

Church Calendar

Welcome guests and visitors! Elders will be up front with prayer nametags after the service, to answer any questions and pray with you. Please fill out a Connect Card (found in the pew Bibles). Return Connect Cards to the Elder up front.

Sunday ~ March 1

DFF Bret Lamsma preaching; Age-Specific Sunday School; offering is for World Renew/DRS.

11:00am College & Career lunch in Emerson House; Pastor Joel’s Catechism Class in Room 21 today (Rod Oosterhouse teaching).

7:00am – 1:30pm: Kitchen reserved for Family Promise Celebration.

12:00-1:30pm: Family Promise Celebration & Training Lunch

Monday ~ March 2

Tuesday ~ March 3 RM Classis at Connections in Highlands Ranch

Wednesday ~ March 4: Family Night

7:30am – Men’s Morning Bible Study in Emerson House

5:45pm – Family Night Meal (Jon Waanders serving/clean-up)

6:30pm – Elders mtg./GEMS/Cadets, Coffee Break, Movie Discussion in Library

6:45pm – Beloved of God yoga downstairs

Thursday ~ March 5

Friday ~ March 6

9:30am-11:30am Library

Saturday ~ March: 7 P.L.I.A. group arrives (staying upstairs through 3/8)

9:30am – Dance Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Daylight Savings Time, Sunday ~ March 8 *Spring Forward!*

Pastor Joel preaching; offering is for CEAF: Christian Education Assistance Fund On **March 8th** members of the CEAF Committee will be available to answer any questions you might have. Christian Education Assistance forms and policy guidelines are available in the foyer.

Bethany Christian Services will have an information table in the foyer.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, March 1

CIW: Laurie Sanderson, Jessica Cleveland, Adam DeBoer, Erica Bol

Nursery: Jessica Benson, Trevin Schmitt, Hannah DeBoer, Lacey DeBoer

Camera: Evelyn Keyes **Lyrics:** Davis Addink **Sound:** Bob Reynolds

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cal Van Heukelem & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Buteyn/Buys

Thank you to all serving Sunday, March 8 – *Daylight Savings Time*

CIW: Sara Ribbens, Denali Schmitt, Annika DeBoer, Finn Roberts

Nursery: Sandra Posthumus, Laurie Sanderson, Jacob Van Donselaar, Charlotte Reynolds

Camera: Ari Waanders **Lyrics:** Mieke Waanders **Sound:** Jon Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Fred Ritsema & Cathy Van Donselaar

Coffee: Sander/Staff

Office update:

Facilities Update: BluSky Restoration will start the smoke mitigation in the Pit Stop garage on Monday March 2. The garage will not be available for use for about 2 weeks, but should be at a point where it can be used on March 18 for Family Night. Full completion of the work is scheduled to be done in April.

March Missionary Prayer:

Local: Youth For Christ Chaplain, Claire Froehlich: Pray for sustaining grace for Claire as she continues to equip, encourage and pray with young people in youth correctional facilities in Denver and surrounding areas.

Global: Nicaragua Christian Academy~ Pray for provision and protection for Liam and Jessica Starkenburg, and their children: Caleb, Judah, Belen and Asher, as they seek to teach missionary children and train future leaders for Nicaragua:

“Our mission is twofold. Our first and foundational mission is to enable the work of missionaries by teaching their children. A third of NCA’s students are missionary kids (MKs). Our desire is for them to gain a cultural understanding of their host country and a passion for mission work in Nicaragua and around the world. Second, we seek to train up future leaders for Nicaragua, in desperate need of moral leadership. For hundreds of years, Nicaragua’s leaders have made decisions for personal gain and have lacked moral integrity, commitment to social justice, and compassion toward their people. This has resulted in widespread poverty and corruption. Until Nicaragua’s leaders are committed to servant leadership based on God’s word, the economic situation of Nicaragua’s poor will not improve.

Council News:

The Spring 2020 meeting of Classis Rocky Mountain will take place at Connections Church in Highlands Ranch, CO **March 3-4, 2020.** James Timmer will be the Deacon delegate for Classis, Cal VanHeukelem will be the Elder delegate. Please join us in prayer for this gathering, that it is an encouraging and uplifting time to be together and celebrate God’s work among us!

Council would like to thank Keith Bol for his work and time on the CEAF committee. Council is grateful to Werner Schroder who will be replacing Keith on CEAF for a three-year term.

