

## Church Calendar for April 3-10, 2016

**Sunday, April 3**~ No regularly scheduled Programs

Rev. Jaclyn Busch is Preaching

Offering is for General Fund

**11:00am** – CEP Meeting Pit Stop

**11:00am** – Choir practice with John House for April 10<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, ~ April 4**

**9:00am** – Prayer For the Persecuted Church

**Tuesday ~ April 5**

**7:30am - 4:00pm** *Classical Conversations*

**1:00pm** – Staff Meeting in Room 21

**6:00pm** – Bethany Christian's Smokey Joe's Café' Littleton Theater

**7:00pm** - Elder's Meeting in Room 24

**Wednesday~ April 6: Family Night Resumes**

**9:00am** – Ladies AM Bible Study in the Library

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

**6:30pm** - CEP Meeting

**Thursday ~ April 7**

**Friday ~ April 8**

**9:00am** - Library Ladies

**Saturday ~ April 9**

**10:00am** – Circle of Hope

**Sunday ~ April 10: Newcomer Lunch, Communion /Name Tags/GG**

Special Offering for the Roof Replacement Project

5:00pm - **Youth Group Upstairs**

**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.

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper next week and all who place their faith

in Jesus Christ are welcome to participate. Gluten Free wafers are

available. [Please join us for the monthly Newcomer lunch on April 10<sup>th</sup>](#)

[from 11-12 in the Emerson House, directly South of the church building.](#)

**Thank you to all serving this Sunday, April 3rd**

**Nursery:** Jessica Addink, Jon Waanders, Jack Waanders, Ann Rajewski

Lilli Vermeer

**Children in Worship:** Charissa Van Donselaar, Caleb Jonker, James Jonker

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Ed Schans & Rick Schmitt

**PPT Preparation:** Stephanie Den Braber

**Sound:** Jim De Haan **Video:** Logan Posthumus **PPT:** Micah DeHaan

**DVD Delivery:** Grow Group #3

**Coffee:** Engelsman & Jonker

**Thank you to all serving next Sunday, April 10th**

**Nursery:** Davinia Lyon, Cheryl Schmitt, Noah Van den Boogaard,

Keith Bol, Ali Schroder

**Children in Worship:** *Jesus Is Risen*, Kelli Schuttinga, Caleb Jonker, Mikaila Bol

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Donn Hansum & Eric Den Braber

**PPT Preparation:** Jill Schreurs

**Sound:** David Schans **Video:** Davis Addink **PPT:** Richard Mannes

**DVD Delivery:** Grow Group #3

**Lord's Supper Preparation:** Grow Group 3

**Coffee:** Lohmann

**Thank you to all who served our community by**

**participating in Grow Group projects ~**

**Serving One Another: Roundup House Projects- Various Dates**

This month, we have 3 work projects at Roundup Fellowship's houses,

which serve children and adults with developmental disabilities. Work

will include projects such as cleaning sheds & garages, painting, raking,

cleaning gutters, etc. Contact Kim Csepe for details 303.733.4936 x 103

**Roundup Fellowship** is hiring caring professionals to work in their

group homes and also in community participation with people who have

intellectual disabilities. Please contact Mary Anaya at [mary.anaya@rup.org](mailto:mary.anaya@rup.org)

***A few GROW GROUP Scheduling updates for your family Calendar:***

- **April 10** - will change from an IN session an UP session
- **April 17** - remains an UP
- **April 24** - remains an UP
- **May 1** - will be our grand finale - an all-church barbecue in the Pit Stop and Emerson House back yard - so no UP session. This replaces the April 10 IN session.
- **May 8** - will remain as an OUT date, but most likely no events will be planned on that date since it is Mother's Day.
- **May 15** - the beginning of summer break

*The OUT opportunities will be scheduled during the month of May.*

**Roof Replacement Update:**

One year ago, all of the roofs, except the roof on the new garage, were 45 to 50 years old and badly in need of replacement.

