

## Church Calendar for week of April 8:

**Sunday ~ April 8<sup>th</sup>:** Minister of The Word Rev. Rick Ebers is preaching, Sunday School, *Live Justly* Adult Ed Class, Offering is for CSM Youth Ministry Missions.

**5-7pm** Youth Group Out serving

**Monday ~ April 9:**

**9:15am** Prayer For Persecuted Believers in Rm 12/13

**6:00pm** Count Committee

**Tuesday ~ April 10:**

**1:00pm** - Staff meeting in Rm 21

**6:30pm** - Deacon's Meeting

**Wednesday ~ April 11:** Pastor Joel in 3DM Learning Community off-site

**Thursday ~ April 12: NO Sew & Sews**

**6:30-9:00pm** - Band Practice

**Friday ~ April 13:**

**9-11am** - Library ladies

**7:00pm** \*Platt Park 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Auction – see link below.

**Saturday ~ April 14:**

**7:00am** - Men's Morning Bible Study in Rm 21

**10:00am** - Circle of Hope in Rm. 21: Group support for care-givers of those living with mental illness.

**7:00pm** - \*Denver Christian Fundraiser - see information below.

**Sunday ~ April 15:** Pastor Joel is preaching. Sunday School, *Live Justly*, Offering is for GEMS/Cadets Corporate **5-7pm** - Club 68

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### Thank you to all serving this Sunday, April 8th

**Children in Worship:** Davinia Lyon, Carter Sanderson, Aaron Elgersma, Jacob V.

**Nursery:** Beth DeBoer, Jeremy Waanders, Savannah Blohm, Owen Vermeer

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Nancy Waanders & Anne Buteyn

**Coffee:** Lohmann's

**Lord's Supper Prep:** Grow Group #4

### Thank you to all serving next Sunday, April 15th

**Children in Worship:** Jessica Cleveland, Eileen Ruter, Marissa Bol, Matthew Jonker

**Nursery:** Cheryl Schmitt, Jevon van Vliet, Tina & Andy Vanden Boogaard

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

**Coffee:** DeBoer/Kats

**It is Name Tag Sunday!** Coffee and tea are near the main doors. Elders are available up front to answer your questions and pray. We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, and all baptized believers who place their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation are welcome to participate in the Sacrament.

### Out~ Opportunities

**Everyone is invited to Platt Park Children's Center's Silent Auction on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm!**

For your convenience, below is an online link to reserve tickets.

We hope to see you there as we celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our wonderful preschool!

<https://events.blackbirdsvp.com/ppcc-auction>

**Wanted: A Fine Arts Center for Denver Christian School.**

*Saddle on up. Put on your boots & bling. C'mom y'all, let's fund this thing!*

**April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.** Denver Museum of Nature & Science at 2001 Colorado Blvd. Denver 80205. Live Country music with special performances by DC students. RSVP [www.denverchristian.org](http://www.denverchristian.org)

**Dear First Church Family:**

Thank you for your encouraging words and generous financial support as I prepare to begin my Doctor of Ministry program at Fuller Seminary!

I registered for my first class this week and have lots of reading (and a little bit of writing) to do before I travel to California for a week of class at the end of July. I remain excited for this opportunity and am grateful to have such a supportive church family!

*Pastor Joel*

### Sermon Notes:



*He is not here,*  
**FOR HE IS**  
**RISEN**

Sunday April 8, 2018

### **Gathering**

Prelude

Welcome and 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*

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**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday ~ Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

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Bret Lamsma: Director of Faith Formation ext. 105

Larry Young: Custodial & facilities #303-582-4039

Rebecca J. Schaefer: Communications & Admin. ext. 102

\*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: *Praise the Savior Now and Ever* LUYH 191

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

## Renewal

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

Offering: Youth Group CSM Trip

Offertory

## Word

Children in Worship Dismissal

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: John 13:12-38

Sermon: *"Jesus: Generous With Those Who Disappoint"*

## Table

Words of Institution

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ,

before He suffered, gave us this memorial of His sacrifice,

until He comes again. At His last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread,

and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said,

*"This is My body, which is for you;*

*do this in remembrance of Me."*

In the same way, He took the cup after supper and said,

*"This cup is the new covenant in My blood;*

*do this in remembrance of Me."*

For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Invitation

Distribution Songs:

*Amazing Love*

*What the Lord Has Done in Me*

Communion

## Sending

Sending Prayer

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts;

You have satisfied our hunger with good things.

