

Church Calendar

GROW GROUP Sunday ~ March 24th See Locations for meals below.

5-7pm – Youth Group; Offering is for the General operating fund of First CRC.

Monday ~ March 25th

6:30pm – Count Committee

Tuesday ~ March 26th

Wednesday ~ March 27th

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

6:30pm – *Beloved of God*/Coffee Break Women's Bible study in Emerson

Thursday ~ March 28th

Friday ~ March 29th Library

Saturday ~ March 30th

1-3pm – Stamp Class in rm. 12/13

Sunday ~ March 31st

Nikalina Van Andel's Baptism/Family reception

11-12 n. LIVE IT OUT Activities throughout church for all ages.

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, March 24th

Children in Worship: Davinia Lyon, Savannah, Gracie Hansum, Davis Addink

Nursery: Jessica Benson, Karissa Lamsma, Luke Ruter, Erica Bol

Camera: Adam DeBoer Lyrics: Lilli Vermeer

Sound: Paul DeBoer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Fred Ritsema & Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Vermeer Family

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, March 31st

Children in Worship: Becky Vermeer, Denali Schmitt, Owen Vermeer

Nursery: TBD

Camera Matthew Jonker Lyrics: Micah DeHaan

Sound: Jim DeHaan

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cal Van Heukelem, Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Schans

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**. We will come each Tuesday 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 \(meet.google.com/qdn-uxcq-jef\)](https://meet.google.com/qdn-uxcq-jef) or call 304-512-0097 (Pin: 265 382 780#)

Newcomers, guests and visitors:

Visitors, please be our guests today and join any Grow group pot-luck meeting in the garage next door, or downstairs, immediately following service. *We will have plenty of food and beverages. Kids are always welcome!*

GROW GROUP MEAL LOCATIONS: Sunday, March 24th ~

GG#1 ~ Ritsema: Newcombe's House: 2158 South Clarkson, 80210

GG#2 ~ Waanders: Church Fellowship Hall combined w/ GG # 4

GG#3 ~ Van Heukelem: Pit Stop Garage

GG#4 ~ Buteyn: Church Fellowship Hall combined w/GG#2

GG#5 ~ DeHaan: Room 12/13

GG#6 ~ Cady: Schreurs' home: 4632 West Oxford Ave., 80236

March Missionary Birthdays:

Victor Perez - 20th

Margaret Njuguna - 29th

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. We will enjoy a special, heart-warming time of hearing stories from kids whose lives changed through *Youth For Christ*.

Check-in begins at 11:30am, 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.

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 what issues bring kids to detention, how YFC ministers to them and 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.

Claire A. Froehlich, MA, CACII

Chaplain, Mt View Youth Services Center

claire@yfcdenver.org

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Family Promise Update:

Our first host week is just a few weeks away. Check the board in the back of church for specific volunteer needs. Almost all of the hosting responsibilities are filled, but we do need a few people to be overnight hosts still. Talk to Melanie Jonker if you are interested in that. We also need lots of able hands and bodies to help with set up and take down. Talk to Mary Lanser or sign up on the Family Promise display in the back of church if you can help with that. A specific need that we have is for people with access to trailers to help move the beds from our church to the next host church on the last Sunday morning of our host week. These need to be moved in the morning, so the trailer and driver need to be available at **7:00am** before church. We'd like to get a list of people who are available for that duty, so please talk to Mary Lanser, or Bret Lamsma, or sign up in the back of church. A few specific donations of toys are still needed as well: baby toys, specific dolls and doll clothes, and play kitchen items to name a few. Please talk to Mary Lanser if you are able to donate any of those things. And, as always, *thanks for all of the help kicking off this ministry at First CRC!*

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

Address: 1814 South Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80210

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Kyle Cooper:	Worship Coordinator	ext. 103
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First Christian Reformed Church

*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 24th, 2019
Grow Group Sunday Gathering**

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Processional

*Opening Song: *Hosanna* (Praise Is Rising)

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

Karen Ham's Faith Story

*Song: *Blessed Assurance* LUYH 363

Children In Worship Dismissal:

The Lord is my shepherd,
I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters,
He refreshes my soul.

