

## Church Calendar for the week of: February 19, 2017

**February 19:** Pastor Joel's King David series: offering to General Fund  
No Sunday School or CIW; Winter Break.

**Monday ~ February 20: Office closed**

**Tuesday ~ February 21**

9:00am – Senior Moments “Dream Big” at the Imax  
1:00pm - Staff Meeting  
7:00pm - Council Meeting ~ Room 24

**Wednesday ~ February 22: No Family Night ~ Winter Break**

9:00am – Ladies Morning Bible Study - Library

**Thursday ~ February 23**

**Friday ~ February 24**

9:00am – Library Ladies; YG serves at Ignite Ministries

**Saturday ~ February 25**

1:00pm ~ Stamp Class in Rooms 12/13

**Sunday ~ February 26:** King David series; offering to Calvin Seminary.

Installation of Dr. Bret Lamsma, Director of Faith Formation. Cupcake reception in the foyer, immediately following the worship service!

### Thank you to all serving this Sunday, February 19th

**Nursery:** Karen Waanders, Cheryl Schmitt, Chad Nibbelink, Hayden Posthumus, and Lilli Vermeer

**CIW:** On Break

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Ed Schans and Seri DeHaan

**Coffee:** Engelsman/Jonker

**DVD Delivery:** Grow Group 2

**Lord's Supper:** Grow Group 2

### Thank you to all serving next Sunday, February 26th

**Nursery:** Jessica Benson, Carter Sanderson, Rick Schmitt, Nancy Waanders, Andrew Van den Boogaard

**CIW:** Lions, Lions! Becky Vermeer, Lilli Vermeer, Wyatt Vermeer

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Eric Den Braber and Nancy Waanders

**Coffee:** Van Heukelem

**DVD Delivery:** Grow Group 2

**Lord's Supper:** Grow Group 2

**Welcome to all of our visitors and guests!** Please fill out a *Connect Card* found in the pews. Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available in back for kids to draw on, and return for a surprise (a return slot is in the far bottom right corner of the A-L mail boxes). Elders up front will be honored to pray with you, or answer any questions. Coffee and tea are ready for you in the Foyer. If you would like to learn more about adult or child Baptism and the Reformed faith, please call the office and set up a time to talk.

The offering today is for the general day-to-day operations and facilities of First Christian Reformed Church per the pre-approved 2016/2017 Budget.

### **Family on Mission Workshop: Fri – Sat., March 10-11, 2017**

*Early Bird Registration of \$35/person is available through March 4th.*

Those who seek to follow Jesus and live out His calling often feel pulled between their family and their mission. Some people have felt they have to choose between family **OR** mission. Others have tried to juggle family **AND** mission. Instead, Jesus shows us that we are meant to live as a family **ON** mission. In this Friday-Saturday workshop, Bob and Pam Rognlien share practical ways of understanding how vital biblical principle of Family **ON** Mission can be lived out in your family.

Scholarships available; contact Shirley: [shirley@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:shirley@firstcrcdenver.org) Nursery for babies, and a separate group for grade-schoolers. A suggested charge of \$5 per child per session (Fri evening, Sat am, Sat pm) - if you need it for all 3 sessions the suggested charge is \$15 per child. No one will be turned away because of cost and there will be a cap for large families.

**When:** Friday, March 10, 2017 at 6:30 PM - Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 4:30 PM

**Where:** Calvary Church  
1320 Arapahoe Street  
Golden, CO 80401

**How Much:** \$35/person when registered prior to March 4<sup>th</sup> (\$45/person after March 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Register online:** [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-on-mission-workshop-denver-tickets-30971535697?mc\\_eid=86221d803f&mc\\_cid=32a3702416](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-on-mission-workshop-denver-tickets-30971535697?mc_eid=86221d803f&mc_cid=32a3702416)

### Office Updates:

Our Council has been encouraging your staff to contact members who do not have a photo up on the First CRC website membership directory. Since we have been enjoying the fellowship of all, and welcoming individuals and families new to Denver, new to the neighborhood and new to our church family, we are hoping to get photos of everyone posted by Easter. We are excited that people are finding our church through this wonderful website!

Our desire is for everybody who has been part of our fellowship to be able *to put a face with the name* of those celebrating, seeking and sharing abundant life in Jesus here at First. If you had a photo taken, and you do not see it has been posted, we may need to *re-take or re-size* previous photos you had taken (or sent in).

