

## Church Calendar for June 19, 2016

### Sunday ~ June 19 Father's Day

Guest Pastor Tom Draayer; Offering is for General Fund

### Tuesday ~ June 21

**9:00am** - Senior Moments Mystery Trip  
**1:00 -3:00pm** - Staff meeting - Room 21  
**7:00pm** - Council meeting - Room 24

### Wednesday~ June 22

**5:30 - 8:30pm** - Coffee Break Summer Study

### Thursday ~ June 23

**9:00am - 11:00am** - Sew & Sews sewing group  
**3:00pm** - First Church Youth Group leaving for retreat (in van)  
**7:00pm** - Twenty-Somethings BBQ - Emerson Backyard

### Friday ~ June 24

**9:00am** - Library Ladies

### Saturday ~ June 25 Cottonwood CRC Youth Outreach

\*Youth Group Guests from Michigan, sleeping in Fellowship Hall and downstairs, overnight June 25-28 to serve Denver Rescue Mission and attend camp at Noah's Ark in Buena Vista.

**1:00pm-3:00pm** - Stamp Class in Council Room

### Sunday ~ June 26

Guest Pastor Liam Starkenburg; Offering is for Benevolence  
**5:30pm** - Worship tonight at City of Kunming Park

**A sincere welcome to our guests.** We are glad you are here!

**Please fill out a Connect Card** found in the pews and on the tables.

Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available at the tables in back.

**Coffee & Tea can be found outside.** Elders up front will pray and answer questions about sacraments, worship or whatever is on your heart.

### Thank you to all serving this Sunday, June 19th

**Nursery:** Becky Vermeer, Amy Vance, David Youngsma, Gracie Hansum, Savannah Blohm

**Children in Worship:** Adam & Eve, Briana Van Anandel, Josh Youngsma

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Cyndi Berghuis & Joel Jonker

**PPT Preparation:** James Timmer

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

**DVD Delivery:** Grow Group #5

**Coffee:** DeMasters

### Thank you to all serving Next Sunday, June 26th

**Nursery:** Sandie Posthumus, Corey Vermeer, Dale Sanderson,

Allie Christians, Katherine Elgersma

**Children in Worship:** Noah's Ark, Kelsie & Luke Ruter, Andy Vanden Boogaard

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Ed Schans & Rick Schmitt

**PPT Preparation:** Stephanie DenBraber

**Sound:** David Schans **Video:** Issac Jonker **PPT:** Brett Van den Boogaard

**DVD Delivery:** Grow Group #5

**Coffee:** Van Anandel/Schans

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@firstcrdenver.org](mailto:Cyndi@firstcrdenver.org), or [mddeboer@juno.com](mailto:mddeboer@juno.com)

## Missions Announcements:

### June Missionary Celebrations:

Judah Starkenburg June 9th  
Cora Broek June 17th  
Asher Starkenburg June 21st

*Please remember these loved ones in prayer and send a card.*

### Celebrating Margaret/En-Gedi School:

At its May 2016 meeting, the Calvin Alumni Association Board voted to name me a 2016 Distinguished Alumna of Calvin College. I have been invited to Grand Rapids for this award on September 22-24 during Calvin's annual Homecoming festivities. For those of you who will be able to attend, please do come to the evening awards event on Thursday, September 22, 2016. All the glory and honor go to our Lord Jesus! Please thank God with me for this humbling recognition.

Margaret Njuguna  
Founder/Director  
En-Gedi Children's Home

**On Sunday, June 26, our mission partners, Liam and Jessica Starkenburg will be worshiping with us.** Liam will be our guest pastor and will update us briefly on his work at **Nicaragua Christian Academy** in Managua, Nicaragua. After the worship service we will have an informal time of celebration with them during the coffee time outside.

