

Church Calendar

Lord's Supper Sunday ~ May 12

Pastor Joel preaching; Offering is for General Fund; Name Tag Sunday

Monday ~ May 13

9:15am – Prayer For Persecuted Believers in rm 12/13

6:30pm – Count Committee

Tuesday ~ May 14

1:30pm – Staff meeting in rm. 21

Wednesday ~ May 15

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

9:30am – Ladies Am Bible Study

6:30pm – Coffee Break in Emerson

Thursday ~ May 16 ~

9-11:30 – Sew & Sews

7:00pm - Band Practice in Sanctuary

Friday ~ May 17

9:00am- Library

Saturday ~ May 18

Sunday ~ May 19: Baptism of Marion Gardner

Offering is for Benevolence

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, May 12

Children in Worship: Bret Lamsma, Hannah Grafton, Erin Youngsma, Marissa Bol

Nursery: Becky van Vliet, Lea Gunnett, Ashleigh Bol, Sam Lamsma

Camera: Davis Addink Lyrics: Dan Addink Sound: Paul DeBoer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cal Van Heukelem & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Den Braber/Schans

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, May 19

Children in Worship: Christine Nibbelink, Josh Youngsma, Erica Bol

Annika DeBoer

Nursery: Kelsie Ruter, Kyle Van Andel, Beth George, Adam DeBoer

Camera: Matthew Jonker Lyrics: Gabe Zoetewey Sound: Logan Posthumus

Prayer Ministry Elders: Dave Cady & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Heersinks

Welcome guests and visitors: *First CRC is grateful to have you here with us! Please fill out a Connect card in the pew pocket so we know how best to support and encourage you. Elders are up front for you after each service. We celebrate the Lord's Supper today. All baptized believers, who place their faith in Jesus for salvation, are welcome to receive communion.*

Chick-fil-A Fundraiser

Come on out and support Bethany Christian Services of Colorado on **Tuesday, May 21, 2019** at Chick-fil-A Belmar (565 S. Vance St., Lakewood, CO 80226). A percentage of sales (in-store AND drive-through) made between 5 and 8 pm will be donated to Bethany. Simply tell the cashier you are there to support Bethany.

Women's Retreat Applications - The applications for the Sept. 25-27, 2019

Women's Retreat in Breckenridge, CO are available online:

<https://forms.gle/XEWVgBQjGTLJPN9N8>

Applications and payment are due on or **before July 21**. There will be a few copies of the application on a table in the foyer. Contact Shirley Van Heukelem, or Julie Lamsma for more information.

Sermon Notes:

First Christian Reformed Church #303.733.4936

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

Address: 1814 South Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80210

Pastor Joel Schreurs:	Minister of the Word	ext. 101
Shirley Van Heukelem:	Programs & Office Admin.	ext. 104
Kyle Cooper:	Worship Coordinator	ext. 103
Bret Lamsma:	Director of Faith Formation	ext. 105
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FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

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

Sunday ~ May 12, 2019

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship

This is the good news— the grave is empty;

Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—
once we were no people;
now we are God's people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace
we now share with each other.

Hallelujah!

*Song: *Come People of the Risen King*

*John 10:27-29

My sheep listen to my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

He gives us eternal life, and we shall never perish;

no one will snatch them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all;

no one can snatch us out of the Father's hand.

*Song: *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen* LUYH 205

*God's Greeting

Renewal

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Song: *Salaam* LUYH 298

Offering: General Fund

Offertory

Children In Worship Dismissal

Leader: We are God's family

We joyfully surrender to Jesus.

We freely share our lives.

We humbly embrace the hurting.

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

Children: **And also with you.**

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *When Easter Overflows*

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.

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.

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

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Invitation

Distribution Songs:

Behold the Lamb LUYH 840

Carry Your Name

Communion

Prayer

Sending

Sending: from Ephesians 2

It is by grace we have been saved, through faith.

This is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God.

Not by works, so that no one can boast.

