

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ July 1st Pastor Victor Perez is preaching, CIW Summer Break today!

Offering is for the General operating fund and programs of First CRC.

Monday ~ July 2

Tuesday ~ July 3

1-3pm - Staff Meeting, rm. 21

Wednesday ~ July 4 - Office is Closed

Thursday ~ July 5

Friday ~ July 6

9:30-11:30am - Library is open

Saturday ~ July 7

Nate Tag Sunday ~ July 8: Lord's Supper

Pastor Joel is preaching, Offering is for Sun Valley. Sun Valley Youth Center focuses on transforming the lives of at-risk youth in this low-income, public housing neighborhood. Sun Valley Youth Center provides: day care, after-school care, youth development, mentoring and life essentials programs to help raise up the neighborhood's youth.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, July 1st

Children in Worship: On Summer Break

Nursery: Charys Youngsma, Dave Cady, Logan Posthumus, Mieke Waanders

Camera: Isaac Jonker

Lyrics: Aaron Elgersma

Sound: Kyle Cooper

Prayer Ministry Elders: Nancy Waanders & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Engelsman/Jonkers

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, July 8th

Children in Worship: Kelsie Ruter, Jessica Cleveland, Ali Schroder

Nursery: Becky Van Vliet, Angelina Schmauder, Aaron Buys & Dan Addink

Camera: Davis Addink

Lyrics: TBD

Sound: Logan Posthumus

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Heersinks

Welcome to our visitors! Elders are available up front to answer your questions and pray. A children's coloring/activity bulletin, called *Sweet Rewards*, can be found in the foyer. Coffee and Lemonade are set up for you outside.

Missions Update: Claire Froelich ~ YFC Denver

We have special permission to have a tour at Mt View on **Tues Aug 14th** at 3pm so I thought that might be a great time for First CRC visitors (especially Seniors): Registration

webpage: http://www.denverareayouthforchrist.com/events/see_the_story/see_the_story/ or email me at claire@yfcdenver.org or call 720-771-

0517. We do need people to **register before Friday Aug 10th**

to be approved by management.

Claire A. Froehlich, MA, CACII

Chaplain, Mt View & Betty Marler Youth Services Center

claire@yfcdenver.org

720-771-0517

Missionary Celebrations in July

Birthday:

Jessica Starkenburg - 2nd

Anniversaries:

Liam & Jessica Starkenburg - 2nd

Craig & Jeanine Broek - 30th

Council Updates:

Council met with the Christian Education Assistance Fund task force and reviewed their work. The presented plan was approved, and the Council is thankful to Roger VandenBoogaard, Kyle VanAndel, Jim Veldkamp and Keith Bol for their good work. This plan was distributed to the congregation via email a few weeks ago (a few hard copies are available in the foyer). The next step is for the executive team to set up a committee who will begin to implement the new process for the 2019-20 school year.

The Council also received an update from staff regarding some options for the continued use of the organ at First Church. We are waiting to make a decision on this matter, pending the outcome of our grant application with the CRC properties committee.

Staff shared an exciting ministry opportunity for First Church. It is called *Family Promise*, and you can read more about it [here](#). The Council is excited about the prospect of partnering with this ministry, and staff was encouraged to continue to investigate this opportunity.

As we begin the final month of our fiscal year, it was noted that we are \$30,000 below budget. The Council encourages each family to prayerfully consider giving to the general fund of First CRC so we can have a strong finish to our fiscal year.

Count Committee: 6.17 & 6.24

Council thanks all of you for prayerful, faithful giving to First CRC and the good work of the Kingdom of God:

General Fund: \$35,170.00

Benevolence: 678.00

Rehoboth School: 50.00

DRS/World Renew: 50.00

The average anticipated offering per Sunday is \$15,962.26 for the 2018/19 Budget.

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

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Kyle Cooper: Worship Coordinator ext. 103

Bret Lamsma: Director of Faith Formation ext. 105

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FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

Sunday July 1, 2018

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.*

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship: Psalm 68:4-6

Sing to God,

sing in praise of His name,

extol Him who rides on the clouds;

rejoice before Him—His name is the Lord.

A Father to the fatherless,

a Defender of widows,

is God in His holy dwelling.

God sets the lonely in families,

He leads out the prisoners with singing;

but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

*Songs:

We Will Extol You God and King LUYH 562

Lord Most High LUYH 593

*Psalm 68:19-20

Praise be to the Lord,

to God our Savior,

who daily bears our burdens.

Our God is a God who saves;

from the Sovereign Lord

comes escape from death.

*Song: *Hosanna* (Praise Is Rising)

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--we are so grateful that You truly are the God who saves us. As we sing the words "come have Your way among us," sometimes we mean them with wholehearted enthusiasm, and other times we get caught up in our own routines and plans and we question if we really do desire You to have Your way in our lives. We ask for Your grace and patience in these moments, thankful for the abundant mercy You've shown us already. In these next few moments of silence, show us the areas of our lives where maybe we haven't wanted You to have Your way. Stir in us a desire to trust You more, and give us hearts willing and ready to surrender to You, our loving and caring Father.

