

## Church Calendar for June 26, 2016

Today, June 26, our mission partners, Liam and Jessica Starkenburg will be worshipping with us. Liam will be our guest speaker 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. Our offering today is for the Benevolence Fund.

5:30pm – Worship tonight at City of Kunming Park

### Monday ~ June 27

6:30pm - Count Committee

### Tuesday ~ June 28

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

7:00pm – Deacon's meeting – Room 24

### Wednesday~ June 29

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

### Thursday ~ June 30

### Friday ~ July 1

9:00am - Library Ladies

### Saturday~ July 2 Pastor Joel's Birthday

Sunday~ July 3 Pastor Joel is preaching; offering is for the General Fund

### Monday~ July 4 Independence Day

Please note \*Staff will be on a modified schedule due to vacation time and Lisa Lohmann will be helping out in the office.

Welcome to all of our visitors, and especially our guests from Cottonwood CRC with Associate Pastor Cory Nederveld!. We are glad you are here! If you are new to First Church, 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. Refreshments can be found outside.

Elders up front will pray and answer questions about sacraments, worship or whatever is on your heart. Our offering today is for the Benevolence Fund, providing emergency financial assistance. To learn more about specific guidelines and policy, see the literature on the bulletin board in Room 24 (above the copier).

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

Nursery: Sandie Posthumus, Cory Vermeer, Dale Sanderson, Allie Christians, Katherine Elgersma

Children in Worship: Noah's Ark, Kelsie & Luke Ruter, Andy Van den 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 Andel/Schans

### Thank you to all serving Next Sunday, July 3rd

Nursery: Jill Schreurs, Jeff Christians, Josh Youngsma, Jeremy Waanders, Denali Schmidt

Children in Worship: ON BREAK

Prayer Ministry Elders: Donn Hansum & Eric DenBraber

Sound: TBD Video: TBD PPT: TBD

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #6

Coffee: DeBoer/Kats

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)

Senior Moments Update: 17 enjoyed their mystery trip to the new Parker Rueter-Hess regional water purification facility, and also a tour to Parkers Rueter-Hess new reservoir. Very informative and interesting tour. A must see, call for reservations!! We also enjoyed BBQ at The Hickory House with the covered wagon.



Email: [connections@firstcrdenver.org](mailto:connections@firstcrdenver.org) #303.733.493

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

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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 and Alyse Young, Custodians

Rebecca J. Schaefer, ext. 102, Administrative Assistant



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## Order of Worship ~ June 26, 2016 Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Announcements

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 33

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

it is fitting for the upright to praise Him.

Praise the Lord with the harp;

make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre.

Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

For the word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all He does.

The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

The earth is full of His unfailing love.

\*Song: *Sing To The King*

Reading: Psalm 145 NIV

\*Song: *Cantad al Señor/O Sing To The Lord*

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## Renewal

\*Call to Confession:

\*Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be Your people.**

**You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.**

**We confess that we have not always responded to your call.**

**Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.**

**Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world.**

**Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.**

\*Song: *Take My Life*

\*Assurance of Pardon:

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all His benefits—

who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion,

who satisfies your desires with good things

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The God who challenges us

is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us  
is also the God who accepts us.  
Be assured that God is with us even now,  
accepting, guiding, and forgiving.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\*Song: *Tu Fidelidad*

Offering: Benevolence Fund

Offertory and Offering Prayer

## Word

Children In Worship Sending: Luke & Kelise Ruter

*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.**

Missions Update: Liam Starkenburg ~ Nicaragua Christian Academy

Prayers of Intercession and Gratitude

\*Song: *Holy Spirit Living Breath of God*

## Sending

\*Responsive Reading:

When you call us to love our neighbors

**Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.**

When you call us to love our enemies

**Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.**

When you call us to forgive

**Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.**

When you call us into action to care for the oppressed

**Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.**

When you call us to humility

**Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.**

When you call us to be compassionate

**Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.**

When you call us to follow You

**Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.**

\*Song: *Lord Most High*

\*Blessing Prayer

## Postlude

Missions Partner: Liam Starkenburg

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper DFF: Kim Csepe

Musicians: First CRC Band, Christy Bol

## Prayer For God's People:

Please pray for the comforting grace and wonderful wisdom of God  
for the Reppert family: Dorothy, Jody, John, Joel and Jeff as they navigate  
life without their husband and father.

Pray for our youth and leaders returning from retreat, and for the  
Cottonwood students as they serve and recreate in Colorado.

Please pray for those undergoing chemotherapy and other treatments for  
cancer, Parkinson's disease, memory loss and other debilitating illness.  
Pray also for sustaining grace for the faithful caregivers.

## Missions Announcements:

### July Missionary Celebrations

**Birthday:** Jessica Starkenburg - July 2nd

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Liam & Jessica Starkenburg - July 2nd

Craig & Jeannine Broek - July 30th

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

**The En-Gedi committee** is thankful for First Church's continued  
faithfulness in fulfilling their pledges. We have sent Margaret most of the  
funds raised which 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.** Pray  
for Margaret as she runs this project and maintains current operations.

## First Church Upcoming Activities

### 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* tonight at **5:30  
pm 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!* First Church Kids can submit Praise Together ideas too!

### Sod Laying Party!

Come out and help lay sod on **Monday, June 27th** with Cal VanHeukelem  
for Mile High Ministry's Issachar Center. Contact Cal for more details.

### Men's Wednesday Morning Group

The men's Wednesday morning group will begin meeting in the Emerson  
House starting this week, **June 29th**, and they 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 is on at 6:00am,  
light breakfast at 6:30, and closing prayer at 7:30am.**

### 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.

## 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

## Requested Announcements & Opportunities:

### 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!!

### 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](http://www.calvincampco.com). Thank you!

**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.

**Loving Your Neighbor Today Conference - July 19-21, 2016**, featuring  
Dr. Richard Mouw as keynote speaker. Join us at Calvin Theological  
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discussions. We will ask, from a variety of perspectives, about what it  
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tour brochure. These trips are open to all friends of Calvin.

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