

## Church Calendar for the week of: August 27, 2017

**Sunday ~ August 27, 2017** Pastor Joel continues a sermon series in Acts.

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

**1:00pm** - Van Heukelem Family Reunion in the Pit Stop.

**Monday ~ August 28** *Office is closed*

**6:00pm-10pm:** S. Vicar's Training Event in Fellowship Hall

**6:30pm** - Count Committee

**Tuesday ~ August 29**

**1:00pm** - Staff Meeting in Room 21

**Wednesday ~ August 30**

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

**6:30-8:00pm** - Youth Ministry Orientation in Fellowship Hall

**Thursday ~ August 31**

**9:00am** - Sew & Sews

**Friday ~ September 1**

**9:00am** - Library Ladies

**Saturday ~ September 2**

**7:00am** - Men's Bible Study

**Sunday ~ September 3 - Labor Day Weekend** Pastor Joel is preaching

Offering is for General Fund

## Thank you to all serving THIS 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**

## Thank you to all serving NEXT Sunday, September 3rd

**Nursery:** Kelsie Ruter, Erin Reynolds, Luke Ruter, Wyatt Vermeer &  
Charlotte Reynolds

**CIW:** **TBD** ~ New schedule will be available on line in *Worship Planner*.

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

**Coffee:** Timmer **DVD Delivery:** **Grow Group 3**

**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. Coffee will be served in the foyer today in disposable cups, so you can have a cup on the way to the *Long Scraggy All-Church picnic*. Food is provided; everyone is welcome.

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## Missionary Updates:

### **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 28<sup>th</sup>

**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.

## Sermon Notes:

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

## **Order of Worship**

**August 27, 2017**

**Gathering**

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 66:1-4

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

**Sing the glory of His name;**

**make His praise glorious.**

Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!"

**So great is Your power**

**that Your enemies cringe before You.**

All the earth bows down to You;

**they sing praise to You,**

**they sing the praises of Your name.**

\*Songs:

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* LUYH 601

*Come People of the Risen King*

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

## **Renewal**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 25:4-7

O Lord, great God,

all holy, Father most gracious,

filled with mercy and steadfast love,

we are embarrassed to come before You,

for we have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways,

for we have rebelled against Your wisdom

and we have gotten into trouble,

for we have rejected Your fatherly guidance

and have gotten lost altogether.

To You belongs righteousness, O Lord,

and to us confusion of face.

Show us Your ways, Lord, teach us Your paths.

Guide us in Your truth and teach us,

for You are God our Savior,

and our hope is in You all day long.

Song of Renewal: *Lead Me Guide Me* LUYH 329

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 25 Continued  
Remember, Lord, Your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of our youth  
and our rebellious way  
according to Your love remember us,  
for You, Lord, are good.

Offering: Benevolence

Offertory: Cascade of Hope update and requests

## 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 18:1-11 pg. 1112

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Not Alone*

Prayer for Application

\*Song of Response: *O Church Arise*

## Sending

\*Sending: Hebrews 12:1-2a

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses:

Men/Boys: **Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.**

Women/Girls: **Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,**

**All: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
the pioneer and perfecter of faith.**

\*Sending Song: *My Friends May You Grow In Grace* LUYH 938 (1x)

\*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

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

Please pray for reconciliation and restoration of broken relationships. Pray that we would be equipped as peacemakers, empowered by the Holy Spirit, for the Kingdom's sake.

May the comfort and peace of Christ be with the Lameris and Zoetewey families.

We pray for Jack & Jana Vente, as Jack transitions to hospice care. Prayer and cards are much appreciated.

## Upcoming Events & Activities:

We are excited to offer a full schedule of **Adult Faith Formation Opportunities** this fall. In addition to the continued ministries of *Coffee Break* and other small groups and Bible studies, we will be offering discussion groups on both **Sunday morning and Wednesday night** for adults. On Sunday morning we will be offering a four-week class (**September 10-October 1**) called *'Professing Our Faith'* in which we will discuss some of the major foundations of the Christian faith. After that (**October 22-December 17**) we will offer a finance class put together by *Crown Financial Ministries* in which we will talk about using our earthly resources as God intended.

**On Wednesday evenings** we will be offering two opportunities at the same time (6:30-8:00 on the first and third Wednesday's each month). One class will be discussion of the book *Body and Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism'* led by Stephanie Den Braber. The other class is entitled *'Don't Invite Them to Church: Moving from a come and see to a go and be Church'* led by Bret Lamsma. Sample books and curriculum are available in the back of church for your viewing. If you are interested in attending any of these classes, **please sign-up in the foyer** so that we can order the needed amount of books. We are looking forward to growing together this year through these opportunities.

**\*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.

**TODAY Is our ALL Church Picnic & Worship Celebration at Long Scraggy Ranch** facility: 20203 Spring Creek Trail, Conifer, CO 80433 (near Pine, CO) . **Lunch** will be provided at **1:00pm** in the covered picnic area (No need to bring food), followed by a *praise & worship* time in the chapel. Free time to explore the ranch and enjoy the pool afterward.

## Requested Announcements:

**Senior Moments:** Our September event will be second Tuesday, **September 12th**. We will be joining Kay and Ed Schans for lunch at their mountain home. This will be an *all-day* event. It is a two hour drive south of Fairplay. We plan to leave the church at 9:00am. Please see the flyer for details. Remember to sign up for this event, as needed for head count for the tasty lunch Kay and Ed are providing. Questions: Betty K. 303-514-6251 or Beth P. 303-947-1085.

**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](http://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](mailto: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. 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](mailto: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!

**Cadets Boys Club** Begins Wednesday, September 6, 2017 still needs a few male leaders:**1 Coordinator** - 31 possible boys. Grades 1-3 - (11 boys) needs **1 Team leader and 1 assistant**. Grades 4-6 - 11 boys - needs **1 Team leader and 1 assistant**. Grades 7-8 - 9 boys- needs **1 assistant**.

## **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](mailto:chad@brothersredevelopment.org)) with questions or to volunteer!