

Church Calendar for week of: February 25th, 2018

Lent 2: Lord's Supper Sunday ~ February 25th:

Pastor Joel preaching; Offering is for *Wajaro* Foundation. Sunday School resumes.

3-5 Youth Group Downtown; then back to church for de-brief.

Monday ~ February 26: Office is Closed

6:30pm - Count Committee

Tuesday ~ February 27th:

1:00pm - Staff meeting in rm 21

6-9pm - Vicars' training in Fellowship Room

Wednesday ~ February 28th:

6:30pm - Coffee Break in Emerson House

Thursday ~ March 1st:

9-11am - Sew & Sews in 12/13

Friday ~ March 2nd:

9-11am - Library ladies

Saturday ~ March 3rd:

7:00am - Men's Bible Study in rm 21

GEMS Splash party at Apex center

Lent 3: Lord's Supper Sunday ~ March 4th

DDF Bret Lamsma is preaching. Sunday School. Offering for World renew DRS.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, February 25th:

Children in Worship: Kelsie Ruter, Aaron Elgersma, Lilli Vermeer,

Gracie Hansum

Nursery: Christine Nibbelink, Joey Vander Ark, Mieke Waanders & Eli Vermeer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Nancy Waanders & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: DeBoer/Kats **Lord's Supper Prep: Grow Group 5**

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, March 4th:

Children in Worship: Briana Van Andel, Luke Ruter, Charlotte & Eli Reynolds

Nursery: Becky van Vliet, Jacob Van Donselaar, Chad Nibbelink, Hannah Grafton

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Buteyn **Lord's Supper Prep: Grow Group 6**

Welcome guests and visitors. Elders are available up front to answer questions and pray. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and fellowship are served in the foyer! It is Lord's Supper Sunday, and all baptized believers who place their faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to participate in the Sacrament.

Preparing Children for participation in the Lord's Supper: Our Pastors have provided some teaching tools for you in the form of a *Lending Library* in the foyer. Three sources are available for take-home study with parents. Please sign the books out, do the lessons at your leisure and return the books within 10-14 days so another family can learn together.

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday ~ Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

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Out~

Eagle Lake Camp - We are again partnering with Hope Community Church and Platt Park Church to bring Eagle Lake Camp to the Platt Park neighborhood this summer. Camp will take place at Hope Community Church from **June 11-15**. All of the information and registration can be found at <https://eaglelakecamps.com/camp/athopechurch/>. Scholarships are available. For any other information talk to Pastor Bret today.

Serve & Support

A reminder that you are cordially invited to the **Volunteers in Action Servant's Dinner, Saturday evening, March 17!** Pastor Shawn Sikkema of Jesus on Colfax Ministries will be our guest speaker sharing stories of *The Power of Supportive Relationships*. If you would like to join us, please return your invitation reply or rsvp to the VIA office at [303-713-9144](tel:303-713-9144).

You are invited to a Tavern *Dine to Donate Day* benefitting **Platt Park Children's Center** at Tavern Platt Park, [1475 S. Pearl St., Denver, 80210](https://www.plattparkchildrenscenter.com), on **Monday, February 26**. Look for a flier in your church box.

Save the Date: PPCC Silent Auction, **April 13, 2018**, more info to come.

Thank you for your support!

Cheryl Schmitt/Director

Platt Park Children's Center

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Update on Pastor Joel's Fuller Theological Seminary doctorate studies program giving and pledges. To date we have raised \$11,895 in funds and \$11,050 in promised pledges for Joel's doctorate program fees. This puts us nearly fully funded, at 92% of the projected five-year total cost. Thanks to everyone for their generosity in giving. Please contact any staff, council member, or earmark on your check or offering envelope if you wish to give or pledge anything over the coming months and years.

Missions Updates

Sarah Baker/Wájaro Foundation Offering - February 25

Today, **February 25**, our offering will be for Sarah Baker in her mission work with the Wájaro Foundation in Colombia. This non-profit organization seeks to build up the indigenous church and people (the Wayuu) with two main goals:

- 1) to strengthen and equip the Wayuu church to work toward the collective wellbeing of the Wayuu people
- 2) to promote the holistic training and formation of Wayuu pastors and leaders through literacy and theological education initiatives

See Sarah's the letter in your mailbox for more information on her work. Cash offerings on the 25th will go toward this mission.

