

Church Calendar for the week of: June 4, 2017

Sunday, June 4th – Pentecost Sunday

Pastor Joel is preaching and graduates will be recognized.

Offering will be for the General Fund.

Monday ~ June 5 Office is closed 9-3

Tuesday ~ June 6

1:00pm – Staff Meeting in Room 21

7:00pm – Elder's Meeting

7:15pm - Twenty-Somethings Bible Study at Emerson House

Wednesday ~ June 7

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

Thursday ~ June 8

Friday ~ June 9

9:00am – Library Ladies

Saturday ~ June 10

7:00am – Men's Bible Study

Name Tag Sunday, June 11th – Lord's Supper will be celebrated

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!

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, June 4

Nursery: Kelsie Ruter, Anne Buteyn, Luke Monroe, Caleb Jonker, Jacob Van Donselaar

CIW: Get Up & Walk! Briana Van Andel, Davis Addink, Hannah DeBoer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Kats/Schaefer

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 6**

Thank you to all serving Next Sunday, June 11

Nursery: Charys Youngsma, Cristin Buys, Lynn Roberts, Gabriella Vance, Lilli Vermeer

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**

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.

Next 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.

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@firstcrddenver.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 Starkenburg - June 9th

Cora Broek - June 17th

Asher Starkenburg - June 21st

Marian Cady - June 26th

Anniversaries ~

Jonathan & Marian Cady - June 27th

Jonathan & Marian Cady, our mission partners in China:

We are always very grateful for your support of our ministry in China with Christian Reformed World Missions. We'd like to keep you, the church council/session, and the church community regularly updated on ways to pray for us. Some items in particular we hope you can remember:

-Thanks for remembering us as Marian's grandfather passed. He died on May 11 after time in the ICU. We are thankful that we could visit him in the ICU before he passed and that we could attend the funeral in Taiwan. Thanks for remembering us as the funeral was very Buddhist. It was a time when we could give reason for the hope that is within us as Christians. Thanks to God that we remained confident in being present at the funeral and supporting the family, while not compromising any of our beliefs. Overall, it was good to be with the family.

-Thanks for God's provision in attending the Hong Kong conference that I mentioned in our newsletter. There were about 3,500 people who attended the event. Most were from Mainland China. The title of the conference was "Reformation 500 and the Gospel." Special thanks that the authorities did not cause any disruptions to the event. Also, thanks that connections were made with friends and colleagues. This was a helpful event to build partnerships.

-Petition for strength in June: We have two colleagues from the States coming for a visit in mid-June. I'll travel with them to three cities. Prayer for security, for smooth communication in Chinese, that conversations would bear fruit, and for safe travel. Prayer for Marian and me because we will be away from each other during that time. Thank you again for thinking of us. We are grateful for your prayers! -J&M

Claire Froehlich, our mission partner as a juvenile chaplain through Youth for Christ, thanks us for partnering with her in sharing the good news of Jesus with so many young people who need to know the He is with us, for us, saves us and longs to give us eternal life. See the indoor camp flyer in the foyer.

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

Order of Worship

Pentecost Sunday ~ June 4th, 2017

The Holy Spirit Gathers Us

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship:

Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life:

At the beginning of time You moved over the face of the waters;

You gave every living thing the breath of life.

Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.

Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets:

You enflame men and women with a passion for Your truth,

and through them You call Your people

to the ways of justice and compassion.

Come, Spirit of Righteousness, and burn in our hearts.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus:

By Your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor

and release to those held captive.

Come, Liberating Spirit, and free us from the powers of sin and death.

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher: You speak to us of our Lord

and show us the depth of His love.

Come, Spirit of Truth, abide in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.

*Song: *All Who Are Thirsty*

Processional

*Litany of the work of the Spirit

Holy Spirit, wind and flame:

You filled disciples with joy and courage,

empowering them to preach Your Word

and to share Your good news.

Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witnesses

of Your redeeming love.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace:

You break down barriers of language, race, and culture

and heal the divisions that separate us.

Come, Reconciling Spirit, and unite us all in the love of Christ.

Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life:

At the close of the age

all creation will be renewed to sing Your praises.

Come, Creator Spirit, and make us new creations

in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Song: *Send Us Your Spirit* LUYH 228

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

The Holy Spirit Renews Us

Call To Confession: Ezekiel 37

Prayer of Confession

Song of Renewal: *Breathe on Me Breath of God* LUYH 747

Assurance of Pardon: John 20

*Song of Assurance: *There Is A Redeemer* LUYH 833

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: Barb

The Holy Spirit Speaks to Us

Children in Worship

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Song: *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying* LUYH 896

Scripture: Acts 1:1-14, 2:1-4 Pg. 1090

Sermon: *What Are You Waiting For?*

*Song of Response: *Holy Spirit Living Breath of God* LUYH 746

The Holy Spirit Sends Us

Prayer for High School graduates

*Sending:

You have given Yourself to us, Lord.
Now we give ourselves for others.
You have sent Your Holy Spirit and made us a gifted people.
As people of Pentecost, we will serve You and proclaim Your good news with joy.
Your glory has filled our hearts.
Help us to glorify You in all things. Amen.

