

Church Calendar for the week of: August 20-27, 2017

Sunday ~ August 20, 2017 Pastor Joel continues a sermon series in Acts 17.

Offering is for Brother's Redevelopment; YG Leaders off-site get together.

Monday ~ August 21 Office is closed

Tuesday ~ August 22

1:00pm - Staff Meeting in Room 21

Wednesday ~ August 23

7:00am - Men's Morning Huddle in the Emerson House

Thursday ~ August 24

Friday ~ August 25

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ August 26: 1:00pm Ruth Lameris Memorial Service

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Offering is for the Benevolence Fund. Long Scraggy picnic & All Church praise!

Thank you to all serving THIS Sunday, August 20

Nursery: Jessica Benson, Troy Newcombe, Stephanie DenBraber, Sam Lamsma & Angelina Schmauder

CIW: Plenty To Eat Kelsie Ruter, Aaron Elgersma & Annika DeBoer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Cal Van Heukelem

Coffee: Van Heukelem DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 2**

Thank you to all serving NEXT Sunday, August 27

Nursery: Christine Nibbelink, Paige Cady, Beth George, Savannah Blohm Sam Waanders

CIW: What Is It? Bret Lamsma, Micah & Isaac Denbraber

Prayer Ministry Elders: Nancy Waanders & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: DeBoer/Kats DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 2**

Welcome to our visitors, guests and newcomers. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. Elders are available up front to answer questions and pray with you. We'll be having coffee, cookies and church lemonade out on the front porch after service today.

Missionary Updates:

From our Mission Partners at The Table, Craig and Jeanine Broek

We're less than two weeks away from our first *Farm to Table* dinner and you don't want to miss it! **Saturday, August 26 at 6 PM** we will feature seasonal produce and other locally-sourced ingredients to showcase great food in the company of this great community. We can't reveal the menu just yet so you'll have to take our word for it. Needless to say, there will be good people, ideas and food

[Click here to reserve](#) your seats at The Table. #SowItForward

Birthdays:

Ellen Broek - September 2nd

Jonathan Cady - September 15

Sandra Perez - September 20th

Caleb Starkenburg - September 26th

Marian Cady - September 26th

Anniversary: Victor & Sandra Perez - September 28th

En Gedi Children's Home Update: Thanks to the continued generosity of God's people Margaret Njuguna reports that the construction funding (\$466,000) for the new Ed Gedi Children's Home in Kenya is almost complete. They are still in need of about \$30,000 to finish the exterior paving and landscaping. Praise God with all of us for the part First CRC was able to contribute to this, and to all the others who were attentive to God's call to help in this way.

Sunday School Opportunities:

Where might you fit in? We are looking for a few more people who feel the call to make a difference in a child's life this coming educational year:

Sunday School Hour

Begins Sunday, September 10, 2017

3s & 4s classrooms - 13 children - **1 aide** (divide the weeks with another aide)

Kindergarteners - 6 children - **1 team teacher and 1 aide** (divide the weeks with another team teacher and aide)

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade combination - 10 children - **1 team teacher** (divide the weeks with another team teacher)

Cadets Boys Club

Begins Wednesday, September 6, 2017

1 Leader/Coordinator - 31 possible boys

Grades 1-3 - 11 boys - **1 Team leader and 1 assistant**

Grades 4-6 - 11 boys - **1 Team leader and 1 assistant**

Grades 7-8 - 9 boys - **1 assistant**

Club 68

Once a month on a Sunday evening

Grades 6-8 - 23 kids, **2-3 Team leaders** for coed middle school group

Count Committee Report: 8-6 & 8-11, 2017 *The Council of First CRC is grateful for your faithful contributions to maintain the budget we voted on as a congregation this summer. We look forward to watching God work! Budgeted giving per Sunday is \$15,451.64, or \$30,903.28 for a 2-week count.*

General Fund: \$18, 225.00

Sun Valley Youth Center: \$505.40

Office Update: Our DSL cable (outside) that powers the church phone and computer system, was severed by digging. We are sorry for the inconvenience this caused on Tuesday and Wednesday. Century Link was attentive to our issue, and Luke Monroe was of great support to office staff.

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*Celebrating, Seeking, Sharing
abundant life in Jesus...*

Order of Worship

August 20, 2017

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship: from Psalm 33:1-9

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

it is fitting for the upright to praise Him.

For the word of the Lord is right and true;

He is faithful in all He does.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,

their starry host by the breath of His mouth.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the people of the world revere Him.

For He spoke, and it came to be;

He commanded, and it stood firm.

*Song: *We Sing the Mighty Power of God* LUYH 10

*Psalm 33:10-11, 20-22

The Lord foils the plans of the nations;

He thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,

the purposes of His heart through all generations.

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: *I Will Look Up*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

People of God, 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. **Amen**

*Indicates where congregation stands; **BOLD** type is our verbal response.

Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: *Kyrie* LUYH 637

Assurance of Pardon: LUYH 306, from 1 John 4

Dear friends,

Let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

This is how God showed His love among us:

He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends,

Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.

