

## Church Calendar for February 7-14, 2016~

### Sunday, February 7~

Pastor Joel Schreurs will be preaching. Carter Buys' Baptism

Offering today is for General Fund. **Grow Groups OUT Serving**

**11:00am: Make curb bags and learn about homelessness Rooms 12/13**

### Monday, February 8~

**7:00 - 9:00pm** Margaret Zigterman's Family Visitation - Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, February 9~

**11:00am** - Margaret Zigterman Memorial Service & lunch reception

**7:00pm** - Nursery Committee in the Nursery

### Wednesday, February 10~Ash Wednesday Worship

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

**9:30am** - Ladies AM Bible Study in Rm 24

**5:45pm** - Family Night Meal served

**6:30pm - 7:00pm** Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary

**7:00pm** - GEMS, Cadets - Pit Stop, Coffee Break in Emerson House

**7:00pm - 8:00pm** ESL Conversation Group - Rm 12/13

### Friday, February 12~

**9:00am** Library Ladies

### Saturday, February 13~

10:00am - Circle of Hope

### Sunday, February 14~ Name Tag Sunday & Lord's Supper

Pastor Joel will be preaching. Offering is for Joshua Station.

**1:00-4:00pm** Joshua Station Valentine's Day Party

**5pm** Youth Group Meeting. **Grow Groups OUT!**

**A sincere welcome to our guests!** We are glad you chose to worship with us. On Communion Sunday, 2/14, we invite all baptized believers in Jesus Christ to the Lord's Supper. **Please fill out a Connect Card** found in the pews and on the tables. Children will be dismissed to worship (downstairs) designed for their age. Parents are welcome. **Coffee & Cookies** (provided by the Buys family) are **in the foyer!** Elders up front will pray and answer questions about sacraments, worship or whatever is on your heart today. **The Offering today** is for the General Fund, to provide for the daily operations, administration and facility needs of First CRC.

#### Thank you to all serving this Sunday, February 7th:

**Nursery: Charys Youngsma**, Christy Bol, Jeff Christians, Josh Youngsma, Leah Monroe

**Children in Worship: The Temple** Charys Youngsma, Carter Sanderson, Hannah DeBoer

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Donn Hansum & Eric DenBraber

**PPT Preparation:** James Timmer

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

**DVD Delivery:** Grow Group #1 Cyndi Berghuis & Keith Bol

**Lord's Supper Prep on Feb 14:** Grow Group #1 Berghuis/Bol

**Coffee:** DeBoer/Kats

#### Thank you to all serving next Sunday, February 14th:

**Nursery: Eileen Ruter**, Anne Buteyn, Dan Addink, Gabrielle Vance, Logan P.

**Children in Worship:** ON BREAK

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Cyndi Berghuis, Joel Jonker

**PPT Preparation:** Jill Schreurs

**Sound:** David Schans **Video:** Isaac Jonker **PPT:** Brett Van den Boogaard

**DVD Delivery:** Grow Group #1~**Lord's Supper Prep:** Grow Group #1

**Coffee:** Schaefer/Schuttinga

## Grow Groups OUT Serving this week

### Sunday February 7 - Upcoming OUT options for February:

In the coming week, there are several opportunities to get involved

- Sign up to be on a handy persons list for different projects for people in, or connected with, the congregation.
- Help with a Valentine's Day party for Joshua Station on 2/14.
- Make curb bags TODAY, learn how to respond to homelessness.
- Attend an interactive class with Claire Froelich on *Understanding At Risk Youth* 2/14 at 11:00am.

*Sign ups are in back of the Church & on back of the weekly devotional.*

### Use Your Baking / Crafting Skills to Support the Valentine's Day Party from 1-4 on February 14<sup>th</sup> at Joshua Station.