People: **the Lord be with you.**
Children: **and also with you.**

Anonymous Faith Story read by Julie Lamsma

Prayer ~ Pastor Joel Schreurs

**He guides me along the right paths
for His name's sake.
Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff,
they comfort me.**

Al and Kay Bierling's Faith Story

Mary Lanser's Faith Story

Prayer for Lansers and the Congregation

Song: *Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone)*
**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

God's Faithfulness

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

**Surely Your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.**

*Sending Song: *Go, My Children With My Blessing* LUYH 946

Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper and First CRC Band
Accompanist: Hannah Deboer

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 give thanks and praise for the wonderful care **Joy Smit, and the Smit family**, has received from the staff and medical team at Swedish.

Please pray for **Danny Schaefer**, Rebecca's son, training for a boxing exhibition to knock out cancer. Pray for abundant health and endurance.

We pray for **healing** for those with broken bones.

We pray for reconciliation and **repaired relationships**: between siblings, in marriages and within the church.

Pray for **Betty Anema**, hospitalized with influenza and pneumonia.

Praise for answered prayer for eye surgeries and restored vision.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Our second "Live It Out" Sign-ups are in the back of church for 5 activities that you can take part in during the Sunday School time from **March 31 through April 14**: choir, drum circle, dance, sanctuary visual arts and *Family Promise* prep. **Please sign up** so we know how to plan.

Adult Education: "*Death as a spiritual event with medical implications*" is a conversation about faith, sickness, death, and medical decisions led by Rev. William Jensen, palliative care Chaplain at the University of Colorado Hospital will meet in Emerson House, immediately following service 3/31.

Men's Wed. 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, **April 3/17** 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

Barnabas Foundation

Do you want to maximize the impact of the resources God has entrusted to you? James Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will show you how. As a member of our congregation a **confidential will planning consultation is offered to you at no charge** and with **no obligation**. Jim will be meeting with Christian families in our area **April 9 – 11**. Simply call Ann Zacek at Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888.448.3040 (Ext. 121) to schedule your complimentary conversation with Jim. To help you get started, you may also request a free special resource titled "7 Reasons to Review Your Will" by simply sending an e-mail request with "7 Reasons Request" in the subject line to info@BarnabasFoundation.com.

Utilize Barnabas Foundations legal expertise and join the Will and Estate planning workshop at First CRC on **Wednesday April 10 from 6:30-8:00pm** in the Council Room. There is no cost for this workshop. Seating is limited, so please sign up soon. RSVP to deacons@firstcrcdenver.org

Senior Moments ~ Save The Date for a Passover Seder Meal on **April 16th**. Contact Sharon Engel for information: engel18419@live.com

Youth Group is meeting this Sunday night from **5-7 at church!**

OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Volunteer with a Group Overseas - Are you a compassionate, respectful, adaptable person who would like to volunteer overseas with others who have common interests? With *World Renew's Global Volunteer Program*, you will get an authentic cultural experience and learn about the history and traditions that define daily life in a welcoming international community. Email Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

Join Focus on the Family for an evening of teaching with author and biblical historian **Ray Vander Laan**. On **Wednesday** during Easter week, Ray will be presenting in person, as we celebrate the release of "*Cultures in Conflict*", the newest volume in the *That the World May Know® film series*.

This **FREE** event will be held at:

Focus on the Family

8605 Explorer Drive,
Colorado Springs, CO, 80920

On **Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00pm**, doors open at 6:30pm.

RIDES to/from Worship A brother in Christ called our church to see if anyone lives near Hampden/Yale who would consider picking him up for church. Please call the office, or contact Mr. Robert Young directly: Best communication method is by email: Jesus.rescue.train@gmail.com.

Council News: 3/20/19

Council spent time discussing the proposal from staff to move toward a *geographically-based* Grow Group model. We acknowledged that within our current Grow Groups many close relationships have developed, and that it may be hard for some to make this change. We also talked about the opportunities for community and service that could result by living closer to the people in our Grow Groups, and the potential for elders and deacons to minister more easily to people who live nearer to them. Council approved the proposal to move toward forming *geographically-based* grow groups, asking staff to develop a potential plan to present at the April Council meeting.

Retiring Council members continue to have conversations with potential candidates to replace them as new elders and deacons.

We received a brief report from Dave Cady and Fred Ritsema on the Spring Classis meetings.