

Church Calendar for the week of: January 22, 2017

Sunday ~ January 22, 2017

Pastor Joel is preaching; Offering is for JAMLAC; OUT options presented.
11:00am: Age-specific Sunday School, Catechism and Choir
Education Hour Nursery: Jenn & Eric Van Otterloo

Monday ~ January 23

1:30pm – Supervision group meeting in the Library

Tuesday ~ January 24

1:00pm - Staff Meeting
7:15pm – Twenty-Somethings in Emerson House

Wednesday ~ January 25: Family Night (Deacons/Ketih Bol)

7:30am – Men's Huddle in Emerson House
5:45pm - Family Night Meal for All & 6:30pm: GEMS/Cadets/Coffee Break
FN Nursery: TBD

Thursday ~ January 26 *Pastor Joel, Kyle & Larry at Worship Symposium in Grand Rapids, MI through Sunday.

6:30pm: Sun Valley Youth Center OUTserving with Grow Groups

Friday ~ January 27

9:00am – Library Ladies

Saturday ~ January 28

1:00pm -3:00pm - Stamp Class: Rooms 12/13

Sunday ~ January 29

Dr. Weima Guest Preacher; Offering Benevolence
2:00pm Canterbury Gardens; 5-7pm – Youth Group Documentary

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. Elders up front will be honored to pray with you, or answer any questions. Coffee and tea are ready for you in the back of the church

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, January 22nd

Nursery: Jessica Addink, Christy Bol, Torre Blohm, Erin Youngsma
CIW: David & the Giant, Jill Schreurs, Ari Waanders & Mikaila Bol
Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Rick Schmitt
Coffee: Schaefer/Schuttinga
DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 1**

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, January 29th

Nursery: Briana Van Andel, Caleb Jonker, Henry Zoetewey, Ann Rajewski, Mieke Waanders
CIW: A Little Jar of Oil Kelsie Ruter, Carter Sanderson, Noah Van den Boogaard
Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan
Coffee: Heersinks
DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 1**

Now is your chance to help the Nicaragua team preparing to serve the families on Mission in Central America through Nicaragua Christian Academy and related ministries. Lovely gift packages of baking items are available in the foyer. These are pre-baked packages with instructions for making: Biscotti, spicy pumpkin or cranberry bread, and delicious warm ginger spice muffins for your families, or as a good-neighbor gift. All proceeds will go to offset the cost of Missionary Kid's VBS!

Mission Opportunities:

Family on Mission Workshop: Friday - Saturday, 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 and reproducible ways of understanding how the vital biblical principle of Family **ON** Mission can be lived out in your family.

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 4th (\$45/person after March 4th)
Register online: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-on-mission-workshop-denver-tickets-30971535697?mc_eid=86221d803f&mc_cid=32a3702416

This workshop is for everyone – single adults, empty-nesters, families with small children, college students, those with teenaged children, etc. Small groups and church leaders of all kinds are encouraged to participate.

Cascade of Hope:

Victor Perez is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with: *English* as a second language, *Group Citizenship*, *Computer Basics* and *GED mentoring*. ESL meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning **February 7 at 6:30pm**. Computer Basics/Group Citizenship/GED classes all meet Wednesdays, beginning **February 8th at 6:30**. Classes are at Mountain View Community: 3939 W. Florida Ave.

Prayer for Persecuted Believers: Our new 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**).

Serve Abroad this summer: Are you interested in serving overseas this summer? You can lead English camps in Lithuania or Asia, an adventure camp in Romania, or visit the Holy Land. Visit crwm.org/Summer2017

First Christian Reformed Church

Email: connections@firstcrdenver.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
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*Celebrating, Seeking, Sharing
abundant life in Jesus...*

Order of Worship January 22, 2017

Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome

*Call to worship: Deuteronomy 32:3-4

Oh, praise the greatness of our God!
He is the Rock, His works are perfect,
and all His ways are just.

**A faithful God who does no wrong,
upright and just is He.**

*Songs:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness LUYH 348
Tu Fidelidad/I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness LUYH 371

*Psalm 13

*Song: *Blessed Be Your Name* LUYH 343

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Prayer of Confession:

When our sight is blurred by sin and we wander off the path
Be our vision, O Lord of our hearts
When we look to the ways of this world for guidance
Be our wisdom and our true word
When our desire for material wealth and stability
leads us away from You
Remind us that You are our inheritance, now and always
When our fear prevents us from following You
**Remind us that through You, High King of heaven,
our victory is won.**

Song of Confession/Commitment: *Be Thou My Vision* LUYH 859

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Assurance: *Stronger*

Word

Children In Worship Sending: *Parents and guardians are always welcome!*

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: 1 Samuel 20:1-17, 24-34, 41-42 Pg. 288

Sermon: *It's Complicated* Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *By Faith*

Offering: JAMLAC~ *Our offering today is for the Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Clinic, or JAMLAC. JAMLAC is a part of Mile High Ministries, and works to provide holistic support and legal representation to those struggling with poverty and oppression within the Denver Metro Community.*

Offertory Prayer

Sending

*Sending Song: *Hear our praises*

*Sending
Keep alert,
stand firm in your faith,
be courageous, be strong.
Let all that you do be done in love.