Please make checks out to First CRC: Sarah Baker or Wájaro Foundation in the memo line. Thank you!

Update: En-Gedi Children's home and Margaret Njuguna: February 2018 Newsletter is at the Missions table. With three new little girls now, Margaret cares for 7 girls and 8 boys, all with varied physical and mental capability. En-Gedi staff is seeking short-term volunteers and occupational therapy interns to adequately care for the children, even as they love and care for one another. Margaret asks us to partner with her in praying for:

- Travel plans for upcoming Canada, and First CRC (May 6th) visits.
- Qualified help, including students from Calvin, or other Christian schools with Physio or Occupational therapy.

Margaret extends a warm welcome for us to attend the official inauguration of the En-Gedi Children's Home **July 7**; she will be visiting us here at First CRC in May.

Living The Cross-Shaped Life



Second Sunday of Lent, February 25th, 2018

The season of Lent (February 14-March 31) is a time when we focus together on the cross of Jesus and reflect on what it means to follow a crucified Lord. As a part of our worship during this special season, we will be celebrating the sacrament of communion each Sunday. At First CRC, all baptized believers--regardless of age--are invited to receive this sacrament as a gift of nourishing and sustaining grace. While we encourage God's children of all ages to find creative ways to prepare for worship each week, picture and activity books may be an especially helpful resource for parents and younger children. Materials to borrow, like "At the Table" are now available for you in the foyer. If you have other questions about receiving communion, or would like to be baptized, please do not hesitate to contact a pastor or elder.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional

*Call to Worship: Colossians 1:15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

For by Him all things were created:
**things in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,**
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things have been created by Him and for Him.

Christ is before all things,
and in Him all things hold together.

And Christ is the head of the body, the church;
**He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything He might have the supremacy.**

For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Christ,
and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,
**whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through His blood,
shed on the cross.**

*Songs:

*All Glory Be To Christ
Cornerstone*

*God's Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession: Col. 1:21-23

Prayer of Confession and Prayer for Intercession

Assurance of Pardon: Col. 2:13-15

*Song of Assurance: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* LUYH 693

Offering: Wajaro Foundation - Sarah Joy Baker

Offertory

Word

Children in Worship Dismissal

Leader: 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.

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

Children: **And also with you.**

Scripture: Colossians 3:22-4:1 p. 1184

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *The Cross and Your Day Job*

Prayer for Application

Table

Words of Institution

Rev 19:6-9

Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

"Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,

and His bride has made herself ready.

Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear."

Then the angel said to me,

"Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!"

And he added, "These are the true words of God."

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit

Distribution songs:

Jesus Messiah

Revelation Song

Sending

*Sending: From Colossians 3 and *Our World Belongs to God*, Art. 48

Jesus Christ is Lord!

We offer our lives--and our work

To the Lord who offered His life for us

And who worked for our salvation.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.

Our work is a calling from God.

We will work for more than wages

And manage for more than profits.

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the

Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Whatever we do--

Homework and housework

Office work and factory work

The work of our hands and the work of our minds

Work that is seen and work that is unseen

Work that is paid and work that seems unappreciated--

We offer it all to Jesus.

It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

May we bring joy to Him in all that we say and do

So that one day, we might stand before Him and hear the words,

"Well done, my good and faithful servant."

*Sending Song: *Take My Life and Let It Be* LUYH 863 (verses 1,2,4,6)

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band

Accompanist: Hannah DeBoer

Up ~ Prayer

Our First CRC Congregational Prayer focus for persecuted believers during **January and February** is on **Somalia**. *See the display on the silver connection board and the accompanying pink prayer sheets with specific requests on the adjoining table.*

From the Vermeer family: We are very thankful for our church support of prayers, words of encouragement and helping hands throwing a hammer or lifting trusses during our move.

Our new address is:

63011 E CR 50

Byers, CO 80103.

