

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 16 – Father’s Day

DFF Bret Lamsma Preaching; Offering is for Benevolence (*For emergency financial assistance. Detailed information and an application form is available behind the copy machine in room 24*).

Monday ~ June 17

8:00am – Shirley’s 3DM Huddle rm. 21

Tuesday ~ June 18

9:00am - Senior Moments at Vermeer Family Farm

Wednesday ~ June 19

8:00am – Men’s Morning Bible Study in Emerson

6:30pm – Council in rm. 24

Thursday ~ June 20

Friday ~ June 21

9:00am- Library

Saturday ~ June 22

7:00am – Men’s Bible Study

Sunday, June 23 –

Pastor Joel Preaching, Baptism of Zoey Timmer, Offering for General Fund.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, June 16

Children in Worship: Kelsie Ruter, Ashleigh Bol, Logan Posthumus

Nursery Leader: Cristin Buys, Walt Ackerman, Mieke Waanders

Camera: Adam DeBoer **Lyrics:** Dan Addink **Sound:** Paul DeBoer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Fred Ritsema, Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Staff

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, June 23

Children in Worship: Cathy Van Donselaar, Luke Ruter, Jacob Van Donselaar

Nursery Leader: Davinia Lyon, Roger Vanden Boogaard, Josh Youngsma, Madisyn Hunt

Camera: Ian Reynolds **Lyrics:** Charlotte Reynolds **Sound:** Bob Reynolds

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cal Van Heukelem, Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Van Andel/Young

Welcome guests and visitors: *First CRC is grateful to have you here with us! Please fill out a Connect card in the pew pocket so we know how best to support and encourage you. If you would like more information, Elders will be up front to talk with you and pray for you. Sacramental preparation workbooks are available for check-out through the office.*

WOMEN'S RETREAT UPDATE: **Only 5 weeks left** to register and pay for the **Sept. 27-29, 2019** retreat in beautiful Breckenridge, Colorado.

33 women of all ages, from 16 to 76, have already committed to attending. We hope to see at least 50 of you up there, so if you have been meaning to register, **don't put it off: register today and pay by July 21.**

There will be a **25% surcharge** if you register after July 21. Scholarships are available through July 21; you can request one on your application.

Registration forms are in the foyer or you can sign up online at: <https://forms.gle/XEWVgBQjGTLJPN9N8>.

Contact shirley@firstcrcdenver.org, or julie.lamsma@gmail.com for more information.

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Program Coordinator in Haiti - Resonate Global Mission has a full-time opening for a Program Coordinator in Haiti. In this position, you'll be responsible for creating and maintaining effective programs in Haiti by empowering staff and volunteers, working closely with Haitian partner organizations, and more! Learn more about this position and how to apply at www.resonateglobalmission.org/servehaiti.

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

Foster the Front Range: Children throughout Colorado's front range need loving homes through foster care. Care is temporary, impact is forever, urgent help is needed...you can help: **Denver** #303.221.0734; **Colorado Springs:** #719.591.7595

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

Durable Medical Equipment Needed! *Volunteers in Action's* Loan Bank is running low and we are presently in need of gently used wheelchairs, tub transfer benches, 4 wheel walkers, shower chairs, knee scooters, etc. These items help people in our supporting churches needing them temporarily as well as individuals who are low-income being discharged from area hospitals or rehab centers. If you have any of these items to donate, to help someone else who needs them, please call the **VIA office at 303-713-9144** or volunteers Dave or Delton at **303-789-5444**. Thanks!

Council Updates

Congregational Meeting:

Thank you to the members that were able to attend the congregational meeting. The results of the vote were overwhelmingly in support of the new officer bearers, the General Fund Budget and Christian Education Assistance. The new office bearers will be installed on **July 14th**.

Budget Follow Up from the Deacons:

Because of your generous financial support in the month of May, we have made progress in closing our current budget deficit - Thank You! We are still, however, facing a shortfall in the current fiscal year, which ends on July 31. We have 6 weeks to make up this gap, in addition to meeting our regular monthly budget commitments. We ask you all to prayerfully consider increasing your giving as we strive together to close out the year in a good financial position.

Count Committee Report: 6/2 & 6/9

The Council of First CRC is grateful for your faithful tithes and offerings.

General Fund: \$36,614.00

Rehobeth: \$312.00

Benevolence: \$25.00

First Christian Reformed Church #303.733.4936

Church Office Hours: Tuesday ~ Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

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FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

*A Family of God, Living our Faith and Growing by:
Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives,
and Humbly embracing the hurting.*

Father's Day ~ June 16, 2019 Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

Call to Worship: from Psalm 18

I love You, Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

In my distress I called to the Lord;

I cried to my God for help.

From His temple He heard my voice;

my cry came before Him, into His ears.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;

He drew me out of deep waters.

He rescued me from my powerful enemy,

from my foes, who were too strong for me.

He brought me out into a spacious place;

He rescued me because He delighted in me.

*Song: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* LUYH 776

*Psalm 18 continued

As for God, His way is perfect:

The Lord's word is flawless;

He shields all who take refuge in Him.

For who is God besides the Lord?

And who is the Rock except our God?

The Lord lives! Praise be to our Rock!

Exalted be God our Savior!

Therefore we will praise You, Lord, among the nations;

We will sing the praises of Your name.

*Song: *I'll Not Be Shaken*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession:

You shall have no other gods before Me.

