

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ August 4th: Craig Broek Preaching: *The Table*

Offering: *Brother's 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.*)

Monday ~ August 5th

8:00am – Shirley's 3DM Huddle Group

Tuesday ~ August 6th

6:30pm: Senior Moments Evening Speaker Event

Wednesday ~ August 7th

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

Thursday ~ August 8th

Friday ~ August 9th

9:00am- Library

Saturday ~ August 10th

Lord's Supper ~ August 11th

Offering: Christian Education Assistance; Name Tag Sunday

Youth Group Leader meeting

Monday ~ August 12 – Count Committee

Tuesday ~ August 13 – Deacon's Meeting in the Library

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, August 4

Children in Worship: Christine Nibbelink, Julie & Sam Lamsma, Erin Youngsma

Nursery Leader: Kelsie Ruter, Hannah & Annika DeBoer, Ari Waanders

Camera: Owen Vermeer **Lyrics:** Lilli Vermeer **Sound:** Jon Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cal Van Heukelem & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: J & K Waanders/Young

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, August 11

Children in Worship: Davinia Lyon, Laurie Sanderson, Erica Bol,

Katherine Elgersma

Nursery Leader: Jessica Benson, Jill Newcombe, Adam DeBoer

Camera: Ian Reynolds **Lyrics:** Dan Addink **Sound:** Cory Vermeer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Fred Ritsema & Cathy Van Donselaar

Coffee: DenBraber/Schans **Lord's Supper Prep:** Northeast Grow Group

Welcome guests and visitors: *First CRC is happy to have you worship with us! Please fill out a Connect card in the pew pocket so we know how best to support and encourage you. Elders will be up front to talk with you and pray for you. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper next week, all Baptized believers who place their faith in Jesus alone for salvation are welcome to receive communion.*

Please note: *Pastor Joel has been in California attending class for his Doctoral program (back in the office August 6th). Please contact Shirley Van Heukelem with administrative issues, Pastor Bret Lamsma or Kyle Cooper for Worship related issues. Your new Elder/Deacon Team is a great point of contact for caring ministry.*

The Elevator is operational again and up to code, thanks to John Buteyn in collaboration with Peak Elevator!

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

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| 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:

Milton Lanser's correct number is 303-748-1812

mlanser@samiro.com; Mary Lanser's email: marylanser@gmail.com

Jon Lanser's correct number is 303-781-2120

Marv & Alice Waanders:

Marv's phone is 720-284-8379

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Mildred Schemper's new address:

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New area group rosters were distributed via your mailboxes.

Please double-check your preferred contact information. Take note of your Elder/Deacon Teams. Look forward to hearing more from them in the future about fellowship opportunities. A 2019/20 Fall Schedule is also included for your use. **We will let you know if we have any scheduling changes; please let us know if you need personal information updated. Website Directory updates are also in process. If you would like to update or add a photo (kids too), please send your re-sized (100kb) family or individual photo to connections@firstcrdenver.org.*

Count Committee Report: July 21 & July 28

Council is grateful for your faithful contributions of time, talent and treasure:

General Fund: \$28,179.00

Benevolence: 1,563.00

This was our final count for the 2018/19 fiscal year.

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

OUT ~ Serving & Sharing

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus

Volunteers in Action is looking for new volunteers for the Heart Connections program. We work with Rowan Care Facility in the Virginia Village neighborhood. In our work at Rowan we connect volunteer families and individuals with residents who are lonely and isolated, and do not receive many visitors. Our goal through this program is to foster and equip families and people of all ages to live on mission in our city. And love our neighbors and community in Jesus name. Please contact Emily Duntsch if you are interested or for more information: emilyd@volunteersinaction.info or 303-713-9144

Calling All Hikers and Backpackers - Are you up for a physical, mental, and spiritual challenge? Resonate Global Mission is seeking a hiking/backpacking intern to join a long-term missionary in West Africa as he hikes to remote villages to share Scripture with people in their local language. Staying with indigenous families along the way, you'll encounter a new culture and learn a new language. Learn more about this experience online at resonateglobalmission.org/hiking.



FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

August 4, 2019

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

Gathering

Prelude: *The Harvester*

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship: Psalm 33: 6-9

By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of His mouth.

He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;

He puts the deep into storehouses.

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*

*Psalm 65:8-13

The whole earth is filled with awe at Your wonders;

where morning dawns, where evening fades,

You call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it;

You enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water

to provide the people with grain,

for so You have ordained it.

You drench its furrows and level its ridges;

You soften it with showers and bless its crops.

You crown the year with Your bounty,

and Your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;

the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks

and the valleys are mantled with grain;

they shout for joy and sing.

*Songs:

Let All Things Now Living LUYH 5

Psalm 23 (Stuart Townend)

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Indicates where we stand. **BOLD** type indicates congregational responses.

Renewal

Call to Confession: Psalm 24:1-6

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for He founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.
Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in His holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.
They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God their Savior.
Such is the generation of those who seek Him,
who seek Your face, God of Jacob.

