

## Church Calendar for week of: February 4, 2018

**Sunday ~ February 4:** Pastor Bret is preaching, and the first offering is for the General Fund. The second offering today is for Pastor Joel's Doctoral program at Fuller Theological Seminary.

*A pledge form is available, or you can make checks out to First CRC, note: Fuller Seminary in the memo line. Cash in the second offering will go toward Pastor Joel's tuition; undesignated checks will go toward the General Fund.*

**Live Justly** class for adults will meet today from **11-12noon** in the fellowship hall downstairs immediately following worship.

**Monday ~ February 5: Office is closed.**

**Tuesday ~ February 6:** \*Kyle Cooper on vacation-2/13

**1:00pm** – Staff meeting in room 21.

**Wednesday ~ February 7: Family Night**

**9:30am** - Women's Morning Bible Study

**5:45pm** – Family Night Meal

**6:30pm** – Coffee Break in Emerson; Movie study Group in rm. 21

**6:30pm** – GEMS in 12/13, Cadets in Pit Stop, Elders in rm. 24

**Thursday ~ February 8:**

**6-8pm** – Holy Yoga/Bible Study in rooms 12/13

**Friday ~ February 9:**

**9-11am** - Library ladies

**Saturday ~ February 10:**

**9-12n** – Pit Stop open for Pinewood Derby preparations.

**10:00am** – *Circle of Hope* in rm. 21 (support for caregivers of mentally ill)

**Lord's Supper & Name Tag Sunday – February 11:**

Pastor Joel is preaching; offering is for Joshua Station.

**11:30am** - Grow Groups at various locations.

**5:00pm** – Youth Group to prepare college student care pkgs at church.

**Monday – February 12:**

**9:30am** Prayer for Persecuted Believers in rm 12/13.

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**Thank you to all serving this Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>:**

**Children in Worship:** Allie Christians, Laurie Sanderson, Annika DeBoer, Ari Waanders

**Nursery:** Briana Van Andel, Nancy Waanders, Hannah DeBoer

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Nancy Waanders & Anne Butyen

**Coffee:** Cadys

**Thank you to all serving next Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>:**

**Children in Worship:** Eileen Ruter, Noah VandenBoogaard,

Ali Schroder, Chloe Hansum

**Nursery:** Kelsie Ruter, Dale Sanderson, Torre Blohm, Charlotte Reynolds

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

**Coffee:** Schaefer/Schuttinga

**Welcome guests and visitors.** We are so glad you chose to worship with us today. Elders are available up front to answer questions and pray. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and fellowship are served in the foyer!

*Save the Date for our next Newcomer Welcome Lunch on February 18, 2018 in the Emerson House next door. Meet the staff, enjoy a casual free lunch and allow us the privilege of getting to know more about you!*

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**Missionary Birthdays:** Birthday cards are available in the foyer on the tables next to the silver message boards, compliments of the Stamp Class.

**For February**

Claire Froehlich - February 4<sup>th</sup>

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## Out ~ Serve & Support

**Volunteers In Action** seeks help for a woman living near downtown Englewood, who is isolated and has health issues, desiring a companion to exercise, take walks and be a friend. Please consider calling Donn or Kelli at: [303-713-9144](tel:303-713-9144) for more information on this great opportunity to serve someone in your community in Christ's name.

Volunteers in Action is thankful for the faithful volunteer service of Delton Sas and Dave Monsma, who store and distribute items for VIA's *Durable Medical Equipment Loan Bank*. Currently we are in need of **good used wheelchairs**. If you a wheelchair to donate, please call the VIA office at [303-713-9144](tel:303-713-9144) to arrange a pick up or you can drop off at Fortna Equipment, 2985 S. Wyandot, Englewood, CO.

Also please, **Save the Date**, for Volunteers in Action's *Servants' Dinner* to be held, Saturday evening, **March 17 @ Arrowhead Golf Course**. Everyone is invited!"

