

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ August 25 ~

10:00am - Long Scraggy Worship & All Church Celebration,
Pastor Joel preaching, offering is for the General Operating Fund of First CRC

Monday – August 26th -

7:30-3:30 – Classical Conversations Home School Group

6:30pm Count Committee in rm. 24

7:00pm Children's & Youth Ministry leader orientation

Tuesday ~ August 27th

1:30-3pm ~ Staff Meeting in rm. 21

Wednesday ~ August 28th

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

Thursday ~ August 29th

Friday ~ August 30th Library

Saturday ~ August 31st

1-3pm – Stamp Class in rm. 13/14

Sunday ~ September 1

Monday ~ September 2 Labor Day

Tuesday ~ September 3

7:30am – 3:30pm – Classical Conversations Home School Group

Enjoy a break this Sunday, August 25th

Long Scraggy Worship Service ~ no volunteers required.

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cal Van Heukelem & Anne Buteyn

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, September 1st

Children in Worship: Briana Van Andel, Jon Dyhr, Ari Waanders, Natalie Roberts

Nursery Leader: TBD – 1 leader & 3 helpers needed

Camera: Mieke Waanders Lyrics: Gabe Zoetewey Sound: Jon Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Fred Ritsema & Cathy Van Donselaar

Coffee: Jeremy & Karen Waanders

Our First Family Night is on for September 4th:

Mark your calendars for first & Third Wednesdays

5:45pm ~ Dinner is served in Fellowship Hall

6:30pm ~ Activities for everyone

✚ Nursery for the little ones with stories and playtime

✚ GEMS club for young ladies in 1st-8th grade

✚ Cadets Fathers & Sons Boy's club for 1st-8th graders

✚ Movie Club Discussion of "Green Book"

✚ Ladies Coffee Break Genesis Study in Emerson House

✚ New book studies

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

Contact Updates:

Schmitt family:

- Cheryl-change email to rccjkschmitt@aol.com
- Jerika's College address has been changed. The address on the GG Roster is no longer in service.

Mildred Schemper's new address:

Someren Glen: 5000 East Arapahoe Rd. #325B

Centennial, CO 80122

Students: If you are heading to (or back to) college, please send us an email with your current contact information for the coming school year.

Office Updates:

Please note our 2019/20 Fall C.E. Schedule has an extra Family Night on November 20th; and Thanksgiving is November 28th, 2019 (not November 21).

*We will let you know if we have any additional scheduling changes; please let us know if you need personal information updated. Website Directory edits are also in process. If you would like to update or add a photo (kids too), please send your resized (100kb) family or individual photo to connections@firstcrcdenver.org.

Church key fobs/cards: If your family has an extra key fob or key card for the church, and you are not currently leading a ministry or on Council, please turn keys into the office to be reassigned. Thank you

Missionary Celebrations:

September Birthdays

Ellen Broek:	2nd
Jonathan Cady:	15th
Sandra Perez:	20th
Caleb Starkenburg	26th
Marian Cady:	26th

September Anniversary

Victor & Sandra Perez - 28th

Council News from August Meeting:

1. Council discussed continued funding of the Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF). Council would like to emphasize the importance of financially supporting this congregation-approved fund. Look for future announcements from the Deacons.

2. Elders approved the transfer of the Christians' family to Faith CRC in Holland, Michigan.

Deacon Update:

Q. When I give to First CRC, where does my money go?

A. In general, all undesignated cash and checks goes to the General Fund. The Deacons do have designated giving Sundays to encourage giving to specific causes, but please keep in mind that designating directly on your check or envelope where you want that money to go is important. Also, you can give to any specific cause that First CRC supports (CEAF, Benevolence Fund, Brothers Redevelopment, En Gedi, etc) at any time! All you need to do is designate that fund on your check or envelope by writing it on the memo line or by "other" on your envelope.



FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

August 25, 2019 ~ Long Scraggy Ranch

*A Family of God, Living our Faith and Growing by:
Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives,
and Humbly embracing the hurting.*

Reminder: Family Night begins on **September 4th**, and continues on first and third Wednesdays, with a meal at 5:45pm and activities for everyone at 6:30pm.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before Him with thanksgiving

and extol Him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

**In His hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to Him.**

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship,

let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God

and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

*Song: *To Our God*

Litany from Psalm 36:5-9

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,

Your faithfulness to the skies.

Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,

Your justice like the great deep.

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

How priceless is Your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

They feast on the abundance of Your house;

You give them drink from Your river of delights.

For with You is the fountain of life;

in Your light we see light.

*Song: *Your Love Oh Lord*

*God's 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

Renewal

Prayer for Renewal

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

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: Kyle and Matt instrumental

Word

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon: *This I Know*

Prayer

Celebration of Baptism

Words of Instruction

Profession of Faith of Annelies Shivley

*Corporate Profession of Faith Apostle's Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

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

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.

Prayer:

Gracious God:
We thank you for the gift of Baptism.
For through this simple gift of water
You assure us that we are buried with Christ in His death,
raised to share in His resurrection, and are being renewed each day
by His Holy Spirit.