Rather than spend thousands of dollars on temporary repairs or partial replacement, the Council approved spending \$58,000 for full replacement of all seven sections of flat roof. As of this week all of the roofs on all of the church-owned buildings have been replaced. The Facilities Budget will cover \$8,000 of the repair costs.

The goal is to collect the remaining \$50,000 in special gifts, in the next three months (by June 30), so that these roof expenses do not impact the budgets for future years.

Please consider whether you can contribute to meet this need, without decreasing your support of the general fund. On **April 10th** the offering will be designated for defraying this expense, but you can give your gifts at any time.

*\*A more detailed letter has been emailed to all First Church.*



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

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in Jesus...***

**Order of Worship ~ April 3, 2016**

Prelude and Processional

Welcome

\*Song: *Come People of the Risen King* Band

\*Litany of Praise:

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: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* LUYH 179, 1,2,4

\*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting

**Renewal~**

Call to Confession

Q. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

A. Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.

Q. What is the dying-away of the old self?

A. To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.

Q. What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

A. Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.

Prayer of Confession

Song: *Take Oh Take Me As I Am* LUYH 741

Offering: *This Week* General Fund; Offering: *Next Week* Roof Project

Offertory: *Christ is Risen from the Dead* Maher

Prayer of Intercession and Gratitude

Announcements

## 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.**

Scripture: John 11:17-27 Pg. 1076-1077

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

Prayer For Illumination

Sermon: *Resurrection Life...NOW* Rev. Jaclyn Busch

Prayer for Application

## Sending

\*Song of Response: *Jesus Paid it All/Oh Praise the One*

Sending Words:

God of our salvation,

**You have restored us to life,**

You have brought us back again into Your love

by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ:

**continue to heal us**

**as we go to live and work**

**in the power of Your Spirit,**

**to Your praise and glory. Amen**

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

### \*Blessing

Minister of the Word: Rev. Jaclyn Busch ~ Rev. Joel Schreurs

Accompanists: Barb Hogan & Christy Bol

Musicians: First CRC Band

CHOIR Practice TODAY at 11:00am, for Singing "*You Are Mine*" on **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. John House will direct the First CRC Choir

### Prayer For God's People

We received word that Emma Van Hoek passed away earlier this year at the age of 100. We pray for Mieke and her family as they remember Emma's life and witness among us.

Continue to pray for increased mobility and pain management for all those recovering from hip, knee, foot and other recent surgeries, including Al Bierling, who had knee replacement surgery on March 23rd. The rehab is going well. Prayers are appreciated.

Remember those among us who are undergoing radiation and chemotherapy. Pray for strength, peace and renewed hope as they follow uncomfortable protocols and treatment. Bless and pray for the caregivers.

**Missionary Celebrations:** Liam Starkenburg's birthday is April 12th.

### First Church Upcoming Activities

**All High Schoolers: On April 17<sup>th</sup>** the teens and youth of First will lead the music for the church service. If you are a teen at First we would love your help! Please come to our meeting/**practice on April 10** and bring your instruments. We will have a meal, practice and talk a little about worship. Please join us, whether you are a part of our regular meeting or not! We would love your help!

**CEP (Christian Education Program) Informational Meetings:** Please come and Learn more about the commitment First Church has to Christian Education. Attendance at one of these meetings is required to participate in academic year 2016-2017. **This Sunday (Pit Stop): April 3** from 11-12 noon, **or Wednesday, April 6 from 6:30-7:30 in Room #21**. Questions welcome: cepboard@firstcrcdenver.org

**Mom's morning playgroup** meets **Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

Kids play, while moms visit together, drink coffee and get to know each other better! To be added to the e-mail list: alliechristians4@gmail.com.

