

Church Calendar

Please warmly welcome P.L.I.A. Dordt college students staying overnight at First CRC 3/9-3/16.

Lord's Supper Sunday ~ March 10th - *Daylight Savings Time*

Pastor Joel preaching, Offering is for General Fund
11:00am - 12noon: Chaplain Jensen's class in Emerson, Sunday School.
11:00am - 1:00pm Family *Promise* Training
5-7pm - Youth Group at Matt & Eileen Ruter's home

Monday ~ March 11th

9:30am - Prayer for Persecuted Believers rm. 12/13; **6:30pm** Count

Tuesday ~ March 12th: *RM Classis Meetings*

6:30pm - Deacon's Meeting in Library

Wednesday ~ March 13th: *RM Classis Meetings*

8:00am - Men's Breakfast Bible Study in Emerson House

6:30pm - *Beloved of God*/Coffee Break

Thursday ~ March 14th

Friday ~ March 15th

7:00pm Avalanche Hockey/Danny Oertli Concert at Pepsi Center

Saturday ~ March 16th

7:00am Men's AM Bible Study in rm. 21

Sunday ~ March 17th : Sunday School & *Kian Husa's* Baptism

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, March 10

Children in Worship: Kelsie Ruter, Laurie Sanderson

Elianah Reynolds, Lilli Vermeer

Nursery: Charys Youngsma, Denali Schmitt, Dale Sanderson

Adam DeBoer

Camera: Isaac Jonker **Lyrics:** Davis Addink

Sound: Logan Posthumus

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cal Van Heukelem & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Sander/Staff

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, March 17

Children in Worship: Bret Lamsma, Jessica Cleveland, Ari Waanders,

Logan Posthumus

Nursery: Sandie Posthumus, Laurie Sanderson, Trevin Schmitt,

Gracie Hansum

Camera: Mieke Waanders **Lyrics:** Natalie Roberts

Sound: Jon Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Dave Cady & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Vander Ark

Let's read together...even if we can't be together! During the season of Lent, Pastor Joel would like to invite all who are interested to come together once per week to read and pray the **Moravian Text** together. We will come each Tuesday (starting this week) from 12:04-12:26 using an **online meeting format**. We will experiment each week with different ways to engage the text. To join the meeting this week, open this [link](https://meet.google.com/qdn-uxcq-jef) (meet.google.com/qdn-uxcq-jef) or call 304-512-0097 (Pin: 265 382 780#)

Newcomers, guests and visitors: Hot tea, cocoa and coffee are available in back; prayer elders are available up front to support you on your faith journey. We have *Connect cards* in the pew pockets to help us to communicate with you. *Lord's Supper will be celebrated this Sunday 3/10. Baptized believers of all ages, who place their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation are invited to receive communion.*

March 15th: Avalanche Hockey at Pepsi Center: Deadline for group seats on hold in *Section 358* has passed. You may still attend the game & find First CRC friends by securing your tickets at: Avalanche.KSETickets.com/FCR

OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Shirley Van Heukelem will be traveling to Kenya for a World Renew board member site visit **March 13-24**. Prior to the time with World Renew, she will be visiting our Mission Partner in Kenya, **Margaret Njuguna**, at the En Gedi Children's Home near Nairobi. *Margaret has asked for hand-knit slippers (adult-sized) and cloth diapers. If you would like to contribute, please bring donations to the church office by March 12.* ~ Thank you!

March Missionary Birthdays:

Victor Perez - 20th Margaret Njuguna - 29th

Freely Sharing Our Lives:

Family Promise Update: If you have any questions about volunteering or about the program, contact:

- Bret Lamsma (bret@firstcrdenver.org) - Overall Coordinator
- Chris/Amanda Lighthiser (clighthiser@gmail.com) - Grocery Coordinators
- Ed Schans (edwardschans@gmail.com) - Transportation Coordinator
- Jill Schreurs (jill.schreurs@gmail.com) - Meal Coordinator
- Mary Lanser (marylanser@gmail.com) - Facilities Coordinator
- Melanie Jonker (melanie.jonker@gmail.com) - Overnight Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who has brought in needed items for Family Promise. If you have more items to bring in please do that this week. Our first hosting week is just a month away, **April 7-14**, and our volunteer positions are filling up. We are still in need of overnight hosts, so please talk to Melanie Jonker if you are interested in that opportunity.

Our last training session is today from 11-1 in room 12/13.

Canto Deo Concert of Abiding Blessings: *A Musical Conversation with Saints through the Ages* Directed by Jonathan Brown

Concerts are free and open to the public. Donations truly appreciated.

Friday, 3/15/19 @ 7:30pm St. Elizabeth of Hungary
1060 St. Francis Way (Auraria Campus) Denver, 80204

Sunday, 3/17/19 @3:00pm Bethany Lutheran Church
4500 E. Hampden Ave, Cherry Hills Village 80113

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

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

Lent ~ March 10th, 2019 Gathering

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Processional

Sung Call to Worship: *Come Away From Rush And Hurry* LUYH 527

*Reading from Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before Him with thanksgiving
and extol Him with music and song.**
Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
**for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture,
the flock under His care.**

*Song: *Sons & Daughters*

*God's Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Litany of Confession and Assurance

Israel is a scattered flock that lions have chased away. (Jer. 50:17)
We all, like sheep, have gone astray. (Isa. 53:6)

My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray and caused them to roam on the mountains. (Jer. 50:6)

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. (Jer. 23:1)

For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord.

I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy.