For we are God's handiwork,

created in Christ Jesus to do good works,

which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*Sending Song: *We Are Called* LUYH 296

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of The Word:

Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation:

Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator:

Kyle Cooper and First CRC Band

Up ~ Prayer and Praise:

*Our Persecuted Believer's prayer focus for **May** and **June** will be for our brothers and sisters of **India**, including **Sri Lanka**. Please take a prayer sheet by the silver message board, or take a phone picture, 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 believers who have sustained trauma and great loss.*

Greetings friends and family! Just an update on my cancer journey. Two months ago I informed you that the Lord removed the beast from my body. I still believe that, yet today I have to inform you that the cancer has metastasized and is back, even into my thigh and leg. Sad news. The good news is it hasn't yet spread into any organs according to the PET/CT scan last week. I'm getting a treatment as I write and ask once again for the Prayer Warriors to pray. God is so good and He conquered this beast before. I totally believe He can again! *Chris Vanden Broeke*

We pray full recovery and **healing** for all who have had recent surgery: Karen Ham, Ina Smit, Betty Klap,

We are so grateful for First Church. Thank you for the comforting support during the recent passing of our son, Matt. *Al & Carol Wassenaar*

Update from Van Otterloo Family:

We have been incredibly blessed to be a part of this congregation for the past several years. You have supported and encouraged us in such a variety of ways, and we are grateful for the family you have been to us. We are so sad to say goodbye to you at the end of this month when our family moves back to the Iowa City area. May 18 will be our last Sunday worshiping with you all here in Denver.

Our new address is: 260 Whitman Ave, North Liberty, IA 52317

Thanks, the Van Otterloo's

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Men's Wed. AM Bible Study 8:00 in the Emerson House South of church, coffee is on at 7:30am. Contact: Joel.jonker@gmail.com

Men's Sat. AM Bible Study in rm 21, *every other Sat.*, next mtg. **May 25**

Contact Rod Oosterhouse: rodohouse@comcast.net

Ladies' Wed. AM Bible Study in rm 12/13, **May 15** at 9:30am.

Contact study leader Walt Ackerman: wackerman@comcast.net

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

Contact Betty Eyser: b.eyser@comcast.net

Beloved of God Yoga will *not* be meeting: May 1, 8, 15, 22 at First CRC.

Contact Pamela: dphansum@q.com for a Saturday alternative at Wash Park.

Sew & Sews meets every other Thursday in rm 12/13. **May 16 & 30.** Contact Joey Vander Ark for more information: joeyvanark@aol.com

Senior Moments (fellowship for 55 & up): May 21st, look for more details and a sign-up sheet is in the back on the silver message board for the Castlewood Canyon excursion ~ Contact: Engel8419@live.com *Sign-up deadline is: May 19*

Save The Date! Long Scraggy All-church picnic off-site: Sunday, **August 25th.** Call John at Long Scraggy to make your weekend camping reservations: 303.838.7770 More details later.

OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Step Back into Biblical Times - Walk the paths of the Exodus from Egypt to Israel. Follow in Jesus' footsteps from Nazareth to Jerusalem. See scripture on the walls of ancient temples and tombs. Resonate Global Mission is gathering a team for the **Exodus Vision Tour for Spring 2020.** Learn more and apply at www.resonateglobalmission.org/exodus.

Israel & Jordan Study Tour - October 10-22, 2019 - Travel to New Testament sites connected with Jesus' life and the early church: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, the major biblical places in Jerusalem, Masada and much more. This tour also uniquely involves key biblical sites in Jordan, including the amazing city of Petra. Visit www.jeffreyweima.com or contact Dr. Jeff Weima at wemje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

Foster Care: Bethany Christian Services of Colorado has a heart for children, and we equip families to be the answer for children in need. With offices in Denver and Colorado Springs, our staff works to bring and keep families together through our services which include foster care, adoption and pregnancy support. Foster care continues to be our largest program, as Colorado's need for foster families is high. If you are interested in becoming a licensed foster parent, we would love to connect with you in Denver or Colorado Springs: Bethany.org/Denver (303-221-0734) OR (719-591-7595).

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

World Renew Responds to Cyclone Idai - Right now, 2.6 million people in Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe are facing devastation aftermath Cyclone Idai. World Renew is working to deliver emergency shelter and supplies to the survivors. Please give today to this urgent need or for more information, please go to: www.worldrenew.net/cycloneidai.