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper
Musicians: First Church Band & Accompanist: Jack Waanders

Prayer and Care for God's People

We are truly blessed with a wonderful church family who showed Christ's love to us in so many ways during our first holiday season without our mother. We appreciate your many cards, calls, visits, treats, and prayers. Blessings! *Joal and Karen Ham*

Please pray for Emily Hansum as she leaves for a semester abroad in Barranquilla, Columbia. Pray for safety, growth and a really good semester.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ² **for kings and all those in authority**, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. 1Timothy: 2:1-6.

First Church Opportunities to Connect and Serve

IN-volve Yourself in an OUT!!

Another opportunity to SERVE in one of our January/February OUT activities.

1. Sun Valley Youth Center: THIS Thursday, January 26th 6:30-9:00pm
We will be steam cleaning their food room, hanging a light and organizing some year-end donations. Volunteers also have the opportunity to go swimming with the kids at the local rec center before the cleaning project begins. Contact: chadnibbelink@firstcrcdenver.org

2. Meals for Mullen High School students - Sheri DeHaan's ministry to students who would go without lunch, needs people willing to cook and bake meals. Times TBD. Contact: sheridehaan@firstcrcdenver.org

3. Canterbury Gardens - Sunday 2:00pm, January 29. Relational visits with the residents at a Medicaid Assisted Living Facility in Aurora. Families with children are welcome. Email Kelli: frippermom@gmail.com

Senior Moments: In the planning stages for our upcoming events for Spring/Summer. Save **Tuesday, February 21st** for The IMAX theater at the Denver Museum. "Dream Big", Exploring Engineering in our World. Details in flyer, January 29th.

Hospitality: Making coffee and serving cookies is an easy way to stay connected, meet new people and increase the "friendly factor" at First Church. If your family would like to do this one Sunday every quarter, call the office at #303-733-4936. *If you are already on the existing Coffee Team, please confirm your 2017 dates by emailing the office* ~ Want to write an article about the ministry of hospitality and how it strengthens our faith? Contact Shirley Van Heukelem.

Our multi-talented Worship Coordinator is looking for a few good *techies* to help run sound and video on Sunday mornings and for special events. Would you like to receive sound board training at First Church? Contact Kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org

Council News:

The Council met this past Tuesday.

- Rev. Dirk van der Vorst met with Council to give a report on his work as a chaplain at Denver Health. Please join us in praying for Dirk as he carries out this important, and often difficult work.
- The memberships of Dave and Pat Blankespoor have been transferred to Calvary CRC in Edina, Minnesota. We wish them God's richest blessings as they join another fellowship.

Council is grateful for the work that Troy Newcombe has been doing as our Treasurer over the past few years. His 3-year term is set to end this July, and we would like to find a replacement in advance of July to allow time for training. If you have an interest in serving in this capacity, or questions on what is involved, please reach out to Troy Newcombe for more details.

Bret and Julie Lamsma will be on their way mid February; leaving California the week of February 12th to head for Denver. Continue praying for their transition.

Groups and Bible Study Opportunities in 2017:

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.

During Family Night on Wednesdays, a women's Bible study and fellowship group called *Coffee Break* meets in the Emerson House (next door to church) at 6:30pm following our meal time, served from 5:45-6:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Beth Posthumus #303-947-1085.

Ladies Morning Bible Study meets in the Library, under the instruction of Walt Ackerman for Bible Study and prayer support. This lovely group is on break until February. If you are interested, contact Walt #303.494.4571.

A small group meets once per month on Sunday to study God's Word and the application for our lives. Contact: Betty Eyser #303-770-6949

On specific Thursday nights, a small group is meeting bi-monthly to **study** favorite hymns and discuss the theological and personal application from **Scripture concepts** the hymns teach us. Led by Henry Zoetewey

Men from First Church gather every other Saturday morning, in Room 21, for a *Bible Study* and prayer time. Contact Rod O. #303-471-9370.

There are small group studies meeting off-site throughout the year. If you would like to start one, or join a small group already in process, please call the church office #303-733-4936 and speak to Shirley Van Heukelem.

Spiritual Disciplines Audio Bible Study - Prayer, fasting, study, solitude...spiritual disciplines through which God transforms our lives that we might be more like his Son, Jesus. Groundwork is offering an in-depth, audio Bible teaching series examining these essential discipleship practices. It's great for personal, family, or group study. Get it free with when you subscribe at GroundworkOnline.com/SpiritualDisciplines.

Requested Announcements:

We are hosting an open house at Denver Christian School on Monday, January 23 and we'd love to get the word out! Come and tour the school, talk with the teachers and get an overview of what a Christian education at Denver Christian looks like. If you know families that are looking for a Christian school, will you please pass this information along to them?

2017 January Series - Continues **through January 24 at 10:30 MT. Denver Christian School hosts** the live feed webcast. For more on speakers, topics, remote sites and listening options visit the website at www.calvin.edu/january.

Do you want to maximize the impact of the resources God has entrusted to you? Jim Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will show you how. As a member of our congregation, a confidential Estate Planning consultation is offered to you at no charge and with no obligation. **Jim Prichard** will be meeting with Christian families in our area from **February 7-February 8, 2017**. Just call **Deb Harder at Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888-448-3040 to schedule a conversation with Jim**. Request a free special report titled "Top 10 Estate Planning Mistakes or Misconceptions" by simply sending an e-mail request with "Top 10" in the subject line to info@barnabasfoundation.com.