[*time of silence*]

Merciful God,

We thank You for Your loving guidance in our lives, and we thank You that You hear us as we pray to You. *And now we join in prayer together...*

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In Your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,

to the glory of Your holy name.

Through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Assurance: *Mighty to Save* LUYH 611

Offering: General Fund

Offertory

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Word

Scripture: Luke 22:39-46

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: *God Does Not Change*

Pastor Victor Perez

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Take My Life and Let It Be* LUYH 863

Sending

*Sending

*Sending Song: *Oh For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* LUYH 590

*Blessing

Postlude

Preaching today: Pastor Victor Perez, Cascade of Hope Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs (on vacation) Director of Faith Formation, Dr. Bret Lamsma (on vacation) Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper and First CRC Band Accompanist – Jack Waanders

Up ~ Prayer

Our Congregational Prayer Focus for Persecuted Believers this July and August is the country of North Korea, #1 on the World Watch List, as the most oppressive place in the world for Christians. Pray for freedom for entire Christian families imprisoned in hard-labor camps, where unknown numbers succumb to torture, overexertion and starvation. They ask us to pray that the love of Christ will soften the hearts of all government leaders, bringing them to a place of repentance and complete surrender to Jesus. Commit to pray through the sheet in the foyer this summer.

Don and Betty Eyser appreciate prayer for complete healing and patience, as Betty continues therapy for bone fractures after a fall.

We pray for safety, protection and relaxation for **all who are traveling** over the summer months, including the **Schreurs, Lamsma** and **Van Heukelem** families. *See the whiteboard for staff vacation schedule.*

Edna Houtkooper is doing well adjusting to Hospice care. Thank you to Pastor Joel, Pastor Bret, Elder Anne Buteyn, and Deacon Beth Posthumus for groceries. Thank you for all the prayers, goodies and especially visits!

The youth group is requesting prayer partners for the members that are attending the CSM mission trip downtown Denver. The trip is July 15-19 and we would ask prayer partners to commit to daily prayer for the student or leader that they are matched with. If you would like to give treats or notes for the person you are matched with I am sure that would be welcomed. Any packages would need to be dropped off in Bret's office by Sunday, July 15. Thank you for partnering with us! To sign up you can either email Eileen Ruter at eileenruter@gmail.com or sign up on the sign up sheet at the back of church.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

July 1 - Children in Worship ON Break Today.

July 4 - **No Elder's Meeting** on Independence Day/**Office is closed.**

July 5 – Sew & Sews in rm. 12/13

July 7 – Men's Morning Bible Study in rm. 21 at 7:00am

July 11 & 25 – Coffee Break Women's Bible Study in Library from 6-8pm

July 14 – Circle of Hope on Summer Break for July/August

July 15 – New Council member installation

July 15-19 – CSM High School Mission trip

July 21 – Men's Morning Bible Study

July 28 – Stamp Class in rm. 21, from 1-3pm

OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by:

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus: Work. Walk. Pray. - Resonate

Global Mission is seeking a hiking/backpacking intern to work alongside long-term missionaries in West Africa. Hike to remote West African villages and help bring Scripture to people in their local language. Learn more and apply at www.resonateglobalmission.org/hiking.

Freely Sharing Our Lives: Loving Your Neighbor Conference –

Join us July 30 - August 1 at Calvin Seminary for this year's Loving Your Neighbor Conference, where we will ask, from a variety of perspectives, "What Does 'Loving Your Migrant, Immigrant and Refugee Neighbor' Mean Today?" Hear from Dr. Paul Lin, professor at Vanderbilt Divinity School and this year's keynote, and a variety of other speakers whose ministries focus on migrants, immigrants, and refugees. We invite pastors, ministry leaders, and lay members to attend this conference. Registration is \$100 if you sign up before July 1. Register at www.calvinseminary.edu/neighbor.

Humbly Embracing The Hurting: How often do you use your kitchen? - Imagine living in tents during weeks of rain, without access to a kitchen (with a latrine a hike away). This is the daily reality of thousands of Rohingya refugees living outside of Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh. You can help. Please donate \$7 or more via our partner, One Day's Wages, by July 3 to have your donation matched 1:1 for this critical emergency response. Go to onedayswages.com/worldrenew to give.

Deacon Update: The Climate Witness Project (CWP) of the Christian Reformed Church was born out of the 2012 report on Creation Care to the CRC synod. The report acknowledged that climate change is occurring, and called on Christians in the CRC to consider their personal contributions to climate change as well as their responses. Since its inception in 2014, over 600 individuals, including nearly twenty here at First Christian Reformed Church have become *Climate Witness Partners* and nearly 100 congregations have at least 3 partners. In the Denver area there are nearly 100 partners. Barry Meyer of Hope Fellowship CRC is the regional coordinator and has begun to publish a bi-monthly newsletter. If you would like to learn more or even consider becoming a partner of CWP, pick up a copy at the back of church today!