These families were welcomed on April 26th, as members of the body of First CRC: Simon and Kaia Draijer, with Liam and Eleana: **Southwest** Grow Group
Mark and Sarah Rippetoe with Chase and Olivia: **Northwest** Grow Group
Arie and Alethea Hoekstra: **Northwest** Grow Group
Ray and Sandy Kieft: **North** Grow Group

The HR team, the staff, and the Council are pleased to announce that we have hired our next *Programs and Office Administrator*. Please welcome **Mark Rippetoe** into this new role. Mark will begin on **Tuesday, March 17.** Mark and his family moved to Denver about 2 years ago and joined our church family on February 23. Join us in giving thanks to God for this very gifted person to take on this responsibility!

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

Pastor Joel Schreurs:	Minister of the Word	ext. 101
Shirley Van Heukelem:	Programs & Office Admin.	ext. 104
Kyle Cooper:	Worship Coordinator	ext. 103
Bret Lamsma:	Director of Faith Formation	ext. 105
Larry Young:	Custodial & facilities	#303-582-4039
Rebecca J. Schaefer	Communications & Admin.	ext. 102



First Christian Reformed Church

March 1st, 2020

A Family of God Living Our Faith and Growing by...

Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives and Humbly embracing the Hurting.

Gathering

Prelude: Instrumental *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

Welcome and Call to Worship

Processional

*Songs:

Oh the Deep Deep Love of Jesus LUYH 796

Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights LUYH 134

*God’s Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession: Genesis 3

Prayer of Confession based on Genesis 3

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:12-19

*Song of Assurance: *Man of Sorrows* LUYH 170

Offering: World Renew-DRS

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

* *indicates when we stand. Congregation proclaims the words in **BOLD** print.*

Word

Children in Worship Sending: *Our littlest worshipers follow leaders downstairs for special songs, activities, Bible teaching and prayer. Parents are always welcome!*

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 Intercession and Gratitude

Song: *Abide With Me* LUYH 466

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11 pg. 967
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: *God's Son*

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *By Faith*

Sending

*Sending

*Sending Song: *I Will Follow*

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs
Preaching Today: Director of Faith Formation, Dr. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper, with First CRC Band

Up ~ Prayer and Praise

*In March/April we will pray for persecuted believers in South and Central America, and missionaries serving there. **Colombia is #41 on the 2020 World Watch List.** We will also pray for our mission partners in **Nicaragua: Liam & Jessica Starkenburg.***

Please pray for complete recovery, and sustaining grace, for our loved ones recently hospitalized or recovering at home. Pray for those caring for them.

Please pray for good decisions to be made for effective treatment of medical issues in the coming week for Walt Ackerman. We pray for Carol, Ann and Betsy as they support Walt.

Please pray for Dordt students as they travel to Denver work alongside Brothers Redevelopment.

We pray for healthy, stable forever families for children waiting to be adopted.

We seek the Lord's divine provision for all who face housing transition and homelessness.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Family Promise Lunch is TODAY Sunday, March 1! Let's celebrate our first year of Family Promise hosting with a meal, brief training by Family Promise staff, and a time to share stories **at noon in the Fellowship Hall.** Thanks to Melanie Jonker and Amy Blahnik for their gift of hospitality!

March 4 is Family Night: You are invited...

Chef Jon Waaanders will be serving downstairs from 5:45pm-6:15pm.

All donations are appreciated for this delicious free meal.

6:30pm: Elders in rm. 24, GEMS in 12/13, Cadets (follow your leader), Coffee Break in Emerson House, Movie Group: *"A Plastic Ocean"* (2016) in our Library.

6:45pm: Beloved of God Yoga downstairs

Women's AM Bible Study will not meet this Wednesday, March 4, due to *Classis*.

Coffee Break ~ Women's Evening fellowship, prayer and Bible Study meets every Wednesday at **6:30pm** (weather-permitting) in the Emerson House next to church. Everyone is welcome! Coffee Break begins a new study on *Mark's* Gospel. Contact Beth Posthumus or Betty Eyser.

Beloved of God Yoga meets **Wednesdays** downstairs at 1st CRC, **6:45 pm.** Our focus is strengthening our bodies and minds through Christ-centered prayer and movement to restore us to do God's work in the world. Led by Pam Hansum.

Circle of Hope is a support and encouragement Group for family members supporting a loved one along the *ups and downs* of daily living with mental illness. The next meeting is **March 14th, from 10:00am-12:00noon.** Contact Cathy Z. at #720-939-1291 for more information.

