

Church Calendar for May 1-8, 2016

Sunday – May 1~ All-Church BBQ~ Everyone welcome; all food provided!
Pastor Joel Preaching on Lord's Day 1 from *Heidelberg Catechism & Ephesians 4*
Offering is for First Church General Fund.

Monday, ~ May 2

9:15am – Prayer for the Persecuted Church, Rooms 12/13

Tuesday ~ May 3

1:00pm – Staff Meeting in Room 21

7:00pm – Elder's Meeting

Wednesday~ May 4

9:30am – Ladies Morning Bible study – Library

Thursday ~ May 5

11:00am – Memorial Service for Louise Lont (reception following)

Friday ~ May 6

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ May 7

9:00am -12 noon YFC Clothing Swap in Fellowship Hall

10-12 noon - Dance Practice in Sanctuary

Sunday – May 8~ Mother's Day~ Lord's Supper, Name Tag Sunday

Offering is for Living Water Well Sponsorship

5:00pm Youth Group

A sincere welcome to our guests. We are glad you are here!

Please fill out a Connect Card found in the pews and on the tables.

Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available at the tables in back.

Children ages 3-K, will be invited up front for a blessing before dismissal to

a special Bible story time just for them. Parents are welcome!

Coffee & Tea can be found near the doors. Elders up front will pray and answer questions about sacraments, worship or whatever is on your heart.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, May 1st

Nursery: Karen Waanders, Melanie Jonker, Jameson Newcombe, Roger Vanden Boogaard, Tyler Schroeder

Children in Worship: *Jesus Ascends into Heaven* Nancy & Ari Waanders, Noah Van den Boogaard

Prayer Ministry Elders: Donn Hansum & Eric DenBraber

PPT Preparation: Stephanie Den Braber

Sound: Cory Vermeer **Video:** Wyatt Vermeer **PPT:** Gabe Zoetewey

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #4

Lord's Supper Prep for May 8: GG #4

Coffee: Hogan

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, May 8th

Nursery: Eileen Ruter, Beth George, Isaac Jonker, Eric Den Braber, Madisyn Hunt

Children in Worship: *Jesus Appears to Paul* Karen Waanders, Lilli Vermeer, Savannah Blohm

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Joel Jonker

PPT Preparation: James Timmer

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Grow Group's BBQ Celebration today!

Join us for our final Grow Group events this season:

May 1 – "In" - All-Church BBQ: Pit Stop and Fellowship Hall.

All food will be provided and everyone is welcome!

May 8 - Sign up for the following "Out" service options throughout May:

*Visit **Canterbury Gardens Assisted Living** on May 15

*Help with cleanup/repair at **RoundUp Fellowship's Houses**, serving people with developmental disabilities

*Spring clean up for seniors through **Volunteers In Action**

June 13-17, 2016 Eagle Lake Summer Camp is honored again this year to be able to partner with Hope Community Church to host this fun-filled week for kids in 1st through 6th grade. Please take postcards, available at the back tables, to share with friends and family. Invite a friend and **register online this week** at <http://eaglelakecamps.com/athope>

Volunteer Opportunities: *Additional details on the sign-up sheets*

✚ **2 Host Families Needed (6/11-6/18)~ applications due May 1**

✚ **10 or more to donate toward camp scholarships and/or Food.**

✚ **8 High School Crew Members to work with trained Eagle Lake staff: M-F 8:45 -4pm ~ get to know one group of kids all week.**

✚ **4-6 Lunch Servers/clean up: 11:30-1:00pm (one Day of camp)**

✚ **Facility Team:** 1-2 property upkeep Flexible times
6 + to deep Clean Hope Church on Friday eve 4-7pm

✚ **1 Medical Volunteer:** certified nurse, paramedic or EMT, flexible hours

Volunteer responsibilities, sign-up sheets, and a flyer are available in the foyer. Urgent need for host families! The deadline to apply is today. See Shirley Van Heukelem if you are willing to host 2-6 college-aged staffers for the week of camp.

Requested Announcements:

JAMLAC invites you to a Kentucky Derby celebration of 10 years of seeking Justice. **Saturday, May 7, 2016** from 3-7pm at the Wellshire Inn: 3333 South Colorado Blvd. Denver 80222

RSVP at www.JAMLAC/ORG/DERBY Admission: FREE! Donations appreciated. Appetizers, Live Music and childcare provided.

