

## Church Calendar for the week of: February 26, 2017

**February 26:** Pastor Joel preaching on Mark 4; offering to Calvin Seminary. Installation of Dr. Bret Lamsma, Director of Faith Formation, Sunday School Cupcake reception in the foyer, immediately following the worship service!

**5:00pm** Youth Group is Bowling with Bret

**Monday ~ February 27: Office closed**

**Tuesday ~ February 28**

**1:00pm** - Staff Meeting

**7:15pm** - Twenty-Somethings Bible Study at Emerson House

**Ash Wednesday ~ March 1: Family PM (Joey Vander Ark & Henry Z.)~**

**7:30am** - Men's Morning Huddle in Emerson House

**5:45pm Family Night Meal and Worship:** Bret & Kyle leading a special worship

time at 6:30pm for Lent. **Club 68 meets!** Family Night Nursery: Anne Buteyn

**Thursday ~ March 2: 9:00am** Sew & Sews sewing group in Rooms 12/13

**Friday ~ March 3: 9:00am** Library Ladies

**Saturday ~ March 4 \*Dordt PLIA Group** staying at First through March 10

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

**Next Sunday ~ March 5:** Pastor Joel Preaching; offering to World Renew DRS.

**11:00am** World Renew Information time: Carol Bremer-Bennett, Sunday School

If you have worked on a DRS team, please wear your green shirt to church on March 5. If you can't find your shirt, contact Shirley Van Heukelem to see if we have any extras. Thanks!

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

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

**Education Hour Nursery:** Becky & Cory Vermeer

**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**

## Thank you to all serving next Sunday, March 5th

**Nursery:** Beth DeBoer, Erin Reynolds, Cory Vermeer, Kristin Jensen,

Jr. Helpers: Charlotte Reynolds and Angelina Schmauder

**Education Hour Nursery:** Keith & Christy Bol

**CIW:** Follow Me, Karen Waanders, Annika DeBoer, Micah DenBraber

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Cyndi Berghuis & Rick Schmitt

**Coffee:** Buteyn

**DVD Delivery:** **Grow Group 3**

**Lord's Supper:** **Grow Group 3**

**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. Coffee, tea and cupcakes are ready for you in the Foyer.

**The offering today is for Calvin Seminary:** Since 1876, Calvin Theological Seminary has faithfully prepared leaders who nurture disciples and serve the church.

## 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 26th, 2017

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Processional

\*Song: Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

\*Psalm 103:2-5

Praise the Lord, my soul,  
**and forget not all His benefits—**  
who forgives all your sins  
**and heals all your diseases,**  
who redeems your life from the pit  
**and crowns you with love and compassion,**  
who satisfies your desires with good things  
**so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

\*Song: Come Thou Fount LUYH 521

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

## Installation of Bret Lamsma

The Announcement

The Introduction

The Instruction

**The Questions:** Dear congregation of Christ, we ask that you respond to the following questions with "We do, God helping us."

1. Do you in the name of the Lord accept Bret as a Minister called to serve among you? **We do, God helping us.**

2. Do you promise to support and join Bret in the task of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ? Do you promise to join Bret in ministering to the youth by your own service and prayer? Do you promise to join him on the lifelong journey of becoming more like Christ by participating in and supporting various opportunities for faith formation? **We do, God helping us.**

\*Indicates when the Congregation will stand; **BOLD** text will show when we respond out loud.

3. Do you promise to pray for Bret, sharing in the work of this ministry, to encourage Bret in the exercise of these tasks, and to respond to this work with obedience, love, and respect? **We do, God helping us.**

**The Charge and the Blessing** ~ Readers for Charge: Matthew, Allie, Nolan

**The Prayer**

\*Song: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

## Word

Children In Worship Sending:

*Delval, Marie-Hélène, and Arno. Psalms for Young Children. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans for Young Readers, 2008. Print.*

**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.

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: Mark 4:26-29 pg. 1005

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *A Gardner in God's Greenhouse*

Prayer for Application

## Sending

Song of Response: *Holy Spirit Living Breath of God* LUYH 746

Offering: Calvin Seminary

Offertory: *The Church's One Foundation*

Offertory Prayer: Deacon

Sending: John 15

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches"

**If we remain in Him and He in us, we will bear much fruit.**

No branch can bear fruit by itself, it must remain in the vine.

**Apart from Jesus, we can do nothing.**

God is glorified when we bear much fruit.

**The fruit that we bear is the sign that we are His disciples.**

\*Sending Song: *My Friends May You Grow In Grace* LUYH 938

\*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper

Musicians: First Church Band, Accompanists: Christy Bol

## Prayer and Care for God's People

Please pray for **Mildred Schemper**, transitioning to a new facility.

She is now residing at *Brookdale Meridian* in Englewood:

3455 South Corona Street, Room 320 B

Englewood, CO 80113 #303-762-2120. We lift up Rich and the family as they continue their loving support and care.

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 and orthopedic surgery.

**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.

Please pray for the **Zoetewey** and **Engel's** families as they mourn the passing of Larry, Ron and Sharon's brother, who died on February 11. Services will be planned for later in the Spring. May the Lord continue to comfort and uphold our dear friends. Ron returned home Friday, after being hospitalized with pneumonia.

**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:

**Youth Group TONIGHT: Sunday night Bowling with Bret!** Join us at church at **5:00pm** to go bowling and get to know the new DFF, Bret Lamsma. We will eat pizza after church, so plan on 5-7pm. The van will leave church by 5:10pm. See you then!

**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).

**World Renew Director, Carol Bremer-Bennett**, will be joining us next **Sunday, March 5**, during our worship service and during the Sunday School hour. Please join her in the sanctuary for a World Renew informational time from **11am to noon**. The offering on March 5 will be for Disaster Response Services, an arm of World Renew that responds for the long term when disasters strike here and around the world. DRS Team Members wear your green shirts! Contact Shirley if you need one.

**CEP: Christian Education Program informational meetings~**

Learn more about the commitment First Church has to Christian Education. Attendance at one of these meetings is *required* to participate in academic year 2017-2018: Sunday, **March 12 or April 9** from 11-11:30am in the Emerson House, or Wednesday, **April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7pm in the Council room**. Enroll in the Christian Education Program at First CRC **before March 12th:** <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 on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings at Mountain View Church: 3939 W. Florida Ave. 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.

**Volunteers In Action:** is requesting volunteers for the following clients:

1. Sweet & very conversant 85 year old lady would like someone to push her in her wheelchair outdoors. She lives at Heather Gardens.
  2. Lonely & lovely 78-year old lady, would love to go for lunch, coffee or simply sit and talk. She lives at Cathedral Plaza, a Catholic Charities facility at 15<sup>th</sup> Ave & Pennsylvania.
  3. Young 31 year old blind woman would appreciate help with reading mail and grocery shopping; near Colfax/Havana/Dayton .
- Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to this ministry of mercy. Contact Kelli Schuttinga at **VIA: 303-713-9144**

## 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).