Baked goods or homemade items (something crocheted, knitted or finely crafted such as pot holders, blankets, bracelets, etc.) are needed as prizes for a game at the Joshua Station Valentine's Day party. *Please drop off items in Kim Csepe's office by 11:00 am on Sunday, Feb. 14th.*

**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!

### Count Committee Report: 1/17, 1/24/1/31

The Council is grateful for your faithful commitments of time, talent and financial support:

General Fund: \$32,498.97

Cascade of Hope: \$464.95

En-Gedi: \$656.18

*Next Scheduled Count Committee meetings are 2/15 & 2/29.*

### Save the Date! June 13-17, 2016 for Eagle Lake Camp

Eagle Lake Camp is coming back to Hope Community Church in the Platt Park neighborhood this summer. We will be partnering with Hope CC and Platt Park Church once again to offer this excellent summer day camp for children 6 - 12 years old. More information about registration, scholarships, and ways to volunteer will be available in February.



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Order of Worship~ February 7th, 2016

## Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome and God's Greeting

\*Song: *We Will Extol You, God and King* vs.1,2,4

LUYH 562

Litany of Praise:

Psalm 90

Lord, **You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.**

Before the mountains were born

or You brought forth the whole world,

**from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

Truly, You are our dwelling place through all generations.

**Truly, You will be our dwelling place forever!**

\*Song: *Forever*

LUYH 578

\*Profession of Faith:

Lord's Day One

\*Song: *Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

LUYH 708

\*Mutual Greeting

## Celebration of Baptism

Words of Institution and Instruction

Presentation & Covenant Promises

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Carter Paul Buys

Congregational Promises and Prayer: *Baptism of Children* LUYH 786

Lord our God, forever faithful to Your promise, we thank You for assuring us again that You will forgive us and receive us as children of Christ.

**Grant wisdom and love to the parents and to us all, as we carry out the vows we have just made.**

**We pray that You will guide our little ones throughout their lives.**

**Enable them to respond in faith to the Gospel,**

**Fill them with Your Spirit and make their lives fruitful.**

**Give them strength to endure trials.**

**And when Christ returns, let them celebrate with all the people of God**

**Your greatness and goodness forever in the joy of Your new creation.**

**Amen**

Song of Celebration: *In Christ Alone* LUYH 770

Prayer of Intercession and Gratitude

## Word

Children In Worship~

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!

Prayer for Illumination: *Spirit of the Living God* LUYH 749

Scripture: Mark 9:30-37 pg. 1012

Sermon: *What a Mess!* Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

## Sending

Song of Response: *Jesus Loves Me* vs. 1 & 3 LUYH 709  
*Oh The Deep, Deep Love* vs. 1 & 2 LUYH 796

Offering

Offertory: *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* McCracken/Indelible Grace

\*Sending Words

As God's dearly loved children, follow God's example.

**Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us.**

Live as children of the light and find out what pleases the Lord.

**The fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth.**

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.

**For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;  
His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Closing Song & Postlude: *May It Be Said of Us*

### Prayers For God's People:

Pray for Margaret Zigterman's family as they remember the life, and mourn the loss of Margaret. A visitation will be held on **Monday, from 7-9pm** at First CRC, with a **Memorial Service and luncheon on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**. Margaret was a treasure to us and will be greatly missed.

Praise God that the twin grandbabies of Barb Anema, Remi and Opal, are scheduled to come home from the hospital this weekend after 3 weeks in the NICU. Babies, and their mother Sarah, are doing well.

Please pray for healing and fresh hope for Joyce Kline, Grandmother of Riley, Karcyn and Carter Schaefer Kline. Joyce was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Pray for Jill (Rebecca's daughter) and husband John.

We want to thank the family at First Church for all of their expressions of love. Your prayers, visits, gifts and meals have made our lives much easier during the last couple of months. The cast is off and Carol should be walking by March. 'Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.' Psalm 28:7 *Walt Ackerman*

We want to thank everyone for the overwhelming support and care we received with the arrival of baby Aubrynn. Every card, visit, meal, gift and word of kindness meant so much to us and made us feel surrounded with love. Thank you!! *David, Kim and Aubrynn Csepe*

Pray for a college-aged student fighting for her life with a viral infection after traveling. Pray for William Jensen as he comes alongside the family.

Pray especially for people without shelter from the cold in our city, and for those providing essentials: safety, food, water, clothing, housing and care.

### First Church Upcoming Activities

#### **Ash Wednesday Service ~ Lent Begins**

This Wednesday, we will hold an **Ash Wednesday service** from **6:30-7:00**, after the family night meal. All are welcome to join as we begin the season of Lent together.

