

Church Calendar for February 21, 2016~

Sunday, February 21~

Pastor Joel will be preaching. Offering is for the General Fund.

Monday, February 22~

Tuesday, February 23~

7:30am - 4:00pm *Classical Conversations*

7:00pm - Deacon's Meeting Room 24

Wednesday, February 24~

9:00am - Ladies Morning Bible Study

5:45pm - Family Night Meal served

6:30pm - GEMS, Cadets - Pit Stop, Coffee Break in Emerson House

Thursday, February 25~

Friday, February 26~

9:00am Library Ladies

Saturday, February 27~

1:00pm Stamp Class

Sunday, February 28~

Pastor Joel will be preaching.

5:00pm Youth Group

5:30pm Supper Club

New to First Church? - Beginning **March 13 from 11:00am - 12:00noon**, we'll host a monthly *Newcomer Welcome* lunch in the Emerson House. These lunches will be hosted by First CRC members. Staff members will be in attendance to answer questions and learn more about you. Except on holiday weekends, we'll look forward to a rhythm of newcomer lunches every second Sunday (also Communion Sundays and Name Tag days).

A sincere welcome to our guests! We are glad you are here!

Please fill out a Connect Card found in the pews and on the tables.

Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available at the tables in back.

Coffee can be found near the doors. Elders up front will pray and answer questions about sacraments, worship or whatever is on your heart.

The Offering today is for the General operating Fund of First Church.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, February 21st:

Nursery: Jessica Elgersma, Stephanie DenBraber, Paul DeBoer, Chloe Hansum, Micah DenBraber

Children in Worship: *Exile & Return*, Charys Youngsma, Carter Sanderson, Annika DeBoer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Rick Schmidt

PPT Preparation: Stephanie DenBraber

Sound: Jim DeHaan **Video:** Caleb Jonker **PPT:** Micah DeHaan

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #1

Coffee: Engelsman & Jonker

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, February 28th:

Nursery: Beth DeBoer, Jeremy Waanders, Christine Nibbelink, Lana Oosterhouse, Isaac DenBraber

Children in Worship: *Daniel in the Lion's Den*

Prayer Ministry Elders: Donn Hansum & Eric DenBraber

PPT Preparation: Jill Schreurs

Sound: Cory Vermeer **Video:** Wyatt Vermeer **PPT:** Lilli Vermeer

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #1

Coffee: Van Heukelem

Grow Groups IN learning together this week

Grow Group #1 Berghuis/Bol in Pit Stop Garage

Grow Group #2 Jonker/Lighthiser in Rooms 12/13 **downstairs**

Grow Group #3 DenBraber/Buteyn in Emerson House

Grow Group #4 Schmitt/Youngsma in Fellowship Hall

Grow Group #5 Hansum/Van Anandel in Room 31 **upstairs**

Grow Group #6 Schans/Waanders in the Library

*If you are new and want to "plug in" to a Grow Group, ask a Greeter, a Prayer Elder, Kim Csepe, or Shirley Van Heukelem for help. Any of the groups above will welcome and include visitors.

Your **FOUND ITEMS** are behind the Library in the hallway. We have several nice jackets and many miscellaneous coffee mugs, eye glasses, hats etc. in the box beneath the coat rack. Please claim your things before February 22nd. After that date, everything will be donated to Interfamily Community Services.

Donuts for a Dollar on March 6 will be to raise money for Aggie's Baby Home with FRCS students, Isaac DenBraber and Jacob Van Donselaar, and for their seed money project. They received \$1 from school that they need to "grow" to support an orphanage in Uganda. Enjoy a treat and support a good cause!

Christian Education Program Committee

On behalf of our participating families, the Christian Education Program (CEP) Committee would like to thank the Council and Congregation of First Christian Reformed Church for your faithful support. First CRC has been a dedicated advocate and supporter of Christian day-school education from the day the church was first established. This is true on both a congregational and denominational level. We thank you for your continued commitment to the CEP program.



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

Order of Worship~ February 21st, 2016

Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Gathering Song: *Across the Lands* LUYH 775

*Psalm of Praise: from Psalm 89

I will sing of Your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

**with my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness
to all generations.**

I declare that Your steadfast love is established forever;

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens!

*Songs of Praise:

O Worship the King vv. 1,3,4,5

LUYH 2

The Steadfast Love 2xs

LUYH 347

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

based on Hosea

Prayer of Confession:

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with You and with one another.

We have not loved You above all.

Instead, we have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience.

We have made idols of possessions and people

and used Your name for causes

that are not consistent with You and Your purposes.

We have permitted our schedules to come first

and have not taken the time to worship You.

We have also failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not always honored those who guided us in life.

We have participated in systems

that take life instead of give it.

We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships.

We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,

and we have misrepresented others' intentions.

Forgive us, gracious God,

and bring us back into the fullness

of our covenant with You and one another.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Assurance and Thanksgiving:
How Deep the Father's Love
Beautiful Savior, LUYH 17 vv 1,4

Offering: General Fund

Offertory

Word

Children in Worship Sending

Pastor: *The Lord is here,*
The Lord is there,
The Lord is everywhere.
The Lord is high,
The Lord is low,
The Lord is on the path we go.

Congregation: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you!

Scripture: Mark 10:1-12 pg. 1013

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *A Match Made in Heaven?* Pastor Joel Schreurs

Song of Response & Prayer of Intercession: *Healer of our Every Ill* LUYH 303

Sending

*Sending

We are the family of God,
serving Christ together in Christian community.

Single for a time or a life,
devoted to the work of God,
we offer our love and service
to the building of the Kingdom.