I will shepherd the flock with justice. Ezekiel 34:11-16

We your people, the sheep of your pasture, will praise you forever; from generation to generation we will proclaim your praise. (Psalm 79:13)

Song of Assurance: *Over & Over Again*

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: GEMS/Cadets Ministry Update

Word

Children in Worship Dismissal: *Children ages 3 to Kindergarten are invited to hear God's Word downstairs. Parents and guardians are always welcome.*

Psalm 23 *New International Reader's Version*

The Lord is my shepherd. He gives me everything I need.

He lets me lie down in fields of green grass.

He leads me beside quiet waters. He gives me new strength.

He guides me in the right paths for the honor of His name.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I will not be afraid. You are with me.

Your shepherd's rod and staff comfort me.

You prepare a feast for me right in front of my enemies.

You pour oil on my head. My cup runs over.

I am sure that your goodness and love will follow me

all the days of my life. And I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

People: **The Lord be with you.**

Children: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: John 10:11-18 pg. 1075

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Who Needs A Shepherd?*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit

Invitation

Distribution Songs:

The Lord My Shepherd Holds

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Communion

Sending

Sending Prayer

*Sending Song: *Who You Say I Am*

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Lyle Cooper and First CRC Band

Up ~ Prayer and Praise:

Our Persecuted Believer's prayer focus for March and April will be for our brothers and sisters of Latin America. Please take a prayer sheet by the silver message board 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 our neighbors being uprooted, starved and persecuted.

We continue to pray daily for **Joy Smit** in the healing process after many surgeries. Praise God she was able to enjoy a bath and hair care this week! Ina, Joy and the Smit family would like to thank everyone at First CRC for the prayer, cards, visits, love, encouragement and support. Pastor Joel's regular visits and staff support have been especially appreciated.

Ina and the Smit Family

We pray for sustaining grace for our sister in Christ, **Edna Houtkooper**, on around the clock hospice care. Pray for wisdom for her care-givers, and a fresh awareness of God's presence for Edna. Cards, calls and visits are always appreciated: 6930 E. Girard Avenue #201, Denver 80224

Please pray for **Rehoboth** School's new principal, and for a full student roster for the new High School. Pray for continued guidance for staff; and praise for resources supplied.

We pray for the **PLIA group** from Dordt College, that their time in Denver will be impactful for spiritual formation and God's Kingdom ministry through their lives.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

For Lent Pastor Joel Schreurs will be leading us through a sermon series entitled: *Walking With Jesus Through Psalm 23*. How has this beloved Psalm impacted you personally, or drawn you closer to Jesus over the years? Is there a specific line that resonates and why? Please share your stories related to Psalm 23 by emailing worship coordinator, Kyle Cooper: kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org

Our second "Live It Out" (think magnify for all ages) opportunity is just a few weeks away. Sign-ups are in the back of church for 4 activities that you can take part in on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School time from March 31 through April 14. The 4 activities include choir, a drum circle, sanctuary visual arts, and Family Promise preparation. Please sign up so that we know how many people to plan on for each activity.

Next March Family Night: March 20

5:45pm ~ Meal is served

6:30PM: GEMS/Cadets/Coffee Break/ Beloved of God

3/20 - Council meets in rm 24

Youth Group Tonight: Sunday, 5pm-7pm Matt & Eileen Ruter's home: 8308 East Costilla Avenue 80112

Adult Education: We are excited to be offering week 2 of a 4-week adult class on Sunday mornings entitled "*Death as a spiritual event with medical implications.*" This will be a conversation about faith, sickness, death, and medical decisions led by Rev. William Jensen, palliative chaplain at the University of Colorado Hospital. We will be meeting in the Emerson House immediately following service.

Men's Wednesday Am Bible Study 8:00 in Emerson, coffee is on at 7:30am.

Ladies' Wed. PM weekly Coffee Break at 6:30pm in Emerson House.

Ladies' Wed. Morning Bible Study in Rm .12/13, March 20 at 9:30am.

CEAF Reminder: The due date for **CEAF forms is April 1st**. If you have any questions regarding Christian Education form or fund, please contact Keith Bol: kmbol@hotmail.com #303-933-9052

Laurie Sanderson: lsanderson@denverchristian.org #303-601-0944

Troy Newcombe: troynewcombe@gmail.com #303-523-9615

Save the date for Senior Moments March 19th tour to Breckenridge Brewery. Meet at church by 10:15am. Tour begins at 11:00 am, with lunch following. South Sante Fe & Brewery Lane: 2920 Brewery Ln, Littleton, CO 80120

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

Be The Story is a free, one-hour, inspiring lunch experience that shares the vision of Youth For Christ and raises funds to sustain and expand our ministry. Our guest this year will be Karen Leigh from CBS Denver. We will enjoy a special, heart-warming time of hearing stories from kids whose lives have been changed through *Youth For Christ*.

Check-in begins at 11:30 am, program begins promptly at 12 p.m. This free event will be held in the Curtis Ballroom, Comedy Works - South from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2019.

Websites and brochures only go so far in casting a vision that compels the heart to ask, 'How can I be a part of that?' Come and see first hand what God is doing in the lives of young people through the ministry of Youth For Christ and caring adults like you.

Tour Mt View juvenile facility and see firsthand what issues bring kids to detention, how YFC ministers to them and see how God is writing His story in their lives. **Tour is Mon April 22 from 6:30pm-8pm.** Register at www.yfcdenver.org or email claire@yfcdenver.org.

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