

Church Calendar for the week of: July 23, 2017

Sunday ~ July 23 Pastor Joel is preaching from Acts 9:1-19
Offering is for the General operating fund of First CRC.

Monday ~ July 24 Office is closed

Tuesday ~ July 25

9:30am - Staff Meeting & Brunch

Wednesday ~ July 26

7:00am – Men’s Morning Huddle in the Emerson House

6:00pm- Coffee Break in the Library

Thursday ~ July 27: GEMS Conference through 7/29

Friday ~ July 28

9:00am – Library Ladies

Saturday ~ July 29

1:00pm – Stamp Class

Sunday ~ July 30, 2017 Pastor Joel is preaching from Acts.

Offering is for Benevolence: *The purpose of the Benevolence Fund is to extend God’s grace and mercy in a financial manner to people connected to our church who are in need. A copy of the policy, with an application form, can be found behind the copier in Room 24.*

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, July 23

Nursery: Allie Christians, Jill Newcombe, Christy Bol, Hannah DeBoer and Micah DenBraber

CIW: *A Lost Lamb* Bret Lamsma, Katherine Elgersma & Gracie Hansum

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans and Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Staff/Schuttinga

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 1**

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, July 30

Nursery: Emily Potherican, Dave Cady, Becky Vermeer, Noah Van den Boogaard, James Jonker

CIW: Allie Christians, Chloe Hansum, James Jonker

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis and Cal Van Heukelem

Coffee: Youngs

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 1**

Welcome to our visitors, guests and newcomers. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. 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 the DenBraber family.

Spiritual Gifts Inventories might be one way we affirm one another and celebrate what God is doing in, among and through us, as we utilize the gifts He has given to equip and empower the church. Spiritual gifts tests have been added under the Media section/Resource tab of our web-site:

www.firstcrdenver.org

<https://spiritualgiftstest.com/spiritual-gifts-test-adult-version/>

*kids version also available.

Discover Your Gifts by Alvin J. VanderGriend has helped thousands of CRC members, and now, for the first time, taking the **spiritual gifts inventory** is free! Visit FaithAliveResources.org/DiscoverYourGiftsSurvey, complete the survey, and enter your email address. Results will appear in your email inbox immediately. Pastor Bret would love to meet with you as a “next step” towards development and stewardship of your unique gifts. After you get your test results, give Bret a call to set an appointment at #303-733-4936 ext. 105.

Sermon Notes:

First Christian Reformed Church: 1814 South Emerson Street
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
Shirley Van Heukelem:	Programs & Office Admin.	ext. 104
Kyle Cooper:	Worship Coordinator	ext. 103
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Rebecca J. Schaefer:	Communications & Admin.	ext. 102



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

Order of Worship

July 23, 2017

Gathering

"As we prepare our hearts for worship this Sunday, let's all join in the prayer Paul prays in Ephesians 1. Here, he prays that the eyes of our hearts would be enlightened to know the hope, the riches, and the power that is in Christ. This song gives us space to consider these truths and pray for God's work in our lives."

Please follow this You Tube link to a song Kyle Cooper has written for us:

<https://youtu.be/f2Z8khXgcy4>

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship: 1 Timothy 6:15b-16

We come to worship God,

The blessed and only Ruler,

The King of kings, **the Lord of lords,**

He alone is immortal.

He lives in unapproachable light,

No one has seen or can see Him.

To Him be honor and might forever. Amen.

*Song: *Immortal Invisible God Only Wise* LUYH 579

*Psalm 73:23-26

Our loving God, we know that You are always with us;

You hold us by our right hand.

You guide us with Your counsel,

and afterward You will take us into glory.

Whom have we in heaven but You?

And earth has nothing we desire besides You.

Our flesh and our hearts may fail,

but You are the strength of our hearts

and our portion forever.

*Song: *He Leadeth Me* LUYH 440

*God’s Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession: 1 John 1:5-7

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: *I Lift My Eyes Up* LUYH 652

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:9

*Song of Assurance: *Your Grace Is Enough* LUYH 698

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: Sung prayer for Illumination

Word

Children In Worship Sending:

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.

Scripture: Acts 9:1-19 Pg 1100

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Changing Course*

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* LUYH 693

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Sending

*Sending: 2 Corinthians 4:6 and Matthew 5:14-16

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

As the light of Christ has shone on us, let us reflect His light to the world.

People of God, You are the light of the world.

A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.

Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let our light shine before others, that they may see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven.