Loving Your Neighbor Today Conference - July 19-21, 2016, featuring Dr. Richard Mouw as keynote speaker. Join us at Calvin Theological Seminary for worship, presentations, small group conversations, and panel discussions. We will ask, from a variety of perspectives, about what it means to love our neighbors in today's world. Check out the ad in *The Banner*. Visit calvinseminary.edu/neighbor to register.



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

Address: 1814 South Emerson Street, Denver 80210

Pastor Joel Schreurs, ext. 101, Minister of The Word

Shirley Van Heukelem, ext. 104, Programs & Office Administrator

Kim Csepe, ext. 103, Director of Faith Formation

Larry and Alyse Young, Custodians

Rebecca J. Schaefer, ext. 102, Administrative Assistant



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*Celebrating, Seeking, Sharing abundant life
in Jesus...*

**Order of Worship ~
May 1, 2016**

Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Prayer:

Ephesians 1:17-19

*Song:

Open the Eyes of my Heart

LUYH 537

*Litany of Praise

Based on Ephesians 1:3-13

We praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who has blessed us with every blessing in heaven
Because we belong to Jesus.

Long ago, even before He made the world
God chose us to be His very own
And to adopt us into His family
Because we belong to Jesus.

So overflowing is His kindness toward us
That He took away all our sins through the blood of His Son
And made us holy in His eyes,
Because we belong to Jesus.

He gives us His Spirit
To assure us that, one day,
He will gather us all together to be with Him forever
Just as He promised.
**Because we belong--body and soul, in life and in death--
To our faithful Savior Jesus Christ!**

* Song:

Cornerstone

Hillsong

*God's Greeting:

Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ: From where does your help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Grace, mercy, and peace be yours in the name of the Triune God--
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen

*Mutual Greeting

*An asterisk shows us when to stand; **Bold text** indicates the congregation speaks.

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Congregation of Jesus Christ,

Let us declare the good news together:

There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus,
**For He has fully paid for all our sins with His precious blood,
And has set us free from the tyranny of the devil.**

*Song of Thanksgiving: *Christ is Risen* Maher

Word

Children in Worship Blessing

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.**

Prayers of Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6 pg. 1175

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *The Simple Life* Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

*Song: *Take My Life and Let it Be* LUYH 863: 1,3,4,6

Sending

Offering & Offertory General Fund

Announcements

*Sending

You are not your own; you were bought at a price.

Therefore, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling
you have received.

Because I belong to Him,

Christ, by His Holy Spirit,

Assures me of eternal life

**And makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.**

*Song: *Let it Be Said of Us*

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Kim Csepe Elder: Eric Den Braber

Musicians: First Church Band, Elaine Lim, Accompanist

Thank you for touching our hearts with your gentle ministry Dance Team.

Prayer For God's People *Elders are available for prayer after service*

Our beloved sister in Christ, **Louise Lont**, went to be with Jesus on
Thursday night. We lift up Kathy and Jack Bol, and the entire Bol family.
The memorial service will be Thursday, May 5 at 11:00am, in honor of the
life and legacy of Louise, who was the oldest member of First Church.

Please pray for renewed strength for **Fran and Kerwin Van Wyhe**. Fran
has been moved to Clermont Park for rehabilitation and is making
progress. Continue prayer for Kerwin and his sister, Marlene, as they
mourn the loss of her husband, Jasper Timmer.

Pray fervently for **Wayne Rozendaal**, who was hospitalized with
pneumonia. Continue to pray for sustaining grace and strength for Marge
as she cares for him.