*Donn Hansum*

Director

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[www.volunteersinaction.info](http://www.volunteersinaction.info)

**On February 11, the Youth Group will be making care packages for college students** of First CRC and we need your help! If you have anything that would help put a smile on someone's face who is far from home, like: candy, individually packaged crackers or other salty snacks, small knick knacks, gum, etc. would be perfect. Please drop your items off in Pastor Bret's office by February 11. Please send *any address updates* for your students as well, and if you have any questions feel free to email Ryleigh at [ryleigh.newcombe@gmail.com](mailto:ryleigh.newcombe@gmail.com). Thank you in advance!

## ***Would you like to host our February newcomer welcome lunch?***

*Enjoy fellowship following worship from 11-12 on 2/18 with staff and newest attenders. Welcome new people and help staff by preparing food for approximately 15-20 guests (expenses reimbursed). Staff will set up and clean up. Call Rebecca for details #303.733.4936.*

**First Christian Reformed Church:** 1814 South Emerson Street

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

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Shirley Van Heukelem: Programs & Office Admin. ext. 104

Kyle Cooper: Worship Coordinator ext. 103

Bret Lamsma: Director of Faith Formation ext. 105

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

## Order of Worship

February 4, 2018

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

Call to worship: Isaiah 55:1-2

Come, all you who are thirsty,

come to the waters;

**and you who have no money,**

**come, buy and eat!**

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without cost.

**Why spend money on what is not bread,**

**and your labor on what does not satisfy?**

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,

**and you will delight in the richest of fare.**

\*Song: *Come Away From Rush and Hurry*

\*Reading: 1 Kings 8:56-58

Praise be to the Lord, who has given rest to His people Israel just as He promised.

**Not one word has failed of all the good promises**

**He gave through His servant Moses.**

May the Lord our God be with us as He was with our ancestors;

**may He never leave us nor forsake us.**

May He turn our hearts to Him,

**to walk in obedience to Him and keep the commands,**

**decrees and laws He gave our ancestors.**

\*Songs:

*Psalm 146*

*I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness/Tu Fidelidad LUYH 371*

\*God's Greeting

People of God,

From where does your help come?

**Our help comes from the Lord,**

**the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Grace, mercy and peace be yours in the name of the Triune God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

## Renewal

Call to Confession: Proverbs 3:5-6

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, you said, "If you love Me, you will obey what I command."

**Forgive us for the times our love is lukewarm and we are disobedient.**

Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in My name."

**Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.**

Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

**We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.**

Lord, you said, "If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

**Forgive us for the times we have wandered, and not remained in You.**

Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with Me."

**We confess, Lord, that we have too often been silent.**

Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

**Forgive us the times we have failed to love those around us. For these sins, and those we have not named, we ask your forgiveness. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession/Assurance: *Softly and Tenderly* LUYH 615

Offering: General Fund and Continuing Education for Pastor Joel

Note: Please make **all checks** out to First CRC. For contributions to Pastor Joel's Doctoral studies, please note *Fuller Seminary* in the notation line.

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.**

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: Mark 1

Sermon: *Good Busy*

Prayer for Application

\*Song of Response: *Take O Take Me As I Am* LUYH 741

## Sending

### \*Postlude

Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship: Barb Hogan, with First CRC Band

*First CRC has a group of women that faithfully and confidentially pray for your requests. If you are in need of prayer support, email Cyndi Berghuis at [Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org), or Marj at [mddeboer@juno.com](mailto:mddeboer@juno.com)*

## 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.*

We pray for Rev. Harry Van Dam, former minister at the Christian Indian Center in Denver, now in hospice care in Edgerton, MN. If you would like to send a card, the address is: P.O. Box 79, Edgerton, MN 56128

We pray for Ken & Barb R., First CRC member's relatives, for a successful heart procedure and complete recovery. We ask God's mighty, gentle hand to guide the surgeons and medical team.