**For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be the glory forever!**

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name.

**Let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—
the fruit of lips that confess His name.**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a *Sabbath* to the Lord your God.

**Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly
as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom,
and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.**

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

**Children, obey your parents in everything,
for this pleases the Lord.**

You shall not murder.

**Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**You are not your own; you were bought at a price.
Therefore honor God with your body.**

You shall not steal.

**Those who have been stealing must steal no longer,
but must work, doing something useful with their hands,
so that they may have something to share with those in need.**

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into
Him who is the Head, that is, Christ.**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and merciful God,

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises

declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just,

and humble life to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: from Hebrews 10

We are imperfect and unable to meet the requirements of the law, but Jesus is perfect, and He met those requirements for us. Jesus said, "Here I am, I have come to do Your will." He sets aside the first law to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all. For by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

Song of Assurance: *Christ Is Enough*

Offering: Benevolence (emergency assistance fund)

Offertory

Word

Children In Worship Dismissal

We will love the Lord our God with all our heart.

With all our soul. With all our mind. And with all our strength

and we will love our neighbor as ourselves

People: **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: Luke 9:18-20, pg. 1038

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "*I Am*"

Director of Faith Formation, Bret Lamsma

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 94

Leader: What does the Lord require in the first commandment?

People: That I, not wanting to endanger my own salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry, sorcery, superstitious rites, and prayer to saints or to other creatures. That I rightly know the only true God, trust Him alone, and look to God for every good thing humbly and patiently, and love, fear, and honor God with all my heart. In short, that I give up anything rather than go against God's will in any way.

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *In Christ Alone* LUYH 770

Sending

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*Sending Song: *By Faith*

*Blessing

*Postlude:

Minister of the Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma (preaching today)

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper & Matt Ruter with First CRC Band

Up ~ Prayer and Praise:

*Our Persecuted Believer's prayer focus for **May** and **June** will be for our brothers and sisters of **India**, including **Sri Lanka**. Please take a prayer sheet by the silver message board, or take a phone picture, for strategic prayer ideas. As you watch the weekly news, continue to pray for provision, protection and a sense of our Lord's divine presence for believers who have sustained trauma and great loss.*

An update from Chris: There is a new plan for me by the specialists at Moffit Cancer Center in Tampa: continue Immunotherapy, have a Pet/CT scan hoping treatment shrunk the cancer, do surgery in August or September and continue treatments to remove all nodes in that leg and thigh. Surgeons will try at that time to also fix a hernia I've had since 2013 as a result of my Kidney removal due to cancer! A 6-8 hr. surgery and 6 weeks recovery if everything goes right! Overall it's like starting all over again, but this time surgery is definite unless I choose not too! I continue to trust our Lord and continue to cherish the prayers that have stayed with me all these past months!

Blessings to you all First CRC! *Chris Vanden Broeke*

Praise and thanks to God that **Kyle Cooper's eye surgery** went well. We continue to pray for healing, and his upcoming surgery on the second eye **July 9th**.

Pray for Inspire 2019 - Inspire 2019 is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. As we plan and prepare for this event, happening **August 1-3 in Windsor, Ont.**, please join us in praying for the event and all who will attend. This week, please pray for openness to God's leading in all sessions. Pray that all who attend Inspire 2019 will hear His voice in their lives, and that presenters will listen and obey as they prepare and lead sessions. Pray that God will keep out all distractions, tension, fear, and other things that keep us from hearing His voice.

Thanks so much to our precious church family for all your prayers, love, concern, and support before, during and after Karen's recent knee replacement surgery. We rejoice in God's faithfulness as we once again experienced the promise of Psalm 23:1. "The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing." *Joal & Karen Ham*

We pray for God's divine provision, protection, guidance and providential care for **two young mothers** during a time of fear, trauma and isolation. We seek the Lord's wisdom, mercy and grace.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Long Scraggy Sunday will be held on **August 25th**. This is an opportunity for our entire church family to worship and fellowship together at the beautiful Long Scraggy Ranch. Go to <https://longscraggy.org/> for more details about this location. We will be worshipping together in the open air chapel at **10 am** that morning. Lunch will be served by Council following the service. You are invited to spend the afternoon visiting, hiking, swimming and fishing! Please join us! Transportation will be provided for those who may need assistance. Look for more details coming soon! Camping is available that weekend as well. Please contact Jon at #303.838.7770 for details.

Men's Wed. AM Bible Study 8:00 in the Emerson House South of church, coffee is on at 7:30am. Contact: Joel.jonker@gmail.com

Men's Sat. AM Bible Study in rm 21, *every other Sat* 7AM, next mtg. **June 22**. Contact Rod Oosterhouse: rodohouse@comcast.net

Ladies' Coffee Break Bible Study Summer Schedule: June 26 at 6:30pm in Library. **July 10** in Library; **July 24** in Emerson House. August Pot Luck – TBD Contact Betty Eyser: b.eyser@comcast.net; or Beth@firstcrcdenver.org

Sew & Sews meets every other Thursday in rm 12/13 to sew nursing cover-ups, receiving blankets and baby buntings for local hospitals, and clothing for ministry to abandoned infants from Haiti. This year they sewed and delivered 204 articles to Denver babies in need, and 392 items to God's Littlest Angels www.glahaiti.org

Next mtg. is **June 27**. Contact Joey Vander Ark for more information: joeyvanark@aol.com