

Church Calendar for the week of: June 11, 2017

Lord's Supper will be celebrated and it is Name Tag Sunday!

Welcome lunch with staff from 11-12 for anyone visiting or new to First CRC.

Offering is for the Bible League. Eagle Lake Camp Staff will be visiting!

Monday ~ June 12 Office is closed 9-3 Eagle Lake all week at Hope Community!

9:15am – Prayer for Persecuted Believer's in Room 12/13

Tuesday ~ June 13

1:00pm – Staff Meeting in Room 21

7:00pm – Deacon's Meeting

7:15pm – Young Adults group ~ Worship Night @ Emerson Fire Pit

Wednesday ~ June 14

7:30am – Men's Morning Huddle in the Emerson House

6:00pm – Coffee Break

Thursday ~ June 15

6:30pm – Stephen Ministry in Emerson

Friday ~ June 16

9:00am – Library Ladies

Saturday ~ June 17

Sunday, June 18th – Pastor Joel is preaching on Acts.

Offering is For the General Fund.

Important Congregational meeting immediately following the service on June 18th to vote for Council nominees.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, June 11

Nursery: Kelsie Ruter, Cristin Buys, Lynn Roberts, Gabriella Vance

CIW: *A Little Lunch* Allie Christians, Marissa & Erica Bol

Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric Den Braber & Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Buteyns

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 6**

Lord's Supper Prep: **GG #6**

Thank you to all serving Father's Day, June 18

Nursery: Sandie Posthums, Jeremy Waanders, Jevon van vliet,

Logan Posthumus, Denali Schmitt

CIW: *A Scary Storm* Eileen Ruter, Isaac & Matthew Jonker

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis and Rick Schmitt

Coffee: Lohmanns

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 6**

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Welcome to our visitors, guests and newcomers. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. Coffee and tea are served on the patio, and Elders are available up front to answer questions and pray with you.

This Sunday, on June 11th, we celebrate communion, and all who trust in Jesus Christ for salvation will be welcome to partake of this sacrament. After service, Rod and Lana Oosterhouse will host a casual lunch for anyone *new, or newish* who would like to meet our staff. No need to RSVP; just come next door (1826 South Emerson Street) after worship.

OUT Serving in the neighborhood

Volunteers In Action Everyone has a niche' that feels comfortable, but sometimes we are asked to step out of our comfort zone. VIA serves primarily low-income seniors & people with disabilities (mainly blind individuals). We build relationships rather than simply perform a task. We need long-term volunteers.

If God is calling you, will you contact us? kellis@volunteersinaction.info, or 303-713-9144.....we'll help you find a place to serve!!

Inspire 2017

Ministry leaders throughout the CRCNA are invited to Inspire 2017. It's a time for Sunday School teachers, praise team members, youth group leaders, elders & deacons, ministry coordinators, small group leaders, and more to pause and celebrate the way women and men of all ages have been living out their faith by serving their congregation. We here at First CRC Denver want to encourage you to attend this 3-day conference in **Detroit, Michigan, August 3-5, 2017**. More information about the dynamic keynote speakers and 75 ministry workshops is available at crcna.org/Inspire2017. Partial scholarships are available. Contact Shirley Van Heukelem at shirley@firstcrcdenver.org.

Opportunities to Travel:

From Christian Reformed World Missions: Holy Land Learning Tour -

The deadline for the Holy Land Learning Tour is approaching quickly, but there's still time to sign up for this time of learning from and experiencing life from the perspective of Christians living there. Find more information or apply for the tour, which takes place from **August 8-18**, at crwm.org/HolyLand.

Missionary Updates:

Birthdays ~

Judah Starckenburg - June 9th

Cora Broek - June 17th

Asher Starckenburg - June 21st

Marian Cady - June 26th

Anniversaries ~

Jonathan & Marian Cady - June 27th

From Margaret Njuguna/En-Gedi. Please continue to pray with us for God's provisions so that we complete this facility. Besides being able to take on more kids, I am looking forward to holding training sessions to Church groups and community people from different parts of this country who would want to start organized care for such children as En-Gedi children. With the growing publicity of En-Gedi, I get calls from different parts of the country to go rescue kids – but my plan is to teach people to not only see God in the lives of such children, but also to love and care for them within their own communities.

**Newsletter updates are available on the Missions table.*

Once again, thank you so much for your continued support. I will keep you informed and work with you on planning for the official inauguration so that those willing and able to come can plan early.

In His service,

Margaret Njuguna

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

Order of Worship ~ June 11, 2017

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional

*Song: *O Sing to the Lord* LUYH 493

*Call to Worship:

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;
we dwell in Him and He in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name;
make known His deeds among the peoples.

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him,
and speak of all His marvelous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come

*Song: *Holy Holy Holy* LUYH 538 (verses 1,2,4)

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Song: *Salaam/Peace* LUYH 298

Prayer for Renewal: 2 Cor. 5:4-5

Offering: Bible League

Offertory: Eagle Lake staff

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 Illumination

Scripture: Acts 2 page 1091

Leader: The Word of The Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *The Future is Now*

Prayer for Application

Table

Great Prayer of 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.