Men's Wed. AM Bible Study in Emerson House South of church, coffee is on at **7:30am** each Wednesday; Study begins at 8:00am. Led by Cal Van Heukelem

Men's Sat. AM Bible Study in rm 21, *every other* Saturday at **7:00am,** next meeting: **March 14.** Led by Rod Oosterhouse.

Sew & Sews: *Sew & Sews* next meeting is **March 19** from **9-12n,** in room 12/13. Led by Joey Vander Ark. *Sew & Sews will not meet March 5th.*

Card Stampers: Card Stamping Group is meeting **March 28th, from 1-3pm in rooms 12/13.** Led by Carol Kats and Marj DeBoer. We have lovely cards, suitable for all occasions, on the tables in the foyer free for your use.

OUT ~ Serving & Sharing

Joyfully surrendering to Jesus ~

We will host the Dordt University PLIA (*Putting Love Into Action*) team at church from **March 7-14!** The team of 7 students will spend the week serving with Brothers Redevelopment and other local ministries. They will join us at the **March 8 service.** Be sure to introduce yourself, welcome them to our church and encourage them in their service.

Seeking Christian teachers in Central America! Do you know anyone looking for an international teaching opportunity? Nicaragua Christian Academy has been impacting the lives of Nicaraguan students and missionary families since 1991. This ACSI-accredited Christian school has a solid reputation for excellence and offers a stable community where new or experienced teachers can help cultivate young hearts, develop meaningful cross-cultural relationships, grow personally and professionally, and make a real difference in the country of Nicaragua! Current vacancies include Second Grade, AP English and Bible, Computers and Algebra, English TESOL, MS English/Social Studies, and Secondary Math. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/ncai-teach> or email international@nca.edu.ni.

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

Book Group – Join us **Monday, April 6th at 7:00pm** for a lively discussion on *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* by Tish Harrison Warren. The gathering will be held at Melanie Jonker's house: 3690 E. Dartmouth Ave., Denver 80210, and will be led by Karen and Nancy Waanders. Please purchase your own book (\$15-\$20) or borrow one from the public library.

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

Bethany Christian Services will have a representative in the foyer on **March 8th** to answer your questions about how we can support vulnerable children and families in Colorado. Save the date for their fundraiser: *Cheers for Change Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.,* at Wine Experience Café & World Cellar in Aurora. Tickets are \$10 per person. Visit: Bethany.org/COCheersforChange.

VIA Volunteer opportunities: Please pray for Volunteers In Action concerning the following opportunities to serve.

- Elderly gentleman would like a friendly visitor. He is very lonely, loves birds and holds a good conversation. Location: University & Buchtel.
- Visually impaired woman in her 50s is isolated in her room at her group home. She would be blessed by someone who could visit her every other week, go on walks with her, help her read mail or go out for a cup of coffee. She is delightful to talk to as she has lived in Alaska, Oregon & Colorado. She holds numerous degrees and relates well to many areas of life and people. Location: Hampden & Wadsworth
- Visually impaired woman in her mid 30s needs help reading mail. She is very independent but deals with loneliness. She has a happy personality and looks forward to meeting someone new to help navigate pieces of her life that require a sight. Location: Federal & Yale
- Former radio DJ, and recovering stroke patient, is seeking help with organizing and reading mail. He is a very pleasant man and is excited to move on with his life. He mentioned that a new friend/volunteer will give him hope and courage to move forward with his recovery.
- Elderly lady who is blind would like a friendly visitor. She is very lonely, isolated and needs some joy in her life. Location: 6th Ave. & Potomac

If you feel God calling you to volunteer, contact Sheri DeHaan at Volunteers In Action at **303-713-9144** or sherid@viadenver.org

From the Deacons:

Every year First CRC undergoes an extensive audit of our accounting system. This year, Paul DeBoer was kind enough to volunteer his time and talents to perform this audit for us. The Deacons and Elders would like to say a huge thank you to Paul for accomplishing this task!

Online Giving is here! If you wish to give to First CRC other than cash or check, now you can! There are two very easy ways to do this:

1. **Download the Church Center App** in the app store, link your bank account, select First CRC, and select the specific fund you would like to designate to (General, Benevolence, or CEAF). You can make single donations or even schedule donations using the app.
2. **Text any amount to 84321...**You will get a text back with a web link to set up an account or make a one-time gift.

Both of these methods will keep track of your giving the same way an envelope does. If you have any questions, please talk to any Deacon. We are happy to help!