

# Church Calendar

## Lord's Supper Sunday ~ January 13<sup>th</sup>

Age-specific Sunday School, Name Tag Sunday  
Offering is for the General Fund  
**3-5pm** – Club 68 Ice-Skating at D.U.  
**5-7pm** – Game Night

## Monday ~ January 14<sup>th</sup> ~

**9:30am** Prayer for Persecuted Believers in rm.12/13  
**6:30pm** – Count Committee

## Tuesday ~ January 15<sup>th</sup>

### No Senior Moments in January

**1:30-3:00pm** – Staff meeting  
**5-8pm** – Home School meeting in 12/13

## Family Night Wednesday ~ January 16<sup>th</sup>

**7:30am** – Men's Breakfast Bible Study in Emerson House  
**5:45pm** – Family Night Meal  
**6:30pm** Council Meets in Rm 21, GEMS/Cadets, Movie Club, Coffee Break  
Women's Bible study in Emerson House  
**6:45pm** *Beloved of God* Yoga

## Thursday ~ January 17<sup>th</sup>

## Friday ~ January 18<sup>th</sup>

Library is staffed

## Saturday ~ January 19<sup>th</sup>

**7:00am** ~ Men's Morning Bible Study, rm. 21

## Sunday ~ January 20<sup>th</sup> Age-specific Sunday School. Offering is for Benevolence.

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Will you please email [Connections@firstcrdenver.org](mailto:Connections@firstcrdenver.org) with your First CRC meeting schedule for the New Year? If you prefer, leave a flyer or list of dates with updated contact information on the receptionist's desk. Indicate if you would like your meetings or events listed on the website calendar. We want to be certain we reserve the space you need.

## Thank you to all serving this Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

**Children in Worship:** Becky and Eli Vermeer, Katherine Elgersma and Wyatt Vermeer

**Nursery:** Karen Waanders, Hannah DeBoer, Lynn Roberts, Matthew Jonker

**Camera:** Ian Reynolds **Lyrics:** Charlotte Reynolds **Sound:** Bob Reynolds

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Dave Cady & Sheri Dehaan

**Coffee:** DeBoer/Kats

## Thank you to all serving next Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

**Children in Worship:** Jill Schreurs, Denali Schmitt, Evy Keyes, Trevin Schmitt

**Nursery:** Kelsie Ruter, Dave Cady, Davis Addink, Natalie Roberts

**Camera:** Owen Vermeer **Lyrics:** Lilli Vermeer **Sound:** Cory Vermeer

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Fred Ritsema & Nancy Waanders

**Coffee:** Young/Schuttinga

**Newcomers, guests and visitors:** Hot tea, cocoa and coffee are available in back; prayer elders are available up front to support you on your faith journey. We have *Connect cards* in the pew pockets to help us to communicate with you. We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, and all Baptized believers who put their faith and trust in Jesus for Salvation, are invited to participate.

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**Denver Christian School is a satellite location for live webinars of The January Series.** We invite you to join us for this FREE 15-day lecture series that takes place each January. The 2019 series will be weekdays, **10:30 - 11:30am** through **January 23rd** with topics such as technology and faith, the church and disabilities, restorative justice, cancer research, the #metoo movement, and so much more, by top experts in their fields.

Dear Friends:

This is the time of year for thanksgiving, reflection and planning for another trip to Honduras. This is thirteenth (13) year we have, under the direction of *Living Water International* (LWI), taken drill/hygiene teams to Central America. We are thankful for the opportunities and experiences many of us have had providing clean water for poor communities and schools.

**In 2019 we are planning another drill/hygiene trip November 2-9 in northeast Honduras. The cost for the trip is \$1950 per person** which includes transportation, food and lodging upon leaving the Houston airport. Fifty percent (50%) of the cost is due six (6) months before the trip or by May 2, 2019. The balance will be due two (2) months before our trip. Suitable passports and immunization shots are required. The age range for team members is from 14 to 88 with 14 and 15 year olds accompanied by a parent.

All applications to register must be completed on-line six (6) months before the scheduled trip. Prior to registration a security check costing about \$50 is necessary. The registration and security link for Honduras is obtained from Living Water International's Honduras Trip Coordinator, Kim Rathgeber #877 594 4426. Her email is [kim@water.cc](mailto:kim@water.cc).

