Coffee and tea are set up for you near the main doors.

Opportunities to serve and support

“Make a Difference! Volunteers in Action has 2 senior ladies requiring help filling out and submitting applications for low-income housing. Can YOU HELP? Call VIA at 303-713-9144”

Donn Hansum

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Out ~ Mission Updates

Summer Youth Camp in Hungary - Your presence can make a difference in the life of Hungarian youth and the Hungarian church! From **June 15-30**, help lead two one-week VBS-style youth camps in Hungary for kids. Visit ResonateGlobalMission.org/HungaryCamp to learn more.

Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Greece - Oct 4-16, 2018- Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul’s second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, please contact Dr. Jeff Weima at #616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

Living Water Drill and Hygiene Trip: Living Water Int’l (LWI) would like you to join our 11th Drill/Hygiene Trip **November 3-11 to Honduras**. The cost for the trip is \$2,000 per person and **50% of the cost is due by May 3, 2018**. Expense assistance is available through the Church Treasurer, Chris Lighthiser (clighthiser@gmail.com). Registration and security clearance for Honduras is obtained from LWI’s Trip Coordinator, Kim R. (877-594-4426). Her email is kim@water.cc. For more information please call Kim, or Al Wassenaar at 720-530-0907 or go on line to the Living Water International web site www.water.cc.

Group Volunteer Overseas with World Renew: Volunteer overseas with others who have common interests? With World Renew’s Global Volunteer Program, you will get an authentic cultural experience and learn about the deep history and traditions that define the life of an international community. To find out more, email Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

Found: A pink filigree ring, in the Ladies powder room after Game Night. Please call the office to reclaim it.

Count Committee Report: 4/1 & 4/8

The Council of First CRC is grateful for your faithful stewardship.

General Fund: \$ 23,358.00

World Renew: \$ 50.00

Youth CSM: \$ 1,053.00

The anticipated offering for a two-week count is: \$30,903.28.

Next Count Committee meeting will be on 4.30.18.

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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



Sunday April 29, 2018

First Christian Reformed Church

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship: From Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

Come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is He who made us and we are His;

we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving

And His courts with praise;

Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Song: *Forever* LUYH 578

*Song: *Across the Lands* LUYH 775

*God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Song: *You shall Love the Lord* LUYH 724

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against You

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done

and by what we have left undone.

**We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name.
Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *Oh, How I Love Jesus* LUYH 676

Missions Update: Craig Broek, *The Table*

Offering: Benevolence

Offertory

Word

Children in Worship Sending

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.**

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: 1 John 3:11-24

Sermon: *The Give Away*

Prayer for Application

Sending

*Song of Response: *Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* LUYH 796

Sending Litany

*Sending Song: *My Friends, May You Grow in Grace* LUYH 938

*Benediction

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Preaching today is Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band

Accompanist: Christy Bol

Up ~ Prayer

Urgent Request From The Starkenburgs – Please pray for the country of Nicaragua. The government announced a major increase in social security taxes and a reduction in pension payment for retirees. This has provoked wide-scale protests, with violence against alleged government corruption. Major news channels are censored, completely off the air, spurring even greater protests. Many streets in Managua are closed due to protests with rumors of stronger anti-protest measures, including possible intentional power outages. Please pray for peaceful resolutions to the conflicts that are arising. In addition, pray for wisdom for all of Nicaragua's leaders as they seek ways to work through the controversy without bloodshed and violence. *Liam & Jessica*

We lift those up who are experiencing pain and limited activity due to hand, wrist, arm and shoulder pain. May the Lord bring healing relief and strength.

We ask God for wisdom, grace and courage for local public school teachers and those in administration. We pray for life-giving activities and protection over students who will be out of school.

Events & Upcoming Activities

May 1st – 7-9pm Women's Night Out: Decorate and fill gift bags for the *Delores Project* (Women's Homeless Shelter). Please see table in back of the foyer for more information, items needed and sign-up sheet.