Missions Activities and Opportunities:

People in emerging countries are not as fortunate as we are in the U.S.
For many millions, clean, safe water and food is not available. Our Christian
community has prayerfully, financially and physically supported the
development of clean water sources for the poor in Central America for the
past nine years. We have completed 13 drill/hygiene trips and 15 safe,
clean wells. This year we have another opportunity to drill a safe, clean
water well in Honduras Nov 5-12, 2016. If you have yet to go on a LWI
mission trip, this could be a life changing experience. The team will be
under the supervision of Living Water Int'l (LWI). The cost is \$1950 per
person; registration must be completed by August 1. Good health, a valid
passport and a security clearance are necessary. Contact Al Wassenaar, cell
720 530 0907 or connect by email acwassenaar@comcast.net.
*Thank you all for your various means of support for this water ministry. This
work would not have been possible without your support.*

Help Earthquake Survivors in Ecuador: - More than 480 people are dead
after a horrific earthquake struck Ecuador last weekend. Four thousand
more are injured. Your gifts to World Renew's "International Disaster
Response Rapid Response Fund" will be used to provide immediate and
long-term assistance to those affected by this disaster. Learn more or
donate at worldrenew.net, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or send your check
to 1700 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49508.

Kay Bierling will be traveling to Kenya with her daughters and
granddaughters in June to visit Margaret Njuguna and the children and
caregivers at **En Gedi Children's Home**. Margaret has requested a few
items that are available in Kenya but are of poor quality and/or too costly.
Please consider purchasing and donating the following items. You can place
your donated items in a bin in the foyer of church:

- twin-sized bed sheet sets
- towels
- children's socks
- diapers - largest children's size

First Church Upcoming Activities

Spring Mom's Morning Play Group Schedule:

May 4--Allie Christians' house 2717 S Osceola Way, Denver, CO

May 11-Karen Soodsma

May 18- Jill Schreurs

May 25-OFF

Contact : alliechristians4@gmail.com to be included on emails!

Ladies Morning Bible Study meets **Wednesdays, May 4 and May 18 at
9:30am** with teacher Walt Ackerman, in the First Church Library. Solid
Bible study, delicious coffee, fellowship and prayer. Newcomers welcome.

Ladies Clothing Swap! Saturday, May 7, 9am-12noon, Fellowship Hall.
Bring all the items you'd like to donate - clothes, jewelry, household items,
etc. and take as much as you'd like! Coffee and changing rooms provided
and your donation of \$10 at the door goes to the **YFC Jeremiah Project
camp** for incarcerated youth coming this summer. Claire@yfcdenver.org

**Attention ALL high schoolers! Youth Group will be going
bowling Saturday, May 14!** We will meet at church at 7 p.m. and then
head over to the bowling alley in the party tube. Please eat before you come
but feel free to bring money along for snacks (or maybe ice cream after we
are done). If you have any questions, please contact Alyse
at alyseyoung07@gmail.com or 303-582-4036.

Youth Group end-of-year BBQ bash at the Ruter's on **Sunday, May 22nd,**
Save the Date. More details and information coming soon!

Senior Moments: Mark your calendar for our **May 17th tour to the Molly
Brown House Museum**. Lunch at Racines. Remember to sign up for this
tour. For details please see the flyer. Questions: Beth P. 303-947-1085 or
Betty K. 303-514-6251.

Club 68 End of Year BBQ

All 6th-8th grade kids and your families are invited to an end of year BBQ
(whether you've attended Club 68 or not!)

Date: Sat., **May 21st** **Time:** 4pm - 8pm-ish

Location: Schroder-Zachman household 7000 W. 64th Ave, Arvada 80003
Main course and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.
RSVP by **May 15th:** 303-808-6145 or denvermountaineer@gmail.com

Council News

1. The Council reviewed the list of members nominated as Deacons and
Elders for the next three years and adopted a list of candidates. Letters
have been sent to those members, asking them to prayerfully consider this
important service to First CRC.
2. The Council met with Pastor Victor Perez and received an update of the
Cascade of Hope ministry to the Spanish community. Cascade of Hope is
asking for local CRC church members to consider a six-month commitment
to help initiate ministry programs there. The commitment would begin
next September. More information will be provided in the next few weeks.
3. Results of the recent Grow Groups surveys were reviewed and
discussed. This information will be used to plan for next season
programming. Thank you to all who provided this valuable input.

Count Committee Report: 4/17/16 and 4/24/16

Council is grateful for your quick response to the roof renovation project,
the pledges for En-Gedi and your faithful tithes and offerings.

General Fund: \$20,016.25

En-Gedi: 680.00

Roof: 1,975.00

The next Count Committee meeting is May 16, 2016.

The anticipated offering for a two-week count is \$29,850.00.