

Church Calendar for July 31, 2016

Sunday~ July 31

Pastor Joel is preaching; Offering is for Benevolence Fund.

Monday ~ August 1

9:15am - Prayer For the Persecuted Church

Tuesday ~ August 2

1:00 -3:00pm - Staff meeting - Room 21

7:00pm ~ Elders

Wednesday ~ August 3

6:00am - Men's Morning Bible Study in Emerson House

Thursday ~ August 4

9:00am ~ Sew & Sews sewing group

6:30pm ~ Stephen Ministry in Emerson House

Friday ~ August 5

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ August 6

Sunday ~ August 7

Pastor Joel is preaching from Mark's Gospel; Offering is for Calvin Seminary Farewell Cake reception for Alyse Young

Welcome to all of our visitors, we are glad you are here! The next newcomer welcome lunch will be held on **August 14, from 11-12** in the Emerson House, hosted by Jeff and Allie Christians! If you are new to First Church, please fill out a *Connect Card* found in the pews. Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available at the tables in back. Refreshments and good fellowship can be found outside.

Thank you to all serving THIS Sunday, July 31

Nursery: Brianna Van Andel, Anne Buteyn, Stephanie Den Braber, Hannah DeBoer, Logan Posthumus

Children in Worship: *Moses & The Burning Bush* Gina Van Byssum and Jack Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric Den Braber & Nancy Waanders

Sound: Bob Reynolds **Video:** Richard Mannes **PPT:** Eliana Reynolds

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #6

Coffee: Young

Thank you to all serving NEXT Sunday, August 7th

Nursery: Karen Waanders, Rick Schmitt, Luke Monroe, Torre Blohm, Micah DenBraber

Children in Worship: *Ten Plagues* Allie Christians & Logan Posthumus

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Rick Schmitt

Sound: Jon Waanders **Video:** Gabe Zoetewey **PPT:** Isaac Jonker

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #1

Lord's Supper Prep 8/14: Grow Group #1

Coffee: Vermeer Family

Web-site Updates:

Thank you to all who took the time to upload a photo! Well done... Our office staff is currently updating the new Household Rosters in our Membership Directory section of firstcrdenver.org. We will have all Household/Grow Group assignments completed before our first Grow Group Meetings on September 11, 2016.

As we re-assign households to the newest Elder/Deacon Teams, we are also cross-checking our *Servant Keeper* data. Please email the office with any address, or contact information, updates or edits you might have.

September 11 marks the beginning of our educational season. On that Sunday we will meet with our **Grow Groups** to **share a meal** together and reflect on how God is working in our lives. Eight of these Grow Group events will be interspersed throughout the year. We will also offer four opportunities throughout the year to work on a variety of OUT activities.

However, **age-specific Sunday School** for children (3-year-olds through high school) beginning **September 18**, will be the main focus of the educational year.

Family Night meals and activities for 1-8th Graders will **begin September 7**.

We are excited about what this coming season has to offer and how God will work in our lives. Pray with us that the abundant life of Jesus will be nourished and evidenced in each of us!



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Shirley Van Heukelem, ext. 104, Programs & Office Administrator

Kim Csepe, ext. 103, Director of Faith Formation

Kyle Cooper, ext. 105, Worship Coordinator

Larry Young, Custodian

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Order of Worship ~ July 31, 2016

Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to worship: Deut. 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.

*Song: *Everlasting God*

*Prayer

Faithful God, we thank You that we can trust You in all things

Your love endures forever.

You are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

You are trustworthy in all Your promises,

and faithful in all You do. Your compassions never fail

and Your mercies are new every morning.

Great is Your faithfulness!

*Song: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* vs. 1 and 3 LUYH 348

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Prayer for Renewal

Offering: Benevolence

Offertory: *Stronger*

Offertory Prayer

Word

Children in Worship

Leader: The Lord is here.

The Lord is there.

The Lord is everywhere.

The Lord is high.

The Lord is low.

The Lord is on the path we go.

People: **The Lord be with you.**

Children: **And also with you.**

*Song: *Break Now the Bread of Life* LUYH 764

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Nothing!*

Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

Table

Communion

Distribution Songs:

*Jesus Paid It All**Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

LUYH 796

Prayer

*Sending Litany

Christ established a new covenant with us, where His blood covers our sins and seals our place with Him in the Kingdom of God.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set us free from the law of sin and death.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for His own?

No one—for God himself has given us right standing with Himself.