We accept team members on a first come, first serve basis. Please notify me, Al Wassenaar, [awassenaar@cox.net](mailto:awassenaar@cox.net) when you register. Anyone needing more information, please call Kim or me at 720.530.0907, or go on line to LWI website [www.water.cc](http://www.water.cc) The need for clean, safe water is emerging countries still exists for over 600 million people. A high percentage of Hondurans do not have access to clean and safe drinking water. Consider joining the LWI team for a vacation with a purpose by drilling a clean water well for the poor. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Al Wassenaar at [awassenaar@cox.net](mailto:awassenaar@cox.net)

## Help Needed

Edna Houtkooper would like to hire additional help for late afternoons, from 3-5 or 4-6pm. She needs companionship to prepare her evening meals and get her ready for bed. *CNA is not necessary, but might be helpful.*

Please call Edna at #303.300.4503

**Reading the Moravian Text** together in 2019. Pastor Bret has ordered 2019 devotionals (donations to offset the cost are appreciated). Please access their web site if you would like to learn more about the history, or to receive Daily Scripture readings: [www.moravian.org](http://www.moravian.org).

## First Christian Reformed Church #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



## First Christian Reformed Church

*A Family of God, Living our Faith and Growing by:  
Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives,  
and Humbly embracing the hurting.*

## Grow Group Sunday ~ January 13, 2019 Gathering

Prelude  
Welcome  
Processional

Call to Worship: from Psalm 135

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
**sing praise to His name, for that is pleasant.**  
We know that the Lord is great,  
**that our Lord is greater than all gods.**  
The Lord does whatever pleases Him,  
**in the heavens and on the earth,  
in the seas and all their depths.**  
He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth;  
**He sends lightning with the rain  
and brings out the wind from His storehouses.**

\*Songs:

*Immortal Invisible God Only Wise* LUYH 579 (verses 1-3)  
*How Great Is Our God* LUYH 574

\*Reading: Isaiah 40:6-8

All people are like grass,  
**and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.**  
The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
because the breath of the Lord blows on them.  
Surely the people are grass.  
**The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of our God endures forever.**

\*Song: *Tu Fidelidad/I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness* LUYH 708

\*God's Greeting

## Renewal

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Song: *Be Still and Know* LUYH 907

Offering: General Fund

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

## Word

Children In Worship Dismissal

Leader: We are God's family.  
We joyfully surrender to Jesus.  
We freely share our lives.  
We humbly embrace the hurting.

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

Children: **And also with you.**

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 pg. 662

Sermon: *Right Here, Right Now*

Prayer for Application

## Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise...**

...we glorify Your name and lift our voices in joyful praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to God the Father  
that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before He suffered,  
gave us this memorial of His sacrifice,  
until He comes again...  
Therefore we proclaim our faith  
as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

Invitation

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Distribution Songs:

*Jesus At the Center* (Kyle intro)  
*In Christ Alone* LUYH 770

Communion

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.  
**Thanks be to God.**  
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sending

Sending Prayer

\*Sending Song: Doxology

\*Blessing

\*Postlude: *Jesus At the Center* reprise

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs  
Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma  
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper  
Accompanist: Christy Bol  
Scripture Reader: Erin Reynolds

## Up ~ Prayer and Praise:

*Our Persecuted Believer's prayer focus will be for the country of **Yemen** during January/February. Please look for a prayer sheet by the silver message board with two prayers written by Yemen believers. Yemen Christians are being denied food and water relief distributed by local mosques in conjunction with Islamic State.*

**Annelies Shively** would like to thank everyone for all the expressions of sympathy and cards after the death of her mother, Trudy. She especially appreciated the kind home visit from Pastor Joel and support of Coffee Break.

**Aubree**, neighbor of Henry Zoetewey, has returned home. Please continue to pray for full recovery for this precious child.

Please pray for **Jana Vente**, hospitalized following a fall and hip injury.

We continue to pray for sustaining grace for **Jack and Jean Allen** and family.

We lift up **Doug Buys**, and the family and friends of Rita, as they move through the grieving process.