This is how we know that we live in Him and He in us:

He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

Song of Assurance: *How Great Is The Love of The Father* LUYH 683

Ministry Announcements and Opportunities for Growth

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Offering: Brothers Redevelopment Inc. *Brothers Redevelopment is a Denver-based nonprofit organization that provides housing and a variety of housing-related services for the region's low-income, elderly and disabled residents.*

Offertory

Word

Children In Worship Sending:

Leader: When I listen to You, God,

I am like a tree planted by a river,

A tree full of fruit

With leaves that are always green.

Congregation: *The Lord be with you.*

Children: And also with you.

Scripture: Acts 17:16-34 pg. 1111

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Looking For Something New?*

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Enlighten*

Sending

*Sending: Apostles Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of God the Father,
And from there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Sending Song: *Let It Be Said of Us*

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of The Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper

Musicians: First CRC Band with Christy Bol

Prayer and Care for God's People:

Sharon Engels and the Zoetewey family would like to thank everyone for prayers, well-wishes, support and lovely cards, visits and meals. Ron appreciated every touch of kindness in his last days among us. Memorial services are being planned for Ron in September when the family returns from Holland. Sympathy cards can be sent to Sharon Engel's home (or left in her church mailbox):

9833 Cyprus Point Circle

Lone Tree, CO 80124

Beautiful soul, Ruth Lameris, passed away quietly on Wednesday while listening to *Amazing Grace*. We pray for her family as they make preparations for Ruth's memorial service at First CRC on August 26th, at 1:00pm with a cake reception.

We ask for wisdom, provision, focus and strengthened faith for our students of all ages and life stages beginning classes in the coming weeks.

Our church family prays for Kyler Schmitt. He has enlisted in the Army for 3 years and is leaving Monday for 10 weeks basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Upcoming Events & Activities:

***August 30, 6:30 to 8:00pm - Youth Ministry Orientation** - if you are involved in Sunday School, Cadets, GEMS, Kids Club, Club 68 or Youth group, plan on meeting with Pastor Bret and Shirley for a night of orientation, getting to know fellow leaders and helpers in your ministry, and dessert.

See the Fall Flyer in your box today for details, dates and new classes!

***September 6, (meal) 5:45 to 6:15pm; (classes) 6:30 to 8:00pm** - Family Night will begin and will be offered the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month this year.

***September 10, 11-12 Sunday School** classes begin for adults and children.

Attention all High School Students (and parents) - The start of our Youth Group year is less than a month away! We are busy planning for another great year and can't wait to spend time together growing and learning about who God is and who He made us to be. Our first meeting of the year will be **Sunday night, September 10**. We also have a fall retreat planned for the weekend of **October 20-22**. Please save the dates; join us in looking forward to some great times together this year.

ALL Church Picnic & Worship Celebration at Long Scraggy Ranch facility:

20203 Spring Creek Trail, Conifer, CO 80433 (near Pine, CO) on **Sunday, August 27th**. Lunch (after 9:30am worship here in Denver) will be provided. No need to bring food. Lunch is at **1:00pm** in the covered picnic area, followed by a praise & worship time in the chapel. Free time to explore the ranch and enjoy the pool.

Requested Announcements:

Fall Mission Trip Opportunity: - This fall, plan a mission trip to help repair flooded homes in Manning, South Carolina, with World Renew Disaster Response Services. Housing and meals are provided, and World Renew facilitators are on-site during this engaging, fulfilling experience. See Manning, South Carolina, at worldrenew.net/volunteer to learn more.

Round -UP Fellowship Schools Supplies Collection in the foyer! Donate today. *A Round-up Fellowship* Newsletter will give you more details on this ministry.

Opportunities to Serve & Support:

There is a child that needs you from McKinley-Thatcher elementary school, for only one hour every week during the school year: to read with, talk to and play games. The principal from the school hopes we get more volunteers this year because she has identified students who need a caring person to be with them weekly. Please ask me about **Kid's Hope** (24 members have mentored; we are down to 3 for this school year). Thank you! Bob DeMasters

Interested in serving in the music or tech ministries at First Church?

As we begin a new ministry year, now is the perfect time to join!

If you enjoy singing, playing a musical instrument, or would be interested in helping out with sound/slides/video, please contact Worship Coordinator Kyle, at kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org. No previous experience is required for tech team. We're looking for people of all ages. Hope to hear from **you!**

Children In Worship

With fall around the corner we will be returning to our regular *Children in Worship* rotation. As many of you may have noticed, we have a LOT of children participating in the CIW program this year! Because of this, we have decided we need one teacher/leader, 1 adult helper, and 2 youth helpers each Sunday. We believe it is so important to plant the seeds of the Gospel in our young children, that we are asking for your help! If you are willing to either teach or be an adult helper, please contact Kelsie Ruter at kelsieruter@gmail.com, and specify what you would like to do. Even volunteering for 1 or 2 Sundays each semester would be of tremendous help! Thank you!

1st CRC Paint-A-Thon on Saturday, September 30!

First Church will be partnering with Brothers Redevelopment to help paint homes for seniors in our community. More details on times and locations to follow. Please contact deacon Chad Nibbelink (chad@brothersredevelopment.org) with questions or to volunteer!