April 6-OFF (spring break)

April 13-Molly Schuttinga-Hanson

**Senior Moments:** Mark your calendar **April 19<sup>th</sup>** for our upcoming tour to "**Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum**". This will include the history of Lowry Air Force Base, aviation, historic aircraft, dedication to Colorado Astronauts. We'll leave church at 9:15. Details in flyer.

**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 First Church men and guests are welcome. Chris Lighthiser is the contact for First Church: clighthiser@gmail.com.

**June 13-17, 2016 Eagle Lake Summer Camp** to be held again this year at Hope Community Church. First Church is partnering with Hope and Platt Park Churches to host this fun-filled week for kids in 1st through 6th grade. Postcards are available at the back tables for you to share with friends and family. Go to <http://eaglelakecamps.com/athope> to register.

### Council Announcements

**Council Nominations** - It is time to prayerfully consider nominations of members to serve as Elders and Deacons for the next three years, beginning in July. This year we will elect two Deacons and three Elders, with one of the elders serving as Clerk. Nomination forms are available in back of church, or you may e-mail your nominations **by April 17** with a brief description of spiritual gifts to [Darrell@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:Darrell@firstcrcdenver.org)

### **Worship Coordinator Position**

We are happy to announce that **Kyle Cooper has accepted** the offer from First CRC to become our Worship and Music Coordinator. Kyle is a senior at Azusa Pacific University and will graduate in May with a degree in Music and Worship. He is a Denver native, plays guitar and is self-taught on piano. Kyle takes a lot of joy in planning thoughtful, thematic, and scripturally rooted worship services. He also values worship that is grounded in tradition but incorporates contemporary elements. Above all, we think Kyle is a man of great Christian character who has a teachable spirit and with whom others would enjoy working. We expect him to start work shortly after he graduates in May and hopefully have some time with Pastor Joel before he and Jill leave for their trip to Israel.

### **Count Committee Report: 3/20 and 3/27**

*Thank you for giving faithfully and practicing good stewardship.*

**General Fund:** \$22,630.56

**En-Gedi:** \$ 1,125.00

*The anticipated offering (per our budget) for a two-week period is \$28,695.00.*

The April Count Committee meetings are scheduled for 4/11 & 4/25.

### Requested Announcements:

You won't want to miss Bethany Christian Services of Colorado presents "**Smokey Joe's Café**" on **April 5, 6 p.m., at the Town Hall Arts Center**, 2450 W. Main St., Littleton. For ticket availability and more information, contact Carol Willis at (303) 241-8651 or [cwillis@bethany.org](mailto:cwillis@bethany.org)

**World Renew - Make a Difference Workshop** - Are you looking for a Christ-centered, hands-on volunteer opportunity? Do you want to help disaster survivors by rebuilding homes, serving as a cook, organizing group mission trips, doing data entry, or interviewing survivors? Attend a **FREE World Renew Disaster Response Services workshop at Third CRC in Denver, Colo., on April 9, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** to learn how you and your church can really Make a Difference. Find out more and register at [worldrenew.net/make-difference-workshop](http://worldrenew.net/make-difference-workshop) or contact Shirley Van Heukelem at First Church

**Celebrate Successful Aging ~ with Aged To Perfection**, the eleventh Annual fundraising event on **April 21, 2016 4:30pm-8:30pm**, at Holly Creek: 5500 East Peakview Avenue in Centennial 80121, on behalf of Christian Living Communities. Reservations requested by April 15<sup>th</sup>, go to: [ChristianLivingCommunities.org/aged-to-perfection](http://ChristianLivingCommunities.org/aged-to-perfection). For questions, please contact [LLopez@CLCmail.org](mailto:LLopez@CLCmail.org) 720.974.3642.

**Save the date! Platt Park Children's Center's Silent Auction** will be on **Friday, April 29**. A flyer with more information will be in your boxes soon. We hope you can join us for a fun night celebrating our preschool community! The PPCC Plant Sale is coming soon! Look for information and order forms for beautiful plants and tomatoes in the next couple weeks.

**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.