

Church Calendar for the week of: July 2, 2017

Sunday ~ July 2nd - Dr. Bret Lamsma is preaching on Acts 4 and 5.

Offering is for the General Fund which maintains the day to day operations of First Christian Reformed Church.

Monday ~ July 3rd Office is closed 9-3

Tuesday ~ July 4th *Office is Closed for Independence Day*

Wednesday ~ July 5th

7:00am - Men's Morning Huddle in the Emerson House

Thursday ~ July 6th

Friday ~ July 7th

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ July 8th

7:00am - Men's morning Bible Study

10:00am - Circle of Hope in Room 21

Elder/Deacon Installation Sunday ~ July 9th

DFF Dr. Bret Lamsma continues the series on Acts. Lord's Supper & Name Tags.

Offering is for VIA: Volunteers in Action, which partners with churches and agencies to equip and enable volunteers to serve others and change lives.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, July 2

Nursery: Jessica Addink, Nancy Waanders, Lynn Roberts, Carter Sanderson, Erin Youngsma

CIW: On Break

Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric Den Braber and Nancy Waanders

Coffee: De Boer/Kats

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 7**

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, July 9

Nursery: Briana Van Andel, Alice Waanders, Jack Waanders, Chad Nibbelink, Meike Waanders

CIW: *A Wonderful Sight* Kelsie Ruter, Logan Posthumus, Hayden Posthumus

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Rick Schmitt

Coffee: Heersinks

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 7**

Lord's Supper Preparation 7/9: **Grow Group 7**

Welcome to our visitors, guests and newcomers. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. Coffee, ice cream floats and tea are served on the patio today to celebrate Independence Day! Elders are available up front to answer questions and pray with you. On **August 13th**, we will have another casual Newcomer lunch in the Emerson house with Staff, hosted by Eric and Stephanie DenBraber.

Opportunities to Travel:

Still time to sign up for a trip to the Holy Land - From August 8-18, join a team from the CRC that will enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, worship at a church in Bethlehem, and visit Palestinian Christians. Visit crwm.org/HolyLand for more information or to begin the sign-up process.

Looking for Inspiration? - Plan to join 2,000 other CRC servants at Inspire 2017, August 3-5 in Detroit, Michigan. This one-of-a-kind event is designed for people like you, who are actively serving their local congregations and communities. Be nourished by meaningful worship, be challenged by great presenters, and explore new ministry tools. Join us as we gather as CRC people to refresh, refocus, and reimagine how our shared calling finds expression in our local communities and beyond. Don't miss this opportunity. Register today at crca.org/Inspire2017. For information regarding scholarships to attend Inspire, contact Shirley Van Heukelem: Shirley@firstcrdenver.org.

Sermon Notes: "God's Grace at Work"

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*Celebrating, Seeking, Sharing
abundant life in Jesus...*

Order of Worship ~ July 2, 2017

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

Call to Worship: Psalm 98

K: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things;

S: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

L: The Lord has made His salvation known, and revealed
His righteousness to the nations.

K: He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to Israel;

S: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

L: Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth, burst into jubilant songs in music

**P: make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,**

K: with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

**P: Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.**

S: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

L: let them sing before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.

**P: He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

*Song: *We Will Extol You God and King* LUYH 562

*Song: *Revelation Song*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

***Bold type indicates congregational responses.**

Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Now we pray together...Therefore, as we consider Your great mercy for us, **we offer our lives to You as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. This is our true and proper worship.**

We will not conform to the pattern of this world, **but we will be transformed by the renewing of our minds.** Then we will be able to test and approve what God's will is— **His good, pleasing and perfect will.**

Song of Renewal: *I Surrender All* LUYH 739

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Assurance: *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*

Offering: General Fund

Offertory

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Word

Scripture: Acts 4:32 - 5:11

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: "God's Grace at Work" Pastor Bret Lamsma

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *We Are Called* LUYH 296

Sending

*Sending: Ephesians 4:1-6

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to one hope; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

*Sending Song: *By Faith*

*Blessing

Postlude

Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper
Musicians: First CRC Band
Organist: Christy Bol

Council News:

Council is thankful for our newest Council members, who were affirmed at the congregational meeting in June. **Cal Van Heukelem** and **Anne Buteyn** will serve a 3-year term as elders. **James Timmer** and **Nolan VanderArk** will serve a 3-year term as deacons. **Chris Lighthiser** will be our treasurer, and **Beth Posthumus** will serve a one-year term as deacon to replace Amanda Lighthiser. Praise God for raising up qualified leaders in His good timing! The new council members will be installed on **July 9th**.

