

## Church Calendar for week of: March 18th, 2018

**Sunday ~ March 18<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Joel is preaching; offering is for General Fund.

**11:00am-12n Live Justly Class** in Fellowship Hall.

**5:00pm**– Club 68.

**Monday ~ March 19<sup>th</sup>: Office is Closed**

**Tuesday ~ March 20<sup>th</sup>:**

**9:00am-1:00pm:** Senior Moments to Colorado Bureau of Investigation

**1:00pm** – Staff meeting in rm 21 \*Track set up for Pinewood Derby race.

**Wednesday ~ March 21<sup>st</sup>:**

**5:45pm – Family Night meal**

**6:30pm** – GEMS/Cadets *Pinewood Derby Race*, Coffee Break, Film Discussion

**Thursday ~ March 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

**6-8pm** – Holy yoga

**Friday ~ March 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

**9-11am** - Library ladies

**Saturday ~ March 24<sup>th</sup>:**

**9:30am – 11:30am** – Ladies Lenten Prayer (lunch for those who can stay).

**Palm Sunday ~ Pastor Joel Preaching**, Lord's Supper, Sunday School, *Live Justly*

Offering is for Benevolence

**Grow Groups Meal locations: 11:30am**

**GG #1:** Newcombe's House: 2158 S. Clarkson 80210

**GG #2 & #4:** (combined): Fellowship Hall Downstairs

**GG #3:** Van Heukelem's Home: 2319 S. Columbine St. 80210

**GG#5:** Monroe's Home: 2920 South Logan, ENG 80113

**GG#6:** Paul & Beth DeBoer's home: 3940 S. Tamarac Ct. 80237

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** will be our final 2017/18 *Grow Group* Activity with an All-Church PICNIC!

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### Thank you to all serving this Sunday, March 18

**Children in Worship:** Kelsie Ruter, Josh Youngsma, Isaac & Micah DenBraber

**Nursery:** Jessica Cleveland, Gracie Hansum, Ann Rajewski, Angelina Schmauder

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Nancy Waanders, Anne Buteyn

**Coffee:** Vander Ark

**Lord's Supper Prep:** Grow Group 2

### Thank you to all serving next Sunday, March 25

**Children in Worship:** Jill Schreurs, Jessica Cleveland, Logan Posthumus,

Sam Lamsma

**Nursery:** Allie Christians, Melanie Jonker, Beth George, James Jonker

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

**Coffee:** Vermeer Family

**Lord's Supper Prep:** Grow Group 3

**Welcome guests and visitors.** Elders are available up front for prayer. It is Lord's Supper Sunday, and all baptized believers who place their faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to participate in the Sacrament. Next Sunday is our Grow Group Meal and fellowship day; head downstairs after worship for lunch, and be our guests! We will have plenty of food for everyone.

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### **Holy Week Schedule:**

Ladies Lenten Prayer Morning – Saturday, **March 24**, 9:30-11:30am

**Palm Sunday – March 25**, Grow Group Stories & Song Service with Grow Groups Fellowship Meals afterward from 11:30-1:30pm.

**Good Friday – March 30**, 6:30pm Service with Child care

**Easter Sunday – April 1<sup>st</sup>**, 9:30 am with Child Care

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### Missions Update:

**March Birthdays:**

Pastor Bret Lamsma – 3/19

Victor Perez - 3/20

Margaret Njuguna - 3/29

**Walt & Carol Ackerman** from our congregation will be volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services on a Needs Assessment team in Victoria County, TX from **March 28 – April 14** due to Hurricane Harvey – Fall 2017. They will be interviewing vulnerable residents (the elderly, disabled, low-income, etc.) to make their needs known to case workers, ensuring their needs are met and that they do not fall through the cracks. Please support them as a congregation with your prayers while they are on this assignment. Pray for safety, good health, a meaningful experience with opportunities to touch and give hope to hurting people in this relief ministry. ~ *Offices of World Renew/DRS*

**Songs of the Cross** will be our **March 25 Grow Group** Sunday focus. If you have a favorite song about the cross, and possibly a story to go along with it, email details to [songs@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:songs@firstcrcdenver.org)

*Review these songs to see if any spark a memory or touch a special place in your heart:*

