

## Church Calendar for week of: March 4th, 2018

**Lent 3: Lord's Supper Sunday ~ March 4<sup>th</sup>**

DFF Bret Lamsma is preaching. Sunday School. Offering for World Renew DRS.

**Monday ~ March 5th: Office is Closed**

**Tuesday ~ March 6th:**

**1:00pm** – Staff meeting in rm 21

**7:00pm** – Ladies Bunko

**Wednesday ~ March 7th: Family Night**

**9:30am** – Ladies Morning Bible Study

**5:45pm** – Family Night Meal

**6:30pm** – Elder's meet in Rm. 21, GEMS in rms. 12 & 13/Cadets in Pit Stop garage/Coffee Break in Emerson House/Movie Discussion Group in Library

**Thursday ~ March 8th:**

**6-8 pm** – Holy Yoga in rm. 12/13

**Friday ~ March 9th:**

**9-11am** - Library ladies

**Saturday ~ March 10th: PLIA Group arrives**

**7:00am** – Men's Bible Study in rm 21

**9:00am** – Dance Rehearsal in Sanctuary

**10:00am** – Circle of Hope in rm. 21

**Sunday ~ March 11<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Time ~ Spring Forward 1 hour**

**Pastor Joel preaching:** Cross-shaped Life, Lord's Supper, Sunday School, Offering is for the General Fund

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### Thank you to all serving this Sunday, March 4

**Children in Worship:** Briana Van Andel, Luke Ruter, Charlotte & Eli Reynolds

**Nursery:** Becky van Vliet, Jacob Van Donselaar, Chad Nibbelink, Hannah Grafton

**Prayer Ministry Elder:** Ed Schans

**Coffee:** Buteyns

**Lord's Supper Prep: Grow Group 6**

### Thank you to all serving next Sunday, March 11

**Children in Worship:** Nancy Waanders, Kathy Ritsema, Ari Waanders, Savannah Blohm

**Nursery:** Sandie Posthumus, Lana Oosterhouse, Luke Ruter, Cadance Vance

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Cyndi Berghuis & Cal Van Heukelem

**Coffee:** Sanders/Hogan

**Lord's Supper Prep: Grow Group 1**

**Welcome guests and visitors.** Elders are available up front to answer questions and pray. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and fellowship are served in the foyer! It is Lord's Supper Sunday, and all baptized believers who place their faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to participate in the Sacrament.

**Preparing Children for participation in the Lord's Supper:** Our Pastors have provided some teaching tools for you in the form of a *Lending Library* in the foyer. Three sources are available for take-home study with parents. Please sign the books out, do the lessons at your leisure and return the books within 10-14 days so another family can learn together.

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### **Holy Week Schedule:**

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

Good Friday – **March 30<sup>th</sup>**, 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:

#### **The Table**

We meet many people with different backgrounds, perspectives, politics and beliefs. We invite them to belong to something bigger: a movement of tangible grace in our neighborhood. As we journey into this movement together, we invite them to follow Jesus alongside of us. Starting 15 flats of seedlings for the annual plant sale and Table gardens reminded us – *God makes dead things come alive!* Read more in the February newsletter at the Missions table.

#### *Table Time Prayer Requests:*

- Pray for clarity and inspiration in our vision process.
- Pray for our neighbor friends who witnessed the wedding and heard the good news of grace.
- Thank God for new opportunities for relationships and growing our extended spiritual family.
- Pray for sprouts – both plants and the germinating seeds of faith in our neighbor's hearts.
- Pray for the church to live out the Good News.

#### **Chaplain Claire Froehlich – Denver area Youth For Christ:**

Underneath the *opiod* epidemic is a spiritual conflict that Youth For Christ is facing routinely. Many young people caught up in the drug cartels, are also captive to underground dark spirituality. Read more in YFC's February 2018 Newsletter at the mission's table.

- Pray God's protection over the youth and those who counsel them.
- Thank the Lord for being Captain of the spiritual battle for the Youth of Denver area.
- Praise God for over \$22,435.00 raised this year for *Wreath of Light* program and for thoughtful gifts and cards for the incarcerated youth.
- Please lift up Claire's YFC team for wisdom and sustaining grace.
- Pray for provision for the mission of YFC.

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## Living The Cross-Shaped Life



### Third Sunday of Lent, March 4th, 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 now available for you in the foyer. If you have other questions about receiving communion, or would like to be baptized, please do not hesitate to contact a pastor or elder.*

### Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

Call to Worship

\*Songs:

*He Knows My Name* LUYH 339

*Oh For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* LUYH 590

\*God's Greeting

### Renewal

Prayer for Renewal

Song of Renewal: *God of Grace*

Offering: World Renew DRS

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: Colossians 3:1-17

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *The Cross and Your Relationships* DFF Pastor Bret Lamsma

## Table

Words of Institution:

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 and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, He took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit:

God of all power, send Your Holy Spirit upon us, that in sharing the bread we may share in the body of Christ, that in sharing the cup we may share in His blood. Grant that, being joined together in Christ Jesus, we may become united in faith and in all things become mature in the one who is our head.