Please join the Council in thanking our retiring elders and deacons. **Eric DenBraber** and **Rick Schmitt** are finishing their terms as elders, and **Keith Bol**, **Kyle Van Andel** and **Amanda Lighthiser** have completed their terms as deacons. We are grateful to God for all of their good work, and their willingness to serve Him in this way!

Council approved the 2017-18 budget. This budget will be in church boxes on **July 9**, and a meeting will be held after the service on **July 16** to discuss and vote on the budget. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Count Committee Report 6/26: for 6/18 & 2/25

Council is grateful for your tithes, offering and prayer support.

General Fund: \$27,663.00

Benevolence: \$2,500.00

Prayer and Care for God's People:

Please pray for a season of refreshment and renewal for the **Schreurs family** as they spend time together on vacation for the next few weeks.

Our sister in Christ, **Ruth Lameris**, was moved to Lutheran Hospice on Thursday evening. May the Holy Spirit comfort her with His tender love.

We lift up **Ron Zoetewey** in Swedish, as he struggles with breathing. He is out of ICU in a regular room, as they await test results.

Wayne Rozendaal is recovering well following knee replacement surgery. He is in great spirits and doing a little better each day under Marge's care.

Keep **Caleb Jonker** in your prayers as he continues his *Sea to Sea* bike journey. He joins 135 bikers from across the US and Canada on a 4,200 mile, 6 days a week journey from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean, ending the trip on August 31 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. *Sea to Sea* partners with World Renew and Partners Worldwide to raise funds to alleviate poverty both locally and internationally. If you would like to learn more, please visit: seatosea.org, where you will find a virtual bike tour link.

Groups and Activities:

Future Ministry Announcement - We are in the beginning stages of planning a regular meeting "**Club 68" for middle school students** for next year. Please join our staff as we pray for this possibility and for the beginning plans of what this ministry might look like. If you would like more information, or have a passion for middle school students and would like to be involved, please talk to Pastor Bret.

Young Adults Group: Contact Kyle Cooper for future Summer-time meetings and locations.

Funeral Committee had a second meeting this week, under the leadership of Paige Cady, with Melanie Jonker, Anne Buteyn, Kathy Bol, Becky Vermeer and Cyndi Berghuis all serving in various areas of this vital ministry. If you would like to be contacted to provide hospitality for a memorial reception, please email Becky Vermeer at vermeerclan@msn.com

Requested Announcements:

Our next **Newcomer lunch** is scheduled for **August 13, from 11-12noon** in the Emerson House. These casual lunches are opportunities for families and individuals, new or visiting First CRC, to get to know the staff and host couples while enjoying great food and fellowship! No RSVP is needed and children are always welcome.

Long Scraggy Ranch facility (near Pine, CO) will be the location of our annual church picnic and worship time - **Sunday, August 27**. Lunch (after our regular 9:30am worship here in Denver) will be served at about **1:00** in the covered picnic area, followed by a praise & worship time in the chapel and free time to explore the ranch and enjoy the swimming pool. More information and directions will be posted in August.

Women's Retreat from **September 22-24, 2017 at Glen Eyrie** Conference Center in Colorado Springs. You will find a flyer and registration application in your church mailbox. Forms will need to be returned as soon as possible to reserve your spot. *Please note: *The prices on the application are per person (not per room).*

Missionary Updates:

July Missionary **Birthdays:**

Jessica Starkenburg - July 2nd

Anniversaries

Liam & Jessica Starkenburg - July 2nd

Craig & Jeanine Broek - July 30th

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