*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 [ceberghuis@earthlink.net](mailto:ceberghuis@earthlink.net) or Marj at [mddeboer@juno.com](mailto:mddeboer@juno.com).*

## IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

**Club 68** will be meeting today from **3-5**. We will be ice skating from 3:15-4:15 and will return to church for dinner before we end at 5pm. Please be to church a few minutes before 3pm so that we can be to the ice skating rink on time.

Our **High School Youth Group** is meeting **tonight from 5-7pm** for a night of games and fun.

**Family Night 2019** kicks off this Wednesday, **January 16<sup>th</sup>**, beginning with a home-cooked meal served at **5:45pm** (donations are always appreciated). Adult and children's programs and activities will begin at **6:30pm**. First CRC Council will meet at 6:30pm. If you are new to First Church, come hungry to check out this casual night of fun and fellowship. Nursery provided! Our **movie discussion** group will resume meeting that night. Our next movie up for discussion will be *"The Truman Show"* starring Jim Carrey. If you have any questions about our discussion group please talk to Pastor Bret.

**Men's Morning Bible** study meets routinely Wednesday mornings at **7:30am** in the Emerson House (next door) with breakfast. Please contact Kyle Cooper [kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org), or Cal Van Heukelem [cal@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:cal@firstcrcdenver.org) if you would like to *plug-in* to a Men's study.

**Men's Saturday morning** group meets every other Saturday at **7:00am** in room 21. Next meeting is **January 19<sup>th</sup>**, for Bible study, fellowship and prayer: [rodohouse@comcast.net](mailto:rodohouse@comcast.net).

**Ladies Morning Bible Study** will meet **23rd, 2019 at 9:30am**, in Room 12/13 for a study of *Ecclesiastes*. Please contact Walt Ackerman if you have any questions: **#303-916-5246**.

**Coffee Break Ladies Bible Study** will meet every **Wednesday evening** at **6:30pm** in the Emerson House next to church. Contact Betty Eysler #303.770.6949, or Beth Posthumus: [beth@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:beth@firstcrcdenver.org).

**Beloved of God Yoga:** Christ-Centered, Restorative and Strengthening. **Every Wednesday night at 6:45**. Contact Pamela Hansum at [dphansum@q.com](mailto:dphansum@q.com) for questions.

**Sew and Sews** will meet **Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 9-12noon**, with coffee time at 10:30am. This faithful fellowship sews for local hospitals and global mission organizations. They plan to meet every other Thursday in the New Year. Contact Joey Vander Ark if you would like more information: [joeyvanark@aol.com](mailto:joeyvanark@aol.com)

## OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by

### Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Do you have the gift of *Hospitality and welcoming* others? We would love to have a few more people on the coffee committee, and to greet visitors! This is a great way to become involved at First CRC (low time commitment of about 1 hour every 6-8 weeks). Call or email the office for details [connections@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:connections@firstcrcdenver.org)

### Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

**Families of College Students:** The First CRC staff would like to update our College student's mailing address list in order to encourage and pray for the students in our faith family. Will you please email: [connections@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:connections@firstcrcdenver.org) with the current address, email and cell number for your student? We can also add them to our *Mail Chimp* list if they would like to receive Connections Newsletter electronically.

**GEMS** would like to invite any women who have been involved in GEMS or *Calvinettes* over the years to celebrate **GEMS 60th anniversary** with a Birthday Party on **January 30th**. More details to come. If you have any pictures or memorabilia we could put on display the night of the Birthday Party please contact Julie Lamsma at #209-985-3622 or [julie.lamsma@gmail.com](mailto:julie.lamsma@gmail.com).

### Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

**Volunteer Overseas** - Are you looking for ways to help end poverty, restore creation, and reconcile relationships? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program has overseas placements for individuals in language learning, health, agriculture, engineering and more. If you are identifying God's call in your life or looking for an opportunity to use your gifts and skills, let's further God's kingdom together. To find out more, contact Andrew at [globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net](mailto:globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net).

### Family Promise Update:

We are beginning to collect twin sheets and blankets for us to use as we host Family Promise at our church. **Our first host week will be April 7-14** and we hope to have **50 full sets of twin size sheets and blankets** in stock for the beds our guests will be sleeping on here at church. Please bring any new or gently used sets of twin size sheets or blankets to church any time. Also, **please pray for our leadership team as we meet on January 23** to continue planning for our first host week. If you have any questions about Family Promise please talk to Pastor Bret any time.