Ah, Holy Jesus, How have You Offended?	Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed
Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone	Amazing Love/You Are My King
And Can It Be	At the Cross
Beautiful Savior	Before the Throne of God Above
Behold the Lamb	Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Break Now the Bread of Life	Go to Dark Gethsemane
How Deep the Father's Love For Us	
In Christ Alone	In the Cross
Jesus Messiah	Jesus Paid It All
Lead Me to the Cross	Lift High the Cross
Man of Sorrows	Meekness and Majesty
Near the Cross	Nothing But the Blood of Jesus
O Sacred Head Now Wounded	O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Stronger	The Blood That Jesus Shed
The Old Rugged Cross	The Power of the Cross
The Wonderful Cross/When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	
There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood	
There Is a Redeemer	There is Power in the Blood
What Wondrous Love is This?	Were You There?
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	

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

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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

## Living The Cross-Shaped Life



### Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 18th, 2018

*The season of Lent (February 14-March 31) is a time when we focus together on the cross of Jesus and reflect on what it means to follow a crucified Lord. As a part of our worship during this special season, we will be celebrating the sacrament of communion each Sunday. At First CRC, all baptized believers--regardless of age--are invited to receive this sacrament as a gift of nourishing and sustaining grace. While we encourage God's children of all ages to find creative ways to prepare for worship each week, picture and activity books may be an especially helpful resource for parents and younger children. Materials to borrow, like "At the Table" are available for you in the foyer. If you have other questions about receiving communion, or would like to be baptized, please contact a pastor or elder.*

### Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

\*Song: *Be Still For the Presence* LUYH 532

\*Reading from Job 36 and 37  
God is exalted in His power. Who is a Teacher like Him?  
Who has prescribed His ways for Him, or said to Him, 'You have done wrong?'  
**Remember to extol His work, which people have praised in song.**  
All humanity has seen it; mortals gaze on it from afar.  
**How great is God—beyond our understanding!**  
**The number of His years is past finding out.**  
At this my heart pounds and leaps from its place.  
**Listen! Listen to the roar of His voice,**  
**to the rumbling that comes from His mouth.**  
He unleashes His lightning beneath the whole heaven  
and sends it to the ends of the earth.  
**God's voice thunders in marvelous ways;**  
**He does great things beyond our understanding.**  
He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,'  
and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.'  
**He brings the clouds to punish people,**  
**or to water His earth and show His love.**

\*Song: *How Great Is Our God* LUYH 574

\*God's Greeting

### Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in  
your ways, to the glory of your holy name through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Song of Confession: *Lord I Need You*

Assurance of Pardon

Offering: General Fund

Offertory

## Word

Children in Worship Dismissal

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.**

Scripture: Job 1:1-6, 13-22 pg. 500

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *The Cross and Your Suffering*

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

## Table

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.**

With joy we praise you, gracious God...

We give thanks to God the Father  
that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered,  
gave us this memorial of his sacrifice,  
until he comes again.

At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he broke it ...

Therefore we proclaim our faith  
as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord, our God, send Your Holy Spirit...

Distribution Songs:

*What Wondrous Love* LUYH 164 with reading from LUYH 165

Communion

Prayer

## Sending

\*Sending from Romans 8

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will trouble or hardship?

**No!**

Will persecution or famine?

**No!**

Will nakedness or danger or sword?

**No!**

Will grief and sorrow and loneliness?

**No!**

Will doubts and fears and failures?

**No!**

Will death separate you from the love of Jesus?

**No!**

Will anything separate you from the love of Jesus?

**No!**

Why not?

**In all these things we are more than conquerors  
through Him who loved us.**

**For I am convinced that neither death nor life,  
neither angels nor demons,  
neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,  
neither height nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation  
will be able to separate us  
from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

\*Sending Song: *Blessed Be Your Name* LUYH 343

\*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band

Accompanist: Barb Hogan

## Up ~ Prayer

**Our March/April Congregational Prayer Focus for Persecuted Believers**

features 10 specific ways to pray for a rapidly growing, but highly targeted  
group: **Muslim Background Believers**. See the display on the silver board and  
pick up a copy of the accompanying prayer sheet.