**Ladies Morning Bible Study** is a loving group of women who enjoy studying God's Word and living godly principles in their relationships. This Wednesday, 2/10, they will be meeting in **Room 24 at 9:30am**.

#### **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](mailto:alliechristians4@gmail.com).

**Valentine's Day Babysitting** - Due to a scheduling conflict with both leaders and youth we need to cancel our Valentine's babysitting event. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we don't have enough volunteers to make this work. We hope to reschedule in a few months. Thank you!

**The Youth Group will be going on a retreat this summer** to focus on UP and IN. We need help finding an affordable option for a mountain home/property. Do you know of someone that owns a cabin/home that would house approximately 8-12 people? Please contact Eileen Ruter #720.724.1354 with ideas or contacts of people you think might help. **Youth Group is still meeting on February 14th at 5pm at church.**

**Senior Moments: Tuesday, February 16** The Denver Museum of Nature & Science, "Chocolate Exhibit" and 30 minute "sweet tasting study" tour will be **Tuesday, February 16th**. Remember to sign up if you plan to go on this tour. See details in the flyer. Questions: Betty K. 303-514-6251, or Beth P. 303-947-1085. *If inclement weather our event may be canceled or the date changed.*

### Missions Update

#### **Missionary requests:**

Our partner missionaries at Nicaragua Christian Academy, **Liam & Jessica Starkenburg**, will be on furlough this summer and will be visiting us in June. They are looking for a vehicle to use the week of June 19. If you have a vehicle that will comfortably carry 6 people and are willing to lend it to them, contact Shirley Van Heukelem - [shirley@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:shirley@firstcrcdenver.org).

A missionary associate of the Starkenburgs with Christian Reformed World Missions, **Steve Holtrop**, will be in Colorado this coming July. He and his family are hoping to spend some time vacationing in Colorado and are looking for cottages/cabins, a van or motor home usage or rental. Contact Shirley: [shirley@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:shirley@firstcrcdenver.org) - if you know of anything.

**Pray for Cascade of Hope** as they build relationships and teach English. **ESL Conversation Group:** A few volunteers are needed for the next ESL conversation group. It will be held downstairs in rooms 12/13 on **Wed. Feb. 10 from 7-8pm** and is a chance to get to know and extend hospitality to people learning English through *Cascade of Hope* with our mission partner, Victor Perez. Email Kim Csepe ([kim@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:kim@firstcrcdenver.org)).

#### **Prayer items for Jonathan and Marian Cady –**

Pray for Marian and Jonathan as they grow in marriage, and for a continued sense of God's call on their lives to serve China. *Visiting Denver Feb. 16-28!* Thank the Lord for Jonathan's acceptance with World Missions; pray their support team will grow.

Please pray for Jonathan's passion to pursue God while finishing course work at Calvin and entering the *Missionary in Training* phase with CRWM.

**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.

### Requested Announcements

**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](http://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](mailto:cwillis@bethany.org) *In 2015, God worked through Bethany of Colorado to place 9 infants and 21 older children in loving adoptive homes. Approximately 85 children were in Bethany foster families at any given time. Supporting this event is just one way you can help us serve even more children, families, and parents in 2016.*

**Safe Church Ministry Workshop** Third CRC **April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 to 11:30 AM**. Presented by Bonnie Nicholas, Safe Church Ministry Director for the CRC. A special Invitation to all ministry leaders, especially those working with children and youth, to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to equip your congregations in Abuse Awareness, Prevention, and Response. There is NO fee for this workshop –please **RSVP by March 28<sup>th</sup>** to Kelli Herrema, Ministries Coordinator: [kellyherrema@thirdcrc.org](mailto:kellyherrema@thirdcrc.org).

#### **Families of School-Age Children**

It is time to re-enroll in the **Christian Education Program at First CRC**. A link to the 2016/2017 enrollment form is available from the **CEP Committee:** Eric DenBraber, Sandie Posthumus, Melanie Jonker, Keth Bol and Jessica Addink, contact [cepboard@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:cepboard@firstcrcdenver.org) for more info.