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be Your people,
To be a people with clean hands and pure hearts.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge the times we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us from being Your
representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of Your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Titus 3:3-7

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by
all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being
hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our
Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had
done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of
rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us
generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified
by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.
From the beginning, our Creator God had a plan to redeem His creation...

*Song of Assurance: *Across the Lands* LUYH 775

Offering: Brothers Redevelopment

Offertory

Offertory Prayer: Deacon

Word

Children in Worship Sending

Leader: Love the Lord our God

with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind and with all your strength.
And love your neighbor as yourselves.

People: **The Lord be with you.**

Children: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: Genesis 2:4-9 pg. 2

Romans 8:19-25 pg. 1133

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Guest Pastor Craig Broek, Jeanine Broek and Jenna Van Donselaar

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak* LUYH 754 (verses 1,2,4,5)

Sending

*Sending: Matthew 9, 1 Corinthians 3

“When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they
were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said
to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the
Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

*Sending Song: *I Will Follow* (Tomlin)

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Guest Preaching Team: Craig & Jeanene Broek with Jenna Van Donselaar

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band, Jack Waanders and Carol Alsum

Up ~ Prayer and Praise

*Our Persecuted Believer's prayer focus in **July and August** will be for believers in **Afghanistan, #2 on the World Watch List!** You are invited to add Sanctuary post-able articles, photos and prayers related to Afghanistan. Bring your additions, especially testimonies of God's faithfulness, to the office to be included on the prayer display. Please take a prayer sheet by the silver message board (or take a phone picture) for strategic prayer ideas.*

We praise God for innovations in cancer treatment; and pray for sustaining grace with complete healing for all who battle cancer in various forms and stages.

We ask for God's healing touch upon those recovering from surgery and recent hospitalizations. We pray for safe and sure relief from chronic pain.

We seek recovery for those we love trapped in addiction and co-dependency.

We pray for teachers, Youth and Cadet leaders and Children in Worship leaders.

We thank God for His influence upon schools, teachers, staff and students. We ask God's guidance and direction for everyone preparing for a new school year.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Our movie discussion group is returning in August! We will meet on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 to discuss the movie “The Da Vinci Code” starring Tom Hanks. Everyone is invited to join our discussion even if you've never been a part of them before. Talk to Pastor Bret for more details.

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

Men's Sat. AM Bible Study in rm 21, *every other Sat* 7AM, next mtgs. **August 17 & 31.** Contact Rod Oosterhouse: rodohouse@comcast.net

Ladies' Coffee Break Bible Study Summer Schedule:

Ladies' Coffee Break Pot Luck will be on **August 14** in the Library. Please gather at **6:00** and be ready to eat at 6:30. Contact Sharon Engel at engel8419@live.com or Betty Eyser at b.eyser@comcast.net for further information.

Sew & Sews: There will be NO Sew & Sews on August 8th as Joey will be out of town. Sew & Sews is scheduled to meet next in rms. 12/13 on **August 22.** Contact Joey Vander Ark for more information: joeyvanark@aol.com

Stamp Class card ministry meets **August 24th**, 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.

Senior Moments: Save the date: **August 6, 2019 @6:30 pm.**

Dirk Van Leenen will be speaking in our church on August 6th at 6:30. Mr. Van Leenen is from Holland. He speaks about the resistance of the Dutch people and the Dutch underground. His two books, *Resistance on a Bicycle* and *The Americans are Coming*, tell the story of how the Dutch people helped the Jewish people. He talks about their incredible faith and the amazing guidance of Christ Jesus for all of them, and still for us today. Please plan on attending, and feel free to invite friends and family. This speaker is being hosted by the Senior Moments for all who would like to come.

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

Our entire church family is invited to worship and fellowship at beautiful Long Scraggy Ranch: 20203 Spring Creek Trail, Conifer, CO 80433 on **August 25th**. *We will be worshipping together in the open air chapel at **10 am** that morning. Lunch will be served by Council following the service.* If you **need transportation**, or are **willing to provide a ride**, please notify the church office by August 16. Camping is available by reservation that weekend. Please contact Jon at **#303.838.7770**, or longscraggy.org for details.

Help Needed: If you are interested in being a part of our Cadet or Children in Worship ministries as coordinators or in any other ways, please talk to Pastor Bret. The whole congregation's prayers and encouragement are requested as we pray together for the right people to fill these crucial ministry roles.

Family Faith Formation Tip -

Family Faith Formation Tip - Fred Rogers said, “When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’” When an ambulance or fire truck passes, cultivate compassion with your kids by praying together for the people who may be hurt or sick or in trouble and for the people who are rushing to help them. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

On behalf of our Family Promise Leadership Team we wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped out over the past week as we hosted four families in our church. We had a very good week and could not have done it all without so many people helping in big and small ways throughout the week. Our next Family Promise Week is scheduled for *October 6-13*.

We could use a few more people to help finish laundry from our Family Promise hosting week. If you are able to grab a bag of laundry from the social hall, launder the contents, and bring it back to church in a week that would be great. Contact Mary Lanser or Bret Lamsma if you have any questions.