Who then will condemn us?

No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and He is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, interceding for us.

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or hardship?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For we are convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Sending Song: *Your Grace Is Enough*

LUYH 698

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper

Musicians: First CRC Band with Accompanist Barb Hogan

Elders up front will consider it an honor to pray with and for you.

First Church is blessed to have a group of women who meet regularly for prayer. If you have something for which you would like confidential prayer offered, please send your prayer requests by email to: Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org, or mddeboer@juno.com

Prayer For God's People

Pray for leaders and participants in GEMS and Cadets; along with new friends they might introduce to Jesus.

Please pray for suitable, affordable housing near First Church.

Please pray those in Hospice care and those undergoing cancer treatment.

Pray for teachers, administrators, staff and students that they re-enter another school year with a renewed sense of joy, hope and promise.

First Church Upcoming Activities

Blue Plate Special: The kitchen has 4 new blue plastic trays that would love to be filled with cookies, bars, fresh fruit, or ??? that we could set out with our coffee each Sunday morning after our worship service. If you are interested in filling one or more of these, look for the empty trays in the kitchen, take them home, fill them with goodies and place in the church freezer or refrigerator. Mark them "Blue Plate Special" and we will be sure they get put out with the coffee. P.S. If you can't find the blue trays, any color tray will work.

Men's Wednesday Morning Group

The Men's Wednesday morning group is meeting in the Emerson House, and would like to invite any men who are interested to come and join! They are just beginning the book, *Covenant and Kingdom, the DNA of the Bible*. **Coffee at 6:00am, breakfast at 6:30, closing prayer at 7:30am.**

The Twenty-Somethings Group will get together to study the book of John. Locations and dates vary, so contact: Kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org

Our Next Newcomer welcome lunch will be on **August 14th**, in the Emerson House, from 11:00am -12:00noon. Our host couple will be Jeff and Allie Christians. These lunches are casual fellowship times to provide an opportunity for new folks to meet staff members and enjoy a meal! *Children are welcome and no reservations are needed.*

Requested Announcements & Opportunities:

Cascade of Hope is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help teach the following adult classes: English as a second language, Group Citizenship, Computer Literacy. This is a great, fun way to reach out to the community. Come and make new friends with, and for, Jesus! Contact ADVENTTEMB@MSN.com or call #303-639-6007.

Service Opportunities with Volunteers In Action: Three separate women could use a warm, sensitive & fun spirited volunteer! Maybe you're that person...check it out! **Lady 1** lives in Englewood in a care facility, is 88 years old & very lonely. **Lady 2** lives in Denver (Hampden/Yosemite area) in her own home, needs help grocery shopping, is 81 years old and loves to walk! **Lady 3** is 24, blind, with a strong personality but lonely for friends & someone to take her shopping (groceries & sundries). Her preference is a younger volunteer. Give Kelli a call at VIA: 303-713-9144, if any of these opportunities touch your heart.

Barnabas Foundation

If you have unanswered questions about your Estate Plan, you are not alone. Jim Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will be meeting with Christian families in our area from **August 23-August 24, 2016 (please notice the new dates)**. Jim will be happy to provide clear and easy-to-understand Estate Planning information regardless of the size of your Estate, your age or stage in life. There is no financial obligation for this confidential meeting. If you would like to meet with Jim, please contact Deb Harder at Barnabas Foundation toll free at 888-448-3040.

Joshua Station Update

Dear Friends at First CRC,

You made great things happen at Joshua Station. You are a reminder of what is good in this world. Thank you! Your generosity allowed Joshua Station to raise \$95,829.93 towards our fiscal year end need and \$100,000 matching gift. Also...CAR WASH on **Saturday, August 27th @ Joshua Station!** \$5 Suggested donation. Beginning at 10am.

Art & Auction Fundraiser to support our Youth Education Programming will be held on **Friday, October 7th at 7pm@ 913 N. Wyandot Denver, 80204.**

Blessings!

Kelsey Winters

Director of Development

Missionary Update

We are very excited to have First CRC financially support us! Of course, we already feel the great love and encouragement from First. We are thankful to have had the support from our home church and community, but this is such a great blessing.

Please convey our deepest appreciation and thanks to the church council and the missions committee. We wish to also thank everyone in the congregation for their continued support and prayers. First CRC has been a faithful partner in the Gospel and the ministry from day one, and for that we praise God. Your partners in Christ, *Jonathan and Marian Cady*