

Church Calendar for the week of: July 30, 2017

Sunday ~ July 30, 2017 Pastor Joel is preaching from Acts 10.

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.*

Monday ~ July 31 Office is closed

6:30pm Count Committee

Tuesday ~ August 1

9:30am - 7th & 8th Grade Cadets meet at Cal's for Cherry Creek

1:00am - Staff Meeting

7:00pm - Elders Meeting

Wednesday ~ August 2

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

6:00pm- Coffee Break in the Library

Thursday ~ August 3

9:00-11:30am - Sew & Sews

Friday ~ August 4

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ August 5

Sunday ~ August 6, 2017 Pastor Bret is preaching from Acts.

11:00am - Men's Meeting in the Sanctuary

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, July 30

Nursery: Emily Potherican, Dave Cady, Becky Vermeer,

Noah Van den Boogaard, Micah Den Braber

CIW: Allie Christians, Chloe Hansum, Sam Lamsma

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis and Cal Van Heukelem

Coffee: Young/Schaefer

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 1**

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, August 6

Nursery: Karen Waanders, Sheri DeHaan, Kristin Jensen, Sam Lamsma,

Angelina Schmauder

CIW: Jessica Addink, Elle Reynolds, Charlotte Reynolds

Prayer Ministry Elders: Nancy Waanders and Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Vermeer Family

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 2**

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. 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 couple while enjoying great food and fellowship! No RSVP is needed, we provide lunch and children are always welcome.

Spiritual Gifts Inventories have been added under the Media section/Resource tab of our web-site: www.firstcrdenver.org

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

Order of Worship

July 30, 2017

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship: Psalm 86:9-10

We gather to worship God
**All the nations He has made
will come and worship before Him;
they will bring glory to His name.**
For He is great and does marvelous deeds;
He alone is God.

*Song: *Lord Most High* LUYH 593

*Prayer

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

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: *Not What My Hands Have Done* LUYH 624

Assurance of Pardon

Offering: Benevolence

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

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.

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Sung Prayer for Illumination: *Speak O Lord* LUYH 755

Scripture: Acts 10:9-11:3,18 pew Bible page 1101-1102

Sermon: *Guess Who is Coming To Dinner?*

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Stronger*

Sending

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We leave from here to bear witness to Christ
**in faithfulness to the Scriptures,
in harmony with the church of the ages,
and in unity with all Christ's people.**
Go in peace as the reaffirmed church of Jesus Christ.
**We go to be His body in a broken world,
To forgive as we have been forgiven,
To love as we have been loved.**

*Sending Song: *Let It Be Said of Us*

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper
Musicians: First CRC Band with Christy Bol

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 Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org, or Marj at mddeboer@juno.com.

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.*

Please pray for those dealing with a new cancer diagnosis, upcoming surgeries and weighing treatment options. We pray for continued patient endurance for everyone undergoing chemotherapy and other cancer care.

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

We hold Ruth Lameris and family before the Lord as she receives care at home from family and visiting nurses.

Van Swiekatun is asking for prayers for his brother, Carey, who is undergoing tests for Wegener's Disease.

We continue prayer for Caleb Jonker and the *Sea to Sea* riders. Visit our Home page to follow the progress and stories from the riders:
www.firstcrcdenver.org

Upcoming Activities:

Cal Van Heukelem and Joel Jonker are hosting a boating outing for boys who will be in 7th & 8th grade this year. This Tuesday, **August 1**, meet at Cal's house at **9:30am** to leave for a day at Cherry Creek State Park. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Cal by phone or email: [303.598.9881](tel:303.598.9881) or cal@coloradohardscapes.com

Next Sunday morning, **August 6 in the Sanctuary after service**, all men from First are invited to a meeting to learn more about Cadets. Even if you've never been involved in this ministry, or don't think you have the time or ability to be involved, please attend this meeting to learn about the vision of Cadets.

Senior Moments: Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, August 15th**, we plan to take a trip to Echo Lake. Lunch at Echo Lake Lodge. We plan to meet in front of church at 9:00 a.m.. Please see details in the flyer. On the back of the flyer is the Fall and Winter schedule. Mark your calendar for the upcoming events. Remember to confirm your reservation on the sign up sheet found on the south side silver message door.
Questions: Betty [303-514-6251](tel:303-514-6251) or Beth [303-947-1085](tel:303-947-1085).

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, or email: info@longscraggy.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.

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.

You can access a link to Pastor Bret's blog post with a sentence about finding out more about praying for these ministries at: ourfaithformationjourney.wordpress.com

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. See the book display on *Colorado*, honoring Colorado Day, **August 1st**. Find an updated Library Newsletter in your church mailbox today.

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.

Congratulations: 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 **92373**.
**Please note a correction to the zip code from last week's notice.*