Married, in relationships of lifelong loyalty,
we offer our lives to the same work:

building the Kingdom,
teaching and modeling the ways of the Lord
so our children may know
Jesus as Lord,
and learn to use their gifts
in lives of joyful service.

In friendship and family life,
singleness and marriage,
as parents and children,
we desire to reflect the covenant love of God.
For we belong to God.

*Sending Song: *May it Be Said of Us*

*Blessing

Prayers For God's People

Please pray for Luke Kelly, grandson of Connie and Bill Smit, for healing from a serious throat ailment. Pray for wisdom for those treating him.

We pray peace and comfort over Curt DeVries, and for Pat Blankespoor, as they remember the life of Sadie DeVries. Sadie was 100 years old when she went to be with Jesus last Monday in Ireton, Iowa.

Please pray this week for single parent families.

First Church Upcoming Activities

A Newcomer welcome lunch will be held on **March 13** from 11:00am-12noon, in the Emerson House (next to the church – South side). Lunch is provided by the hosts and staff. If you are “newish”, visiting, or still becoming acquainted with First Church, come on over and let’s get to know each other even better! No reservations necessary.

Mom’s morning playgroup meets **Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

Kids play, while moms visit together, drink coffee and get to know each other better! To be added to the e-mail list: alliechristians4@gmail.com.

First Church men are invited to join the men of Immanuel CRC, Fort Collins, for the annual **Men's Retreat in Moab, Utah**. The dates this year are **Friday, April 29-Sunday morning, May 1**. Quite a few men arrive earlier, on Thursday. Our sites are reserved for Thursday night as well as Friday and Saturday. All First Church Men and guests are welcome. Chris Lighthiser is the contact for First Church registrations.

Supper Club

Come to eat & get to know others at Supper Club. It's an informal get-together that happens each month and all are welcome to come. It will be held on **February 28th at 5:30 pm, at the home of Joel & Jill Schreurs' (3168 S. Akron Court)**. The theme will be *foods that you love* - so bring a dish or drink that you love to make/eat to share!

Council News Items from February 16th meeting:

1. Classis Rocky Mountain will meet March 1-2 at Apex Church in Littleton. First CRC delegates will be Pastor Joel, Elder Cyndi Berghuis, and Deacon David Youngsma.
2. Jonathan Cady provided an update to Council about his new position with Christian Reformed World Missions as a missionary to China. He will be teaching theology and leadership skills in China churches. Jonathan will join us at our February 28 worship service to provide further information on how we can support this ministry.
3. A proposal to repair the flat (leaking) portions of the church roof was approved. Insurance fully paid for the peaked portions of all church buildings, but does not cover the flat roof. As this expense will exceed the annual appropriation for Building and Grounds maintenance, a special fund raising effort will be pursued. More information will be provided when firm costs are negotiated.
4. A provision was added to the Christian Education Program (CEP) directing that Council shall review the financial position of First CRC at the close of each fiscal year in August. In the event that expenses have not been met, the Council may decide to reduce CEP funding, and any change adopted by Council would take effect immediately.

Missions Update

Youth For Christ: Continue to pray provision, protection, partnerships and the providence and presence of God over **Claire Froehlich** and the youth she serves and cares for.

Prayer items for Jonathan and Marian Cady:

Next Sunday, February 28, Jonathan and Marian Cady will be worshipping with us. During the worship service Jonathan will give us a brief update on his education at Calvin Theological Seminary and his partnership with Christian Reformed World Missions. There will be an opportunity after the service, during Grow Groups, to learn more about his present work and his future plans in China.

The Table: Seed starting time is here. The Table needs your help collecting 15-20 translucent milk jugs. A collection bin is available in the Foyer on Sundays: February 21 and 28. Please wash jugs thoroughly. Thanks for your resource-raising support! Craig and Jeanine Broek

Requested Announcements

Do you want to maximize the impact of the resources God has entrusted to you? Regardless of the size of your Estate, your age or stage in life, **Jim Prichard**, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will show you how. As a member of our congregation, a confidential Estate Planning consultation is offered to you at no charge and with no obligation.

Jim Prichard will be meeting with Christian families in our area from **March 15-March 16, 2016**. Just call **Deb Harder at Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888-448-3040 to schedule a conversation with Jim**. To help you get started, you may also request a free special report titled “Top 10 Estate Planning Mistakes or Misconceptions” by simply sending an e-mail request with “Top 10” in the subject line to info@barnabasfoundation.com.

Save the Date: Volunteers in Action will hold its spring fundraising **“Servants Dinner” on Sat. evening, March 19** at the Arrowhead Golf Course event room. Mark your calendar. Everyone is invited!

Spring Theater Event for Joshua Station. Save the date for our **Spring Theater Event, March 31, 2016 featuring the Musical Ragtime!** For more details: milehighmin.org/springtheaterevent.

Bethany Christian Services of Colorado presents “Smokey Joe’s Café” on April 5, 6 p.m., at the Town Hall Arts Center, 2450 W. Main St., Littleton. More details to come. Sponsorships are available and welcome – contact Carol Willis at (303) 241-8651 or cwillis@bethany.org

Host Homes Needed for Dorcht Concert Choir Students
Host homes are needed for the nights of **Saturday March 12 and Sunday March 13**. Students will need to be picked-up on Saturday evening March 12, returned to Third CRC on Sunday morning March 13 at 8:30 AM for their participation in morning worship; lunch will need to be provided; then returned again to Third at 4:00 PM for set-up and rehearsal for their 6:00 PM Concert at Third CRC (supper will be provided at Third for that evening meal); then back to Third on Monday morning March 14 at 8:00 AM. Contact Gladys DeRidder #720.331.5890 gderidder@clcmail.org.