Acclamation
**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.**

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit

Words of Institution

Invitation

Communion

Distribution Song: *Beneath the Cross* LUYH 825

Sending/Thanksgiving prayer:
Gracious God,
We thank You for the love
that brings us food from heaven,
gives us the life of Your dear Son,
and assures us that we belong
to the company of all His faithful people in heaven and on earth.
Grant that, strengthened by this fellowship and by the power of His Holy Spirit, we may continue His work in the world, until we come
to the glory of Your eternal kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ,
Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*Sending Song: *Sing to the King* LUYH 474

*Blessing

*Postlude

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

Special note from CRC Chaplain Dirk van der Vorst:

*To Pastor Joel and First Church "I want to thank First Church for the love and support they have shown me concerning my Father's death on May 4th.
I will be returning to Canada again to help clean up my dad's house.
I'm off to Grand Rapids today for the CRC Chaplains' Conference." Dirk van der Vorst*

Please continue prayer for all those in Chaplaincy and Care Ministry as they carry the heart of Christ into difficult situations. May the Chaplains Conference be a wonderful time to refuel, equip and edify these servants of the Lord.

Prayer and Care for God's People:

Eagle Lake Camp is this week. Pray that campers and staff God has ordained to meet for this week, will be filled with the Holy Spirit and learn life-changing lessons from His Word of Truth. Pray for safety and good fun!

Ruth Lameris is grateful to be back at home. She would love a call or visit from her church family.

Please pray for **Betty Anema** as she transitions to assisted living on Arapahoe.

Continue to pray for **Ron Zoetewey**, who was released from the hospital to come home. He is stable and hopefully will get some adequate rest. He seems to be doing fine entering the weekend. Prayers for sustaining grace for his sister, Sharon Engel.

Betty and Don Eyser would like to thank Pastor Joel for many visits and prayers, and for the cards and encouragement received during her recent hospitalization.

Prayers for **Claire Froehlich and her siblings**, as they remember the life-long ministry of their mother, Joanna Pearson, while grieving her passing. Thank you to everyone who served and cared for the family this past Thursday.

Pray for **Cal and Shirley Van Heukelem** as they enjoy some quality vacation time.

*Our new congregational **prayer focus for persecuted believers** will be on the country of **Afghanistan**. Please see the silver connection board in the foyer for a map and specific prayer points. You can take a phone picture or get one of the prayer sheets from the table near the display. **Prayer Group for Persecuted Believer's meets this Monday, June 12 at 9:15 in rooms 12/13***

Groups and Activities:

Mom's Playgroup is meeting up again for the summer at different parks and playgrounds. Anyone is free to join! Here is our schedule for a few weeks. Contact alliechristians4@gmail.com for time, or to be added to the roster.

Friday, June 16- **Westlands Park** (park and splash park)- 5701 S Quebec St
Greenwood Village, CO 80111
Wednesday, June 21 **Surfside Spray Park** (splash pad only): 5330 W 9th Avenue
Wednesday, June 28 **Great Plains Park** & splash pad. 20100 E Jewel Ave, Aurora.

Senior Moments: Tuesday, June 20th Mystery Trip. "A Breath taking view is a Trip for You". " It May be old, but new to you." Plan to leave the church at 9:00 am. Reservations must be by June 15th. Note: changes on our lunch. TBD. Feel free to invite your 55+ family or friends to join us. Remember to sign in your guests on the sign up sheet. Questions, please call Betty K. [303-514-6251](tel:303-514-6251) or Beth P. [303-947-1085](tel:303-947-1085).

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: This **Tuesday, June 13 at 7:15**, we are having a worship night around the fire pit at the Emerson House next to First Church. Come join us for a night of worship with friends!

Council News:

Please join Council in celebrating that in the Lord's good timing we have nominees for a full Council for next year. We will hold a *Congregational Meeting* immediately following the service **on June 18th** to vote:

Elder Nominees: Anne Buteyn and Cal Van Heukelem
Deacon Nominees: (2 needed) Nolan Vander Ark, Suzanne Natelborg and James Timmer
Treasurer: Chris Lighthiser

Amanda Lighthiser will be stepping down in July at installation, at which point Beth Posthumus will be appointed to a 1 year term of Deacon to fill Amanda's role.

Requested Announcements

Denver Christian School is enrolling Preschool - 12th grades for the 2017-2018 school year. Open Houses will be held throughout the summer for families seeking Christian education. Please visit any Sunday afternoon from 2:00-4:00pm or Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm after June 11. Denver Christian is located at 3898 S. Teller Street, Lakewood CO 80235. Please contact Carrie Johnson, director of admissions with any questions, or call 303-763-7919. cjohnson@denverchristian.org

Save the Date! We have reserved the Long Scraggy Ranch facility (near Pine, CO) again this year for 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. This is a great opportunity to discover what *Long Scraggy* is all about and enjoy Colorado!

Mark Your calendars for our Women's Retreat from- September 22-24, 2017 at Glen Eyrie Conference Center in Colorado Springs. Glen Eyrie is an exceptionally beautiful castle with a romantic history. Big Horn sheep graze on the lawn, and the ground is saturated with the prayers of those seeking a closer walk with the Lord Jesus. Contact shirley@firstcrcdenver.org if you have any questions.

Do you have a testimony of God's faithfulness that you would like to share with others on our First CRC Website? Graduates – do you have a story of ways that God has touched your heart through this church family? Newcomers - would you like to write about what it is like to be new at First CRC? Senior Moments participants – is there a story on your mind from a tour or trip that highlights God's creativity and goodness? Please submit your thoughts to: connections@firstcrcdenver.org.

The Funeral Committee is re-organizing and would like to know if you have helped previously, and would like to stay on the committee. We also want to encourage anyone *available during the daytime*, with the gift of hospitality, to contact connections@firstcrcdenver.org or Becky Vermeer vermeerclan@msn.com to be included as a volunteer for the memorial service reception team. We would like to have enough volunteers to schedule two (approx. 2hr.) shifts to shorten the time commitment. We welcome your ideas and suggestions!