

Church Calendar for the week of: July 9, 2017

Sunday ~ July 9th - Dr. Bret Lamsma is preaching on Acts 6:1-7 Elder/Deacon Installation Sunday, 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.

2017/2018 Budget is in your mailboxes. Please review this for the congregational meeting on **July 16th**, immediately following the worship service.

Monday ~ July 10 - Kyle Cooper on Vacation thru 7/18

9:15am - Prayer For Persecuted Believers in Rooms 12/13

6:30pm - Count Committee

Tuesday ~ July 11

1:00pm - Staff Meeting

7:00pm - Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday ~ July 12

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

6:00pm - Coffee Break in Library

Thursday ~ July 13

Friday ~ July 14: Youth Group OUT serving at *Wilderness on Wheels*

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ July 15: Youth Group at W.O.W.

Sunday ~ July 16: Preaching series on Acts continues. Congregational meeting to ratify the Budget. Offering is for *Cascade of Hope*:

The goal of Cascade of Hope is to establish a multi-cultural church for witnessing to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Pastor Victor, and Sandra Perez, minister to the needs of people in SW Denver by offering ESL, computer classes, citizenship training and fellowship.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, July 9

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

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

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Rick Schmitt

Coffee: Heersinks

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 1**

Lord's Supper Preparation 7/9: **Grow Group 1**

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, July 16

Nursery: Davinia Lyon, Cathy Zoetewey, Keith Bol, Hayden Posthumus, Andrew Vanden Boogaard

CIW: *A Better Thing To Do* Christine Nibbelink, Gabriella Vance, Josh Youngsma

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Cadys

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 1**

Lord's Supper Preparation 7/9: **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. We celebrate communion today, and all baptized believers who place their trust in Jesus for salvation, are welcome to receive this sacrament. On **August 13th**, we will have another casual Newcomer lunch in the Emerson house with Staff, hosted by Eric and Stephanie DenBraber.

Women's Retreat from September 22-24, 2017 at Glen Eyrie:

Dear ladies of First CRC,

We know many of you are traveling or are otherwise occupied during these wonderful summer days, so we thought we would send a reminder to you that the registration deadline for the September 22-24, 2017 Women's Retreat is fast approaching.

We have to have everyone's registration form and payment by SUNDAY, JULY 16.

We cannot accept registrations after that date because of Glen Eyrie's payment requirements. So, if you plan to attend, **today** would be a good time to fill out the form and write that check. You can either put a check in the mail, or drop it off in Shirley Van Heukelem's, or Julie Lamsma's, church mailbox this Sunday, July 9 or next Sunday, July 16.

To make it even easier, we have prepared an online application form that you can fill out online:

<https://goo.gl/forms/4JKN5Dy7pPPZqzcU2>

Just fill it out and we will be able to find it. You will still need to have the checks, made out to First CRC, to us by July 16.

Thanks so much and have a great summer. Looking forward to seeing many of you in Glen Eyrie on Sept. 22.

The Women's Retreat Team

Missionary Updates:

July Missionary Birthdays:

Jessica Starkenburg - July 2nd

Anniversaries

Liam & Jessica Starkenburg - July 2nd

Craig & Jeanine Broek - July 30th

Request from Claire: I need a few helpers for **Camp Inside on Fri July 21 & Sat July 22** at the Betty Marler facility near Hampden & Wadsworth. I particularly need a few people who could help out with Arts & Crafts (making cute cards like so many people do!) from 10am-11:30pm, and someone to do a short morning devotional on Sat July 22 from about 9:30-9:45am. If anyone wants to hang out and play games in the afternoon, that would be great as well! Special 2-day passes will allow visitors in to help. **Contact Claire directly** at: Claire@yfcdenver.org or #720-771-0517.

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

Order of Worship ~ July 9, 2017

Gathering

Prelude: *Even So Come*

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship: from Psalm 107

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—

those He redeemed from the hand of the foe,

those He gathered from the lands,

from east and west, from north and south.

**Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love
and His wonderful deeds for mankind.**

*Song: *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* LUYH 575

*Psalm 107:13-15

We cried to the Lord in our trouble,

and He saved us from our distress.

He brought us out of darkness, the utter darkness,

and broke away our chains.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love
and His wonderful deeds for mankind!**

*Song: *Everlasting God*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Celebration and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Recognition of Retiring Elders and Deacons

Announcement of Incoming Elders and Deacons

Installation and Vows of Incoming Office Bearers

Laying On of Hands

Charge To the Elders

Charge To The Deacons

Charge to the Congregation:

I charge you, people of God, to receive these office bearers as Christ's gift to the church. Recognize in them the Lord's provision for healthy congregational life. Hold them in honor; take their counsel seriously; respond to them with obedience and respect; accept their help with thanks. Sustain them in prayer and encourage them with your support, especially when they feel the burden of their office. Acknowledge them as the Lord's servants among you.

Do you, congregation, pledge to receive them as you have been charged?
We do, God helping us.

Prayer

*Song: *Even So Come*

Offering & Offertory: Volunteers In Action

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

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7 pg. 1096
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Unity" Pastor Bret Lamsma

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Hear Our Praises* LUYH 302

Table

Great Prayer of the Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

...we worship and adore Your glorious name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Prayer for the work of the Spirit

Invitation

Distribution Song: *Lift High The Cross* LUYH 264

Communion

Sending Prayer

*Sending Song: *Even So Come*

*Blessing

Postlude

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

Council News:

Council is thankful for our newest Council members, who are being installed today: **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 for Amanda Lighthiser.

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 is in church boxes today, 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.

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 available on the table next to the display.

Keep **Caleb Jonker** in your prayers as he continues his *Sea to Sea* bike journey. *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

We continue, as a church family, to pray for our loved ones in hospice, hospitalized and battling long-term illness. We pray for kind, caring medical staff and for wisdom for attending physicians.

We praise God for strength in healing for those recovering from knee and hip surgeries, even as we pray for God's timing for those facing upcoming surgery.

Ruth Lameris has been sleeping comfortably under hospice care.

We pray for our Youth Group as they serve alongside *Wilderness on Wheels* staff, including Barbara Cramer formerly of First CRC.

Groups and Activities:

We are in the beginning stages of planning a regular meeting "**Club 68**" for **middle school students** for next year. 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.

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.

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. 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.

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