*Sending Song: *O Church Arise*

*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 Barb Hogan

Prayer and Care for God's People

Please pray for **Jack Vente**, back at Holly Creek, after being hospitalized following a stroke. He is alert, with some mobility loss. We lift up Jana as she cares for him.

Ruth Lameris has been transferred to Power Back Rehabilitation in Lakewood: 7395 Eastman 80227 (Room 212). She has been sitting up and eating a little better. Pray for Laurie and Rose as they arrange care for Ruth's return home.

Marj DeBoer's mother died peacefully on Tuesday afternoon. Arrangements are being made for a service in South Dakota. Continue prayers of comfort for the DeBoer family as they travel for the memorial.

We hold the **Vermeer** and **Alsum families** in prayer, at the loss of Pearl Alsum (Mike's mother and Becky's grandmother), who had been in Brookdale CLC.

We lift up **Claire Froehlich** and her sisters, as they grieve the death of their mother, Joanna Pearson.

Prayers for **Ron Zoetewey**, admitted to Swedish on Thursday for breathing problems, and for Sharon Engel as she provides support and care.

Please pray for **Clayton Schaefer** who damaged the growth plate in his foot. Pray he can still participate in Eagle Lake Camp in meaningful ways.

*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.*

Groups and Activities

Senior Moments: Reminder, **Tuesday, June 20th mystery trip.**

"A Breath Taking View is a Trip for You". Reservation must be made by June 15th. Van will leave the church by 9:00 a.m. Feel free to ask your 55+ family or friends to join us. Remember to sign them up on the sign up sheet. For more details, please see the flyer.

Questions: Betty K. [303-514-6251](tel:303-514-6251), or Beth P. [303-947-1085](tel:303-947-1085).

Twenty-Somethings: On **June 6th**, we are having a **BBQ/game night at Hope Community Church** to kick off our Summer events. Anyone **post-high school** is invited (including those who just graduated!). We are trying to come up with a new name as some of our members are not 20 quite yet! Any ideas??? Please respond via email to: kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org if you are BBQing, so we can plan food, or if you have a name idea for our young adults group to consider!

OUT Serving in the neighborhood:

Volunteers In Action posed this question to a group of supporters, *"Where is God calling YOU to be a Servant?"* 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 engage with them to build a relationship rather than simply perform a task.

We have an abundance of client/friends but 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!!

Count Committee Report: 5/21 and 5/28

The Council of First Church is blessed by your faithful generosity.

General Fund: \$51,043.19

Benevolence: \$ 1,041.85

Requested Announcements:

Denver Christian Schools 2017 Summer Camp registration:

The goal of the Denver Christian Summer Camps is to nurture and develop God-given talents and interests through top quality staff who have a passion for youth. This program offers students the opportunity to enhance learning while they pursue their passions. We are going to have a variety of specialized camps plus half day/ full day camp options. **Specialty Camps:** Prices vary, please check registration details on the website, or email.

Our system enables parents to quickly complete the paperless registration process. For more information, contact Jason: jromero@denverchristian.org.

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 beginning 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.

Save the Date! We are planning another **Women's Retreat** and have the date and venue all set - **September 22-24, 2017 at Glen Eyrie** Conference Center in Colorado Springs. More details to follow, but mark you calendars today if you think you might attend. 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.

Denver Days takes place August 5-13. During that week, the City and County of Denver **waives park permit fees and provides street barricades free of charge for your block party.** Want to get to know your neighbors better? Or bring them together to improve your neighborhood? Register now for Denver Days 2017!

Five years ago, Mayor Michael B. Hancock launched Denver Days to help create stronger communities. He encouraged neighbors to get to know each other so they feel safer and more connected to the communities they call home. Does your alley or your neighborhood park need some tender loving care? Let us know and we will help you organize a volunteer service project for you and your neighbors.

Just looking for an excuse to spend time with long-time neighbors, for a chance to meet new ones or just to have some summer fun? We can help figure that out, too. Neighbors who organize block parties, social events and service projects and interact with those who live closest to them help build a sense of belonging and camaraderie that fosters happier, healthier places to live.

What are you waiting for? Start planning now! For more information or to register, visit www.denvergov.org/denverdays. For questions, email jessica.jorgensen@denvergov.org