In giving all, You have not withheld from us

Your own dear Son.

**How can we withhold anything from You,  
our Lord and our God?**

**Renew us day by day with the gift of Your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves completely to Your service  
and walk with joy in the footsteps  
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Sending Song: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* LUYH 193

\*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs & Rev. Rick Ebers

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band

Accompanist: Christy Bol

## Up ~ Prayer

**Our March/April Congregational Prayer Focus for Persecuted**

**Believers** features 10 specific ways to pray for a rapidly growing, but highly targeted group: **Muslim Background Believers**. See the display on the silver board and pick up a copy of the accompanying prayer sheet.

Please pray for children and adults with debilitating allergies, asthma and hay fever as Spring sports resume.

Pray for Chris Vanden Broeke as he heads to Florida for cancer treatment.

We pray for Rufus Soodsma (Seth, Ariadne and Halle's grandfather) for continued healing.

We pray for cancer patients for successful treatment and restored health.

Pray for Rebecca Schaefer and siblings as they travel to Johnson, MN. for a memorial service for her godfather, Edward Duin.

## In ~ Events & Activities

**Youth Group** is *outserving* together tonight, **April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**, to do some yard projects for our church family. Meet at church, please bring yard tools, garden gloves & wear work clothes.

**Senior Moments:** Reminder to sign up for the Tuesday, **April 17<sup>th</sup>** trip to the Littleton Museum if you are planning to participate in this activity. **Note time change:** We plan to **leave church at 11:00 a.m.** starting with lunch at 11:30 to the Littleton Café. The museum tour begins at 1:00 p.m. Please see the flyer for details.  
Questions: Beth P. 303-947-1085 or Betty K. 303-514-6251.

**Ladies Morning Bible Study** Group will resume on **April 18<sup>th</sup>**.

## Save these Dates

**Next Church Family Night Meals is April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm:**

Meal is served until 6:30pm. Enjoy fellowship from 6:30pm to 8:00pm:

- GEMS girl's club rm 12/13, Cadet boys club in Pit Stop garage
- Nursery available downstairs for ages 5 and under.
- Movie Discussion group in the Library.
- Council will meet on 4/18 in Room 24.
- Coffee Break Women's Bible study in Emerson House.

## May 3<sup>rd</sup> - National Day of Prayer

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** will be our All-Church PICNIC! Our special guest is Margaret Njuguna from En-Gedi Children's Home in Nairobi, Kenya.

**June 11-16** Eagle Lake Camp at Hope Fellowship.

## Out ~ Missions Updates

**Living Water Drill and Hygiene Trip:**

This notice is for anyone interested in joining our Drill/Hygiene Trip **November 3-11 to Honduras**. These trips are organized and directed by Living Water Int'l (LWI). This is the eleventh year First CRC has taken a mission team drilling for clean water to Central America.

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. Anyone needing more information please call Kim, or Al Wassenaar at [720-530-0907](tel:720-530-0907) or go on line to the Living Water International web site [www.water.cc](http://www.water.cc).

LWI serves the poor who are thirsty for clean water and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They partner with local churches and pastors as much as possible. Volunteer team members typically drill and develop a well, teach hygiene and have an opportunity to share their faith, all in a short week. Come and join us on a drill/hygiene trip for a vacation with a purpose.

**Looking for Adventure** - Explore the world of mission work while also visiting several countries in **Central America**. As part of the Cohort of Missioners, you will live with college-age students from North and Central America and serve the communities you are a part of. Visit [resonateglobalmission.org/cohort](http://resonateglobalmission.org/cohort) for more information or to apply.

**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](http://ResonateGlobalMission.org/HungaryCamp) for more information or to apply.