Invitation

Communion

Instrumental  
"Carry Your Name"

\*Song: *Behold the Lamb* LUYH 840

## Sending

\*Sending Prayer

\*Sending Song: *Christian Hearts In Love United* LUYH 727

\*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

**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)

## 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 connection board and pick up a copy of the accompanying prayer sheet.

**We continue to pray for Chris Vanden Broeke**, re-scheduled for surgery this Monday to remove melanoma on his foot, and to rebuild foot area with plastic surgery. We pray for wisdom for his medical team, successful surgery and supportive help at home, as he will be non-weight bearing.

We pray for **Betty Eyser**, scheduled for hand surgery on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Kerwin Van Whye** is recovering at home following successful surgery to repair an abdominal aortic aneurysm. He writes, "The recovery is a little slower than expected; I do feel better each day and am very thankful." Fran has had good support and prayer cover from Kerwin's family.

Congratulations to **PFC Kyler Schmitt** who graduated with honors from AIT at Ft. Lee this week. He will transfer to his Duty Station in the next few weeks. Thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement to him during his training!

## In ~ Events & Activities

**Women's Night Out** this Tues. **March 6** from 7-9PM. Come join us for a night of Bunko. Please sign up **today** or let Deb or Cathy know you plan on coming. Sign-up table is in the back of the foyer. Hope to see you there!

**Ladies Morning Bible Study** will meet on **Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30am for fellowship, prayer and to begin a new study on the Psalms.

**Ladies** – Come... set aside two hours to be still and ponder the love of Jesus *for you*. Listen to His Word spoken *over you*. Reflect on what He might want to say *to you* and *through you* this Holy Week. Plan on 9:30am-11:30am at First CRC, on **March 24<sup>th</sup>**. "Stone-soup" lunch for those who can stay.

### **Senior Moments:**

We have two events this month. Remember, you need to sign up for each event. **Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. Tour begins early, we will need to **leave church by 8:30** a.m. Lunch at School House Kitchen. A unique dining place. An old converted schoolhouse from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Menu from \$5 - up, your choice, your tab. On Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> we have rescheduled the IMAX film, "Jerusalem" This is a later time. Film begins at 1:00 p.m. we will need to **leave church at 12**. Questions: Betty K. 303-514-6251.

**First CRC Choir** will become seasonal in 2018, with a block of rehearsals for 3 more Sundays: **March 4-March 18**. We invite anyone who may enjoy singing to come to choir. We'll be trying out some new music styles this season. **March 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will be meeting in the Emerson house at 11:00am – join us. [kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org)

**Circle of Hope** group support for families caring for a loved one with mental illness. This grace-filled group meets the second Saturday of the month in room 21. Contact Cathy Z. for details: [czoetewey@comcast.net](mailto:czoetewey@comcast.net)

### **Next Family Night Meal is this Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 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 in Pit Stop, for 1-8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Nursery available downstairs for ages 5 and under.
- Movie Discussion group in the Library.
- On 3/07 Elders will meet in rm 24.
- *Discover Prayer* with Coffee Break Women's Bible study in Emerson House next to the church.

**Do you love movies?** Do you enjoy discussions on ethics? We will be offering a discussion group, led by Director of Faith Formation, Pastor Bret Lamsma, during Family Nights entitled "Film and Ethics." *Wonder* is our next movie for discussion.

**Dordt students with P.L.I.A.** (putting love into action) will be our First CRC over-night guests from **March 10-16**. They will be staying on-site, providing support to Brother's Redevelopment projects around the city. We pray for their safe travel and look forward to worshipping together on **Sunday, March 11**.

### **Serve & Support**

**Volunteers in Action:** It is not too late to sign up for the *Volunteers in Action* dinner on **March 17<sup>th</sup>**. We have to get numbers in by **March 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please call Nolan at #303-692-0040 if you are coming. Thank you.

### **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)

## Out~

**Eagle Lake Camp** – Have you signed up yet for Eagle Lake Camp in the Platt Park neighborhood this summer? Camp will take place at Hope Community Church from **June 11-15**. All of the information and registration can be found on the web site, with *Scholarships available* at <https://eaglelakecamps.com/camp/athopechurch/>. For any other information talk to Pastor Bret **today**. We are filling up super fast. If you are thinking about signing up, don't wait! Only 35 spots are left.

**The Dordt College Concert Choir** from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at **6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 18**, at Hope Fellowship Christian Reformed Church (2400 S. Ash St. in Denver). The concert is part of a spring music tour with performances in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Iowa. 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 received to help defray tour expenses.