Google maps hasn't located us yet. The best way to find us is by *googling*:

CR 89 and East CR 50, Byers, 80103

Becky- 303-946-0599, Cory-303-598-8846, Carol- 720-732-0417.

Kerwin Van Wyhe will be having surgery on Monday morning to repair an abdominal aortic aneurysm. The surgery will be at Banner Heart Hospital in Mesa, Arizona. Please remember Kerwin and Fran in your prayers:1101 South Ellsworth Rd. #568 Mesa, Az. 85208

We pray together for Chris Vanden Broeke, scheduled for upcoming surgeries (beginning Monday) to remove melanoma on his foot, and then to rebuild foot area with plastic surgery. We pray for wisdom for his medical team, successful surgery and recovery. Pray for his children who are caring for him while he is non weight-bearing.

Edna Houtkooper was home-bound, without a wheelchair, for 8 weeks this winter. She would like to thank everyone at First CRC for cards, prayers and visits. A special thanks goes out to Pastor Joel Schreurs, Elder Anne Buteyn, Beth Posthumus and Darrell Hogan. Thank you to the youth who brought supper and visited.

In ~ Events & Activities

High School Youth Group Sunday night. We plan to go downtown to hand out a few items to the homeless people that we see there. We have some warm hiking socks, some soft granola bars and we might make a couple thermoses of hot chocolate to warm some hands. We will **meet at church at 3 pm**, go downtown for a couple hours and then be back at church around 5pm to eat and talk about our night. We should wrap up around 6 pm. Note the different times for this meeting.

Women's Night out ~ Tuesday, **March 6th**, 7-9pm: Please join us for a night of Bunko. Don't know how to play? Come anyway; it is an easy game to learn! Sign-up sheet is on the game table in the back of the foyer. Please RSVP early so we can plan accordingly.

Save March 24th for a quiet **Lenten Prayer & Reflection** time utilizing inspired art work, depicting stories of our dear Lord Jesus in fellowship with Mary, Martha and Lazarus at Bethany. Plan on 9:30am-11:30am, with "stone-soup" lunch afterward for those who can stay. Email Rebecca@firstcrcdenver.org if you would like to participate through: Scripture reading, prayer, worship or a brief devotion.

Senior Moments: Due to inclement weather, we have rescheduled the **IMAX movie "Jerusalem" to March 27th**. Please contact: Betty K. 303-514-6251 or Beth P. 303-947-1085 with questions.

First CRC Choir will become seasonal in 2018, with a block of rehearsals for 4 Sundays: **February 25th-March 18**. We invite anyone who may enjoy singing to come to choir. We'll be trying out some new music styles this season. **February 25th**, we will be meeting in the Emerson house at 11:00am. kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org

Next Family Night Meal is Wednesday, March 7th at 5:45pm:

Meal is served until 6:30pm. Enjoy fellowship from 6:30pm to 8:00pm:

- GEMS girl's club rm 12/13, Cadet boys in Pit Stop, for 1-8th grade.
- Nursery available downstairs for ages 5 and under.
- Movie Discussion group in the Library on the movie *Wonder*.
- On 3/07 Elders will meet in rm 24.
- *Discover Prayer* with Coffee Break Women's Bible study in Emerson House next to the church.

Do you love movies? Do you enjoy discussions on ethics? We will be offering a discussion group, led by Director of Faith Formation, Pastor Bret Lamsma, during Family Nights entitled "Film and Ethics." *Wonder* is our next movie for discussion.

Dordt students with P.L.I.A. will be our First CRC over-night guests from **March 10-16**. They will be staying on-site, providing support to Brother's Redevelopment projects around the city. We pray for their safe travel and look forward to worshipping together on **Sunday, March 11**. *The students have an open meal time on Monday evening March 12th, if anyone wants to host 8-10 students for an evening meal.* Please contact Chad Nibbelink.

Songs of the Cross will be our **March 25th** Grow Group Sunday focus. If you have a favorite song about the cross and possibly a story to go along with it, contact Pastor Bret (bret@firstcrcdenver.org) or Pastor Joel (joel@firstcrcdenver.org).