*Sending Song: *I Will Follow*

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper
Musicians: First CRC Band
Pianist: Jack Waanders

Prayer and Care for God's People:

*Our new Congregational Prayer focus for persecuted believers will be on the country of **Egypt**. It is becoming increasingly risky to be a Christian in Egypt in the wake of many deadly attacks. An Egyptian Christian leader pleads, "Please pray for the church of Egypt as we take one attack after the other with deep pain. May the Lord have mercy on Egypt and may His light open the dark minds and hearts." See the silver connection boards in the foyer for specific prayer points. Prayer sheets are on the table next to the display.*

We continue to intercede in prayer for Chaplain Claire Froehlich and the young people who enjoyed indoor camp this weekend. We pray for healthy relationships, sustainable change and deepening fellowship with Jesus.

Please pray for those in our fellowship who are unable to attend worship due to health and mobility issues.

We pray together for sustaining grace, love and respect for couples in crisis. We ask for Christ's healing touch of peace.

We pray for our GEMS leaders heading to the GEMS conference on July 27.

As we prepare for a new ministry year to begin in September, our staff is continually praying for leaders and guidance for all of our ministries to children, youth, and adults. Specifically we have been working on leadership and direction for Cadets, Magnify/Focus, and Club 68. Please join us in intentional prayer for these ministries throughout the weeks ahead.

First CRC has a group of women that faithfully and confidentially pray for your requests. If you are in need of prayer support, email Vicar Cyndi Berghuis at Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org, or Marj at mddeboer@juno.com.

Upcoming Activities:

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.

ALL Church Picnic & Worship Celebration at Long Scraggy Ranch
facility: 20203 Spring Creek Trail, Conifer, CO 80433 (near Pine, CO) on **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. *For those who would like to camp, please make a reservation by calling #303-838-7770.*

Looking for Inspiration? - Plan to join 2,000 other CRC servants at Inspire 2017, August 3-5 in Detroit, Michigan. 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 crcna.org/Inspire2017. For information regarding scholarships to attend Inspire, contact Shirley Van Heukelem: Shirley@firstcrcdenver.org.

Who will be part of the spiritual formation and discipling of this generation of leaders and followers? We are looking for adults who believe what the Bible says is Gospel Truth, and are excited to come alongside younger disciples to share our common faith, as we follow Jesus together. While we sow into the lives of others, our roots will reach into streams of living water and together we will harvest the fruit. Contact Pastor Bret at #303-733-4936 ext. 105, and let him know how you would like to participate this coming fall.

Requested Announcements:

The 18th Annual Blue Grass Gospel and Western Music Free Weekend of Family Fun (with our very own **Vermeer family** band) is on **August 4-6** at Casey Jones Park in Elizabeth at the Elbert County Marketplace. Enjoy a Hymn sing Sunday, and a Barn dance Saturday pm. For more information, visit: gospelgrass.info or call #303.638.3725; camping is available.

Library News: A new DVD has been donated to our church on the story of *Cherokee Ranch* in Sedalia (site of June Senior Moment's Mystery Tour), "A Jewel in the Rockies", a Colorado History must see in our new display area.

Wanted: *Banner* News Writers - The *Banner* is looking for correspondents to write and report news from local congregations. Are you a curious story teller with some writing skills and the desire to share from your church and neighboring regions? Please reply to news@thebanner.org with your name, church, and reason why you would like to be one of *The Banner's* freelance writers. The News Editor will respond regarding your application.

Pray in South Africa! - From January 31-February 12, go and pray with God's people in South Africa. Last year, one man said, "Wow, this is unlike any other short-term team we have ever had come and see us. The team blessed us with prayers and encouragement in a very deep way." Visit crwm.org/safari for more information or to apply.

Teach or Tutor Overseas - Do you want to serve international students in a classroom? Opportunities to serve with many partner Christian schools are still available for the fall semester or next winter. Visit crwm.org/teaching to learn more or to apply.

Denver Days takes place August 5-13. During that week, the City and County of Denver **waives park permit fees and provides street barricades free of charge for your block party.** Want to get to know your neighbors better? Or bring them together to improve your neighborhood? Register now for Denver Days 2017! What are you waiting for? Start planning now! For more information or to register, visit www.denvergov.org/denverdays. For questions, email jessica.jorgensen@denvergov.org

Congratulation: Ethan Anema has accepted a teaching position at Arrowhead Christian Academy in Redlands, CA. We thank Ethan for all the ways he has been helping, from conducting choir to leading worship! His **new address** is 25 New York Street, Apt. 6, Redlands, CA 82373.