

Church Calendar for May 22, 2016

Sunday – May 22, Graduation Celebration

Pastor Joel preaching, offering is for the Bible League.
5:00pm Youth Group BBQ at the Ruter's house

Monday, ~ May 23

1:00pm - Youth Ministry Denominational mtg. in Rm. 21

Tuesday ~ May 24

1:00pm – Staff Meeting in Room 21

Wednesday~ May 25

6:30pm – Coffee Break Women's Bible Study in Emerson House

Thursday ~ May 26

9:00am – Sew & Sews sewing group in Room 12/13

Friday ~ May 27

9:00am - Library Ladies
Organ tuning in the Sanctuary

Saturday ~ May 28

7:00am – Men's Bible Study in Room 21
1:00pm – 3:00pm – Stamp Class card-making downstairs

Sunday – May 29 Memorial weekend

Pastor Joel is preaching, offering is for Benevolence

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!

Our offering today is for the **Bible League** to equip under-resourced churches with Bibles, biblical resources and training to encourage, strengthen, and plant new churches in impoverished communities.

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 22nd

Nursery: Beth DeBoer, Nancy Waanders, Eli Vermeer, Beverly Kibble, Elianah Reynolds

Children in Worship: Last Session - Karen Waanders, Jack Waanders, Isaac Jonker

Prayer Ministry Elders: Donn Hansum & Eric Den Braber

PPT Preparation: Jill Schreurs

Sound: Jim DeHaan **Video:** Caleb Jonker **PPT:** Micah DeHaan

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #4

Coffee: Young/Schaefer

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, May 29th

Nursery: Christine Nibbelink, Jevon van Vliet, Brett Van den boogaard, Paige Cady, Mikaila Bol

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Joel Jonker

PPT Preparation: Jill Schreurs

Sound: Bob Reynolds **Video:** Elianah Reynolds **PPT:** Richard Mannes