**EL SALVADOR YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEER** - Minister to at-risk children and youth in the heart of the city of San Salvador with World Missions partner 'Seeds of a New Creation'. For more information on this and other WM volunteer cohort opportunities in El Salvador, visit [www.crwmm.org](http://www.crwmm.org) or contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

**PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS?** - Are you also interested in gender issues, sexual abuse prevention, trauma healing and food security? Come alongside WORLD RENEW staff for 18 months in Mali and see your BA degree come alive with hands-on experience. Details on this partially-funded volunteer position can be found at [www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net) or contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).



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**Address:** 1814 South Emerson Street, Denver 80210

**Pastor Joel Schreurs**, ext. 101, Minister of The Word

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

**Kim Csepe**, ext. 103, Director of Faith Formation

**Kyle Cooper**, ext. 105, Worship Coordinator

**Larry and Alyse Young**, Custodians

**Rebecca J. Schaefer**, ext. 102, Administrative Assistant



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## Order of Worship ~ June 19, 2016 Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 59:16-17

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing!

**I will sing of Your strength,  
in the morning I will sing of Your love;  
for You are my fortress,  
my refuge in times of trouble.**

**You are my strength, I sing praise to You;  
You, God, are my fortress,  
my God on whom I can rely.**

\*Song: *Blessed Be Your Name*

LUYH 343

\*Responsive Prayer

God, we come to worship You in our need,  
**bringing with us the needs of the world.**  
We come to You, who comes to us in Jesus,  
**and who knows by experience what human life is like.**  
We come with our faith and with our doubts,  
**we come with our hopes and with our fears.**  
Give us faith and help us to trust you more each day  
**We know that you are merciful and compassionate,  
caring for us every moment. Amen.**

\*Song: *Our God*

LUYH 580

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

## Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**We come, O Lord, to confess our lack of trust.  
While we sing of Your Lordship over all creation,  
we have too often acted as though You are powerless  
in the face of the events in our modern world.  
Help us to live with confidence in Your presence today  
and in hope for life with You forever. Amen**

*\*Asterisk indicates when we stand; **Bold** print shows where congregation speaks.*

## Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel:  
If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous;  
and He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,  
and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.  
**In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

Song: *When Peace Like A River* LUYH 451

Thanksgiving prayer

Offering: The Offering today is for the General Fund

Offertory: *It Is Well* LUYH 451

Deacon Offertory Prayer

## Word

Children In Worship Sending:

*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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 50

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: *"Good Intentions"* Pastor Tom Draayer

Prayer of Application

## Sending

Song of Response: *Be Still My Soul* led by Kyle Cooper

-time for personal reflection/prayer

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

\*Sending Song: *How Firm a Foundation* LUYH 427

\*Blessing

Postlude: *How Firm A Foundation* instrumental

**Minister of the Word:** Rev. Tom Draayer

**Elder:** Eric DenBraber

**Musicians:** First Church Band/Matt Ruter

**Worship Coordinator:** Kyle Cooper

## Prayer For God's People:

Margaret Njuguna sends her thanks for the many gifts we sent with Kay Bierling to En Gedi Children's Home: "I would like to register my great appreciation to everyone who gave, everyone who thought of us and everyone who said a prayer for us. May God bless you all in a very special way."

Please pray for guidance for those seeking affordable housing.

Continue prayer for Ann Buteyn's sister in a cancer battle, and for the family as they travel to support and care for her.

## First Church Upcoming Activities

**Senior Moments:** Today, Sunday, June 19th is the last day to sign up for our mystery trip, on **Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**. We have had lots of questions and thoughts as to where we are going! So let's head out Tuesday for Douglas County area, and see where our tour will be, and enjoy a *taste of BBQ* for lunch. We must leave church by **9:00 am**. See flyer for details. Remember no open-toe shoes. Questions: Betty K. 303-514-6251.

## **20 - Somethings Group**

If you are in your 20s and are looking to connect with others in your age and stage of life, join us on **Thursday, June 23rd at 7:00pm** in the Emerson House back yard. We are planning to grill out, get to know one another and see what God might have in store for this group. Contact Kim Csepe kim@firstcrcdenver.org for details. Feel free to invite friends along!