May 3rd - National Day of Prayer

May 4th-5th – Lion King Jr. at West Bowles, www.DenverChristian.org

May 5th - Long Scraggy Work Day begins at 9am RSVP 303.838.7770.

May 6th All-Church PICNIC! Council will provide a delicious lunch (no need to bring anything). Special guest is Margaret Njuguna from En-Gedi Children's Home in Nairobi, Kenya. New Members officially acknowledged.

May 9th, 23rd, 30th: Coffee Break Women's Bible study from 6-8 in Emerson House.

May 10th Glowga (glow in the dark yoga) at 6:30 for all ladies at church! More information to come!

May 12th & 26th – Men's Morning Bible Study in Room 21.

May 15th – Senior Moments are visiting the Cussler Car Museum. Plan to meet at the church by **9:15 a.m.** Tour begins at 10:15. Lunch at Malone's Clubhouse Grill at 12:00. This is a self-guided tour. Remember to sign up by Sunday, May 13th, for lunch reservations. Please see flyer for details. Betty K. BJK1957@AOL.COM, or Beth P. RognBethP@AOL.COM.

May 20th – Pentecost 5pm Youth Group: *An Evening of Stories*.

May 23rd - Films and Ethics Class from 6:30-8:00pm in the Library.

IN ~ Council News:

CEP Update: At the request of Council following the decision to replace the current CEP program (announcement made on February 25th), the Executive Committee has assembled a task force to work on the new model for First CRC to support Christian education day school.

The members of the task force are:

Keith Bol: kmbol@hotmail.com, Kyle Van Anandel: kylevanandel@gmail.com,

Roger Vandenboogaard: rogervdb@firstcrcdenver.org and

Jim Veldkamp: jveldkamp@masterklean.com

The mandate of this task force is to determine how to collect and distribute funds for Christian education and suggest a makeup of a standing committee to administer the program. The task force is to present a proposal for review and approval at council meeting on **June 20th**. Thanks for your patience and trust as we work through this process. If you have any questions or feedback please reach out to any one of these task force members listed above. CEAF Task Force will be holding an informational update on where we stand in the process after the service TODAY, **April 29th at 11:00am in the basement.**

Church Properties Committee Proposal: The council submitted a proposal to the Church Properties Committee, to consider First Church as a recipient of funds for distribution after the recent sale of the Kenyon Avenue building. This committee is soliciting proposals from a variety of ministries connected to the front range CRCs. In line with this request, First Church envisions a future that would expand and enhance our ministries by building a new Emerson House and updating our worship and sound equipment. If we receive the funding, any plans for the Emerson House will be approved by the congregation.

Our Film and Ethics discussion group is going to continue meeting over the summer! Our next meeting will be **May 23 from 6:30-8:00** in the Library. Our film for the night will be "The Greatest Showman." Everyone is welcome even if you haven't had the chance to join us before. Please watch the movie ahead of time and come ready to discuss the morals, meanings, and messages of the film.

Eagle Lake Camp is right around the corner (**June 11-15**) and we need some additional volunteers to help for the week. Host families are needed for the Eagle Lake staff for the week. We also need help serving lunch on Wednesday and service ice cream on Friday afternoon. If you are able to help host or serve please talk to Pastor Bret today. Host family applications can be found at eaglelakecamps.com/day-camp-host-family/

The Table has grown vegetables in South Denver since 2012 and has Donated over 2,000 pounds of produce each year. Every ounce of food grown is given back to the community via food banks, the *VeggieBike* or other community partners. Donations & volunteers appreciated. Visit us online: www.denvertable.org. We are hosting our second annual plant sale on **Saturday, May 5** from 9 am till noon at the Washington Street Community Center on 809 South Washington Street 80209. First CRC will be partnering with **The Table** to do garden clean-up and preparation for the upcoming growing season in the Platt Park neighborhood on **Saturday, May 19**. All ages are encouraged to volunteer, and no experience is necessary! Please sign-up in the foyer. Contact Pastor Bret for more information: bret@firstcrcdenver.org