"A big thank you for all your prayers and get well wishes. God is good!" *Betty Klap*

We pray for the peace of Christ and the comfort of God's love for Karen, Seth,  
Ariadne and Halle Soodsma. We thank God for the imprint of Jason's life among us,  
and the many ways he impacted our faith community.

Together, **we thank God** for His tender mercies to each of our loved ones  
recovering from surgical procedures, medical treatments and hospitalizations.

Pray for wise reatment options for **Chris Vanden Broeke**, as he battles Stage 3  
malignant melanoma, while recovering from recent surgery to repair his foot.

## In ~ Events & Activities

**Senior Moments**

Reminder, this Sunday **March 18th** is last day to sign up for our tour to the  
Colorado Bureau of Investigation on **Tuesday, March 20th**. We plan to leave  
church at 8:30. Lunch at The School House Kitchen. Fun place to lunch. Just like  
school. For details, please refer to the flyer.

**Senior Moments to Jerusalem:** Also, remember to sign up for the **March  
27th IMAX film "Jerusalem"**, shown at the Denver Museum by Sunday **March  
25th**. Please see flyer for details. Questions: Betty K. 303-514-6251 or Beth  
P. 303-947-1085.

**Adult Education:** *Live Justly* Class meets **this Sunday**, from 11-12n downstairs in  
Fellowship Hall.

**Ladies Morning Bible Study** Group **will** meet on March 21st, but will **not** meet on  
**April 4<sup>th</sup>** ~ Please mark your calendars.

**Club 68 Middle School Group** will meet this Sunday 5-7!

**Church Family Night Meal is This Wednesday, March 21st at 5:45pm:**

Meal is served until 6:30pm. Enjoy fellowship from 6:30pm to 8:00pm:

- GEMS girl's club rm 12/13, Cadet boys *Pinewood Derby Race!*
- Nursery available downstairs for ages 5 and under.
- Movie Discussion group in the Library on *Poverty Inc.* documentary.
- On 3/21 Council will meet in rm 24.
- *Discover Prayer* with Coffee Break Women's Bible study in Emerson

## Serve & Support

**Platt Park Children's Center**

*Save the Date:* PPCC Silent Auction, **April 13, 2018**, more info to come.

Thank you for your support! [ppcc@plattparkchildrenscenter.com](mailto:ppcc@plattparkchildrenscenter.com)

**Count Committee Report:** for 3/4 and 3/11

Council is grateful for your generosity and faithfulness in giving to the work of  
Christ among us:

<b>General Fund:</b>	\$26,229.00
<b>Sarah Baker/Wajaro:</b>	100.00
<b>World Renew:</b>	994.00

*The anticipated offering in accordance with our 2017/2018 Budget is \$15,451.64 for  
one week, \$30,903.00 for 2 weeks.*

**Treasurer's Report** for the Second Quarter is in your mailboxes this week.

## Out~

**The Dordt College Concert Choir** from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a  
concert tonight at **6:30 p.m. this Sunday, March 18**, at Hope Fellowship Christian  
Reformed Church (2400 S. Ash St. in Denver). Directed by Mr. Ryan Smit, the  
ensembles will perform a wide variety of choral music, including hymn  
arrangements, gospel, recently composed works, part songs from the Renaissance  
and Romantic eras, and Hispanic music from Spain and the Southwestern United  
States. The concert is free, with a freewill offering to help defray tour costs.

**The Canto Deo Chamber Choir** presents *A Season of Longing, A Season of  
Peace*, a contemplative concert which focuses on the mystery of the Christian  
season of Lent and offers peace, love, and comfort to each hearer. Come and enjoy  
serene and moving works by Philip Stopford, Paul Mealor, and Jake Runestad, as  
well as John Rutter, Thomas Tallis, and others: **March 18, 3pm** at Christ Church  
Denver: 2950 South University, Denver 80210. Concerts are free to the public.

**Mile High Ministries:** Community Matters Workshop *Poverty in Mile High City*  
What is the face of poverty in our city? Jeff Johnson, Executive Director, will help  
us better understand myths and stereotypes of being poor in Denver Metro.  
**March 29, 11:30-1:00pm** lunch included. RSVP to [vortiz@milehighmin.org](mailto:vortiz@milehighmin.org), or  
call Virginia Ortiz #303-586-5992: 913 North Wyandot Street, Denver 80204