## **Summer Theme: Praise Together!**

This summer, we want to continue to grow together in faith as we *praise together!* We will kick off the theme with a ***HYMN SING* at 5:30 pm on Sunday June 26th at City of Kunming Park** on Grant & Vassar just south of Harvard Gulch, which has a great view of the mountains. Bring chairs or a blanket to sit on and enjoy the chance to get to know others and worship our great God together. If you want to host an event to carry on the summer theme (hymn sing, prayer night, etc), email the details and we will post it in the *Connections!*

## **Worship Dance Workshop ~ Saturday, July 16, 2016 Time: 9AM-4PM**

First Christian Reformed Church Cost: \$10

Ages: 6 years and older, adults are encouraged; you are never too old to dance! Dance Showcase Performance at 3:30PM

Lunch and snacks provided. Join us for a fun day of exploring the art of worship dance and faith building exercises. In this worship dance workshop, participants will learn three worship dances and participate in devotional time. At the end of the workshop participants will have a chance to share what they have learned in a showcase that family and friends can attend. There will be opportunities to share dances they have learned on Sundays in July and August at First CRC as well.

Come join the fun as we dance our praises to the Lord!

**Please RSVP to Jessica Benson by Wednesday, July 13, 2016**

Email: crazybout2kids@gmail.com or Text: 303-912-5517

**Euchre Night** in the Pit Stop garage at **6:30pm on Saturday July 16.**

Please contact Sandie Posthumus #303-885-6409, or Melanie Jonker #303-775-5539 with questions.

## Requested Announcements & Opportunities:

**Prayer Partners:** The Youth Group is getting ready for our retreat from **June 23-26** and we are again looking for prayer partners to match with each of the students and leaders. Please consider joining us in prayer over the weekend so that God's presence may be felt and heard by all. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church or you can email Eileen Ruter at eileenruter@gmail.com.

## **Volunteers In Action has an IMMEDIATE ONGOING DRIVER**

**REQUEST:** One of our faithful drivers is moving and will be unable to drive low-income women to the grocery store 2x per month. The driver would need a van or SUV to transport 3-4 ladies. Area of pickup is Dayton & Hampden in Denver. Please call Kelli at 303-713-9144 for specifics ASAP!! ***This could be where God is calling you to be a Servant!!***

## **Nurses Needed!**

Calvin Camp is looking for a certified nurse to work one or two weeks in July (either July 17-23 or July 24-30). If you have any questions, please contact Alyse Young at 303.582.4036 or email alyseyoung07@gmail.com. You can find an application on line at www.calvincampco.com. Thank you!

## Council Announcement:

On Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, the following members in good standing were added to the First CRC Council roster:

**Office of Elder:** Sheri DeHaan and Nancy Waanders

**Office of Deacon:** Chad Nibbelink, Roger Vanden Boogaard

**Clerk of Council:** Karen Waanders

## Count Committee Report: for 6-5 and 6-12

The council appreciates the following contributions:

General Fund \$19,145.58

World Renew 249.26

Cascade of Hope 50.00

*The anticipated offering for a two-week period is approximately \$26,402.20.*

**The En-Gedi committee** is thankful for First Church's continued faithfulness in fulfilling the pledges made to our campaign. We have sent Margaret most of the funds raised and that has allowed her to move forward with the project. She has purchased the land, collected the necessary permits and dedicated the land to God over the last few months. We don't know about you all but we can't wait to watch the building go up! We will be making our last building project payment in mid July and ask that everyone **complete their pledges and make any last donations by the offering on Sunday, July 17.** Please also continue praying for Margaret as she runs this project and maintains current operations.

**The CEP committee** has access to King Soopers and Safeway SCRIP cards that benefit the First CRC General Fund. If you would like more information about SCRIP or would like a card, please see Sandie Posthumus, or contact cep@firstcrcdenver.org.