May Christ, who sank deep into death and was raised Lord of life,
keep us and our little ones in the grip of His hand.
May your Spirit separate us from sin and mark us with a faith
that can stand the light of day and endure the dark of night.
To you be all honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever, through
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Baptism of Annelies Shivley
Covenant Promises

Song: Jesus Loves Me (LUYH 709, vs 1-3)

Baptism of Kaleb Shivley

*Words of Welcome

Brothers and sisters,
we now receive Annelies and Kaleb into Christ's church.
I charge you to nurture and love them
and to assist them to be Christ's faithful disciples.
**With joy and thanksgiving,
we now welcome you into Christ's church;
for we are all one in Christ.
We promise to love, encourage, and support you
and to help you know and follow Jesus Christ.**

*Prayer

*Words of Sending

*Sending Song: *Oh How I love Jesus* (LUYH 676 vs. 1-3)

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band

Up ~ Prayer and Praise

- ❖ Praise to the Lord for healing and comfort for those battling cancer.
- ❖ Praise to the Lord for restoration from all types of surgery.
- ❖ Praise to the Lord for the coming school year, and for places to learn and grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
- ❖ Praise for provision, protection and God's providence.
- ❖ We pray for strengthened faith and renewed hope for those in recovery.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Children's and Youth Ministry Leaders - As the ministry year approaches it is time for our annual meeting. All children's teachers, and youth ministry leaders are invited to discuss ministry goals for the year and coordinate schedules and facility needs. Please plan on being at church at **7:00pm** on **Monday, August 26**. Please talk to Pastor Bret or Shirley with questions.

We are just a few weeks away from our ministry year beginning and while many of our needs have been met we have a few volunteer positions to fill. We are in need of help with GEMS, Cadets, and Sunday School. If you are interested in learning more about any of these ministries or feel called to help out, please talk to Bret Lamsma or Shirley VanHeukelem this week. Also please join us in praying for these positions to be filled.

Our movie discussion group will meet during our first Family Night on **September 4**. We will be discussing 2019 Best Motion Picture of the Year winner "*Green Book*" starring Mahershala Ali and Viggo Mortensen. For more information please contact Pastor Bret.

Men's Wed. AM Bible Study 8:00 in the Emerson House South of church, coffee is on at 7:30am. Contact: cbanheukelem@gmail.com

Men's Sat. AM Bible Study in rm 21, *every other Sat* 7AM, next mtgs. **August 31 & Sept. 14**. Contact Rod Oosterhouse: rodohouse@comcast.net

Sew & Sews: Sew & Sews is scheduled to meet next in rms. 12/13 on **September 5 & 19**. Contact Joey Vander Ark for more information: joeyvanark@aol.com

Stamp Class card ministry has been **rescheduled to August 31st**, from 1-3pm in rm. 12/13. Their lovely cards are free for your use, available on the tables near the silver message boards.

Circle of Hope is on summer break. The next meeting for this encouraging support group, for those navigating mental illness issues with a loved one, is (second Saturday of the month) **September 14th**, from 10-11:30am in rm. 21. Contact Cathy - czoetewey@comcast.net.

OUT ~ Serving & Sharing

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

What Are You Doing With Your Life? - That's not an easy question to answer. If you're a young adult, ages 19-30, Resonate Global Mission has an experience designed specifically to help you explore your calling. The Cohort is a year-long mission experience where you get to work with a grassroots ministry, live in intentional community with other young adults and explore how God can use your gifts to build his kingdom. The Cohort has opportunities in Central America, the Middle East, and Detroit, Michigan. Start exploring at resonateglobalmission.org/cohort.

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

Our next Family Promise Week has been changed to *October 20-27th*. Contact Mary Lanser or Bret Lamsma if you have any questions.

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus

Volunteers in Action Volunteers In Action Training & Support: Dinner and Discussion Thursday, **September 5, 2019** at First Christian Reformed 1814 South Emerson St. Denver. Please join VIA and Roberta Trujillo for an evening of training and support. Begin with a light dinner at 6pm followed by innovative ways to bring joy and hope into the lives of neighbors, family, or friends. Dinner and Discussion is open to everyone who is interested. To RSVP, call the VIA office at 303-713-9144 or email Sheri DeHaan at sherid@viadenver.org.

Do you want to maximize the impact of the resources God has entrusted to you? James Prichard, Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will show you how. As a member of our congregation, a confidential will planning consultation is offered to you at no charge and with no obligation. Jim will be meeting with Christian families in our area on **August 26 – August 28**. Simply call Ann Zacek at Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888.448.3040 (Ext. 121) to schedule your complimentary conversation with Jim.

Sunday, September 15, 6:00 pm, Hope Fellowship Christian

Reformed Church: On this 400th anniversary of the Synod of Dordt, Dr. Don Sinnema, retired professor of theology at Trinity Christian College, will present a "*Virtual Tour of the Synod of Dordt 1618-1619*". The Synod of Dordt dealt with the Arminian controversy over what has come to be known as the Five Points of Calvinism. The Virtual Tour will present an overview of the synod, with many PowerPoint visuals, from the perspective of President Johannes Bogerman, whom Sinnema will impersonate in full costume.

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