## In ~ Events & Activities

**Upcoming Family Night Meals are Wednesday, February 7th & Wednesday, February 21st at 5:45pm:**

**This week's** Family Night meal is served until 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

- At 6:30pm - Nursery, GEMS girl's club rm 12/13, Cadet boys in Pit Stop garage.
- 2/7 Elders meet in Room 24; on 2/21 Council will meet in rm 24.
- Coffee Break Women's Bible study continues in Emerson House next door. *Discover Prayer* will be the next Bible study series.

**Do you love movies?** Do you enjoy discussions on ethics?

Beginning **February 7**, we will be offering a discussion group during Family Night entitled "Film and Ethics." We will meet in Room 21 (Green Room) from 6:30-8:00. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Bret.

**Women's AM Bible Study:** February 7 @9:30am in rm 12/13

**Holy Yoga/Bible Study:** February 8 @6pm in rm 12/13

**Pinewood Derby Prep:** February 10 @9am in Pit Stop Garage

**Youth Group College Care Pkg. Prep:** February 11 @5pm at First CRC

**Deacon's Meeting:** February 13 @6:30pm in rm 24.

**Sew & Sews Sewing Group:** February 15th @9am in rm 12/13

**Newcomer Welcome Lunch:** February 18 @11am Emerson House

**Senior Moments:** Next Event February 20 @ 1pm "Imax" Denver Museum Sign up by 2/18 on Silver message Boards.

**Grow Group Meal** locations for **February 11th @11:00am**

GG #1 Newcombe's Home: 2158 South Clarkson 80210

GG #2 Jonker's Home: 3690 E. Dartmouth Ave. 80210

GG #3 Church Basement: 1814 South Emerson 80210

GG #4 DeMaster's Home: 2102 Green Oakes Ln. 80121

GG #5: *To be determined*

GG #6 Schreurs' Home: 4632 West Oxford Ave. 80236

*Your Elder/Deacon Teams will contact you with further details.*

## Council Report

Recently, Pastor Joel discussed with Council his desire to pursue an on-line Doctor of Ministry degree at Fuller Theological Seminary. This will be a five-year commitment.

Our Council unanimously agreed with his decision and decided to have the congregation share in support of furthering Pastor Joel's education.

We will take an offering this Sunday, **February 4<sup>th</sup>**, to cover the cost of this program. The cost is \$25,000.00 for the five years. We will accept pledges as well as donations in the offering. Pledge forms are at the back table and available from the deacons.

Council invites all of us, as we are able, to share in giving to, and celebrating with, Pastor Joel's worthwhile undertaking.

**2017 Contribution Statements:** Our Treasurer, Chris Lighthiser, put everyone's **2017 giving tax receipts** in their church mailboxes. If you have any questions about your contribution statements, please contact the office.

## Other ~

**Platt Park Children's Center invites you to:**

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

**Christian Education Program (CEP) participants:**

Emails have been sent by the CEP committee regarding your participation in the CEP program for the upcoming 18/19 school year. Please read and fill out the application form included in the email. If you have not received the email or need additional information, please contact: Karen Waanders, Nolan Vander Ark, Melanie Jonker, Keith Bol or Sandie Posthumus.

**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.

**Justice Bible Study - Calvin College** is offering a Bible study on the theme of justice for 7 weeks, beginning on February 1. Seven different writers from the Calvin and wider church community have addressed such topics as race, pro-life, creation care, and poverty from a biblical perspective. All studies are available for download (pdf) at [www.calvin.edu/faith](http://www.calvin.edu/faith). At Calvin, we equip students to think deeply, act justly and live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world. This study looks at what "act justly" really means. Join us!

**See your church mailbox** for the latest Library Newsletter!

**Circle of Hope** is our church family's support group for those navigating daily life with a loved one struggling with mental illness. We meet on the second Saturday of the month (next group on 2/10), in room 21. Cathy Zoetewey is the contact person [czoetewy@comcast.net](mailto:czoetewy@comcast.net). New people are welcome and appreciated.