### Three options:

- 1.) Take a "selfie". Log in with your email address and post your own picture.
- 2.) Email a photo to [connections@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:connections@firstcrcdenver.org) and we will upload it for you.
- 3.) Call first, and stop by the office between **9am-3pm**, Tuesday through Friday, for a quick picture and a website walk through. We are happy to help you navigate our terrific web-site! *If you have not yet had opportunity to visit our site: Our First CRC website address link is: <http://firstcrcdenver.org>*

**When you reach the web site Welcome page, the log-in is in the top right corner. Click Login and type your current email address into the Username or email field. If you have never logged in, or forgotten your password, click on the red line [Forget your password?](#) So we can reset this for you with emailed instructions. If you get stuck, call and/or come by the office and we'll figure it out together! If you do not use a computer, that is okay too, just keep reading your *Connections* bulletin every Sunday and we will do our best to keep you informed!**

*For those of you who have IT or database expertise: Web images (pictures) shouldn't be larger than around 300kb and roughly 1000x1000 in dimensions -- that should be the largest. A good size for these images would be 600x600 trying to get the file size to be between 40-150kb.*

### **First Christian Reformed Church**

**Email:** [connections@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:connections@firstcrcdenver.org) #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



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

**Order of Worship  
Gathering ~**

**February 19th, 2017**

Prelude

Welcome

Processional with Silence

Call to Worship

God of goodness and grace,  
we long for Your presence,  
for the peace Your promises bring,  
and for the assurances we have received  
through the gift of Your Son.

**May we, your people,  
this day, and every day,  
have open eyes to see  
and open ears to hear  
Your presence among us.**

Open us to Your Holy Spirit, Lord,  
and prepare us for worship. **Amen**

\*Songs:

*Open the Eyes of My Heart* LUYH 537  
*Holy, Holy, Holy* LUYH 538 vs. 1,3,4

\*Prayer of Adoration

Lord God,  
We love you.  
We trust you.  
We believe in you.  
We know that Jesus loves us and died for us.  
We know that You never leave us.  
Today, we celebrate together  
Because of everything You have done for us!

\*Song: *Across the Lands* LUYH 775

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

## Renewal

Call to Confession: Psalm 130

**Out of the depths I cry to You, Lord; Lord, hear my voice.**

**Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

**If You, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?**

**But with You there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve You.**

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: *Your Mercy Flows* LUYH 700

Assurance of Pardon and Guide for Grateful Living:

\*Song of Thanksgiving: *Beautiful One* LUYH 607

\*Guide for Grateful Living: Romans 12:1-3

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

## Word

Prayers of Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: 1 Samuel 25:1-39 pg. 293

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *The Beauty and the Beast*

Prayer for Application

Song of Response: *Lord, Make Us Servants* LUYH 904:1,3,4,5

## Sending

\*Sending:

You are God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,

**Therefore, we will clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.**

Bear with one another and forgive each other.

**We will forgive, just as the Lord has forgiven us.**

Do not repay evil for evil.

**We will do all we can to live at peace with everyone.**

Do not be overcome by evil.

**Instead, we will overcome evil with good.**

\*Sending Song: *Let it Be Said of Us*

\*Blessing

Postlude:

Ministers of the Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Musicians: First Church Band & Choir

Accompanists: Barb Hogan

## Prayer and Care for God's People

We lift up **Jana and Luke Monroe** and family, as they grieve the passing of Jana's mother, Louise K. Larsan, and plan a memorial service at First CRC for **Saturday, March 18 at 11:30am.**

We pray for those recovering from recent knee replacement surgery; and those scheduled for up-coming knee replacement.

Pray for a speedy recovery for **Sonja Sander** from a broken foot.

**Gertrude VandeBrake** is so grateful for the support she gets from 1st CRC, especially for the wonderful visits, heart-felt prayer and cards. Gertrude would like continued prayer for her son who is battling cancer.

Let us pray together for traveling mercies for **Kyle Cooper**, as his return flight from California was cancelled, causing frustrating delays on his return trip to Denver.

**Prayer for Persecuted Believers:** Our current focus will be on praying for **Christians facing Islamic extremists**, beginning with the countries of **Iraq and Syria**. Please see the Silver Connection Board in the Foyer for a map and specific prayer points (take a phone picture).

## Groups and Activities:

**Mom's Playgroup:** A new schedule is in the works; so contact [alliechristians4@gmail.com](mailto:alliechristians4@gmail.com) to include your email on the contact list.

**Twenty Somethings Group:** The twenty-somethings of First CRC and Hope Community Church meet **Tuesdays at 7:15pm** at 1826 S Emerson St. Denver (house next to First Church). We are studying Romans, and would love for you to join us! Email [kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org).

**The Hymn Study small group** will meet on **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00pm at: 3306 South Emporia Court 80231. Please join us, and contact Henry Zoetewey: [h-zoetewey@att.net](mailto:h-zoetewey@att.net) for study materials. We consider different hymns each week, pray together and often sing or listen to music selections to equip us to receive the love we have in Jesus.

**Senior Moments:** Reminder, today, **Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>** is the last day to sign up for our IMAX event. Plan to leave the church at 9:15. Show starts at 10:30. Details please see the flyer. Please call with questions: Betty K. [303-514-6251](tel:303-514-6251) or Beth P. [303-947-1085](tel:303-947-1085).

**Families of School-Age Children:** Christian Education Program Do your children attend Christian Day School? First CRC invites you to partner with us in investing in your children's faith-based education by covering a portion of tuition. Enroll in the Christian Education Program at First CRC **before March 12<sup>th</sup>**: <http://tiny.cc/cep2017>

Questions? See one of the CEP Committee members: Keith Bol, Eric DenBraber, Sandie Posthumus, Amanda Lighthiser, or Melanie Jonker. Alternatively, contact [cepboard@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:cepboard@firstcrcdenver.org) for more info.

## Opportunities To Serve:

**Nursery:** If you are a person who enjoys shepherding our little ones in the Nursery, please contact Jenn Van Otterloo for more information on the steps to take in becoming a Nursery leader or helper.

**Cascade of Hope's winter sessions have begun.** A few more volunteers are needed: Mountain View Church: 3939 W. Florida Ave.

- The ESL classes have 65 attendees and 4 teachers; they meet from 6:30pm-8:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They could use 4 helpers who would not teach, but would be there to help the students as they practice their English-speaking skills.
- The GED class has 22 attendees and 2 teachers; they meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This class could also use a couple more helpers.
- If this piques your interest, contact Victor Perez at [Adventemb@msn.com](mailto:Adventemb@msn.com)

**Meals Ministry:** *Helping Hands* could use a few more meals to stock up the refrigerator in the kitchen when a need arises. Please label/date all meals (with instructions for re-heating), and use disposable containers.

**Stock the Food Pantry** for the Lamsma family! The basket is still down in the kitchen if you want to bring non-perishable food items to church this week to set up a well-stocked kitchen for our new Director of Faith Formation and his wonderful family.

## Requested Announcements:

**Registration is now open for the Eagle Lake Camp for kids ages 6-12:** [eaglelakecamps.com/athope](http://eaglelakecamps.com/athope). This exciting camp experience will be held June 12-16 from 9am to 4pm at Hope Community Church, 1601 S. Logan St., just 5 blocks west of our church. First Church is co-sponsoring this event with the Hope Community and Platt Park churches. The \$179 per child **registration fee has been discounted to \$79** (by a generous gift from Platt Park Church) **if you register before May 1**. Postcards with more information are available in the foyer. Take some home to share with your friends.

**Please join Youth for Christ on a "See the Story" tour of the Mt. View Youth Services Campus on Tues. March 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.** Get a first-hand look at life in juvenile detention, Understand the issues that bring youth here and how Denver Area Youth for Christ bring them hope beyond their prison walls. Please RSVP to [Claire@yfcdenver.org](mailto:Claire@yfcdenver.org) by Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> so I can get you on the "approved" list of visitors. Bring your curiosity and questions!

Mt. View Youth Services Center  
7862 W. Mansfield Pkwy  
Denver, CO 8023

**Project 1:27** Fostering and adopting in faith, is seeking a Safe Families for Children (SFFC) Program Manager. For more information or to submit a cover letter and resume, contact [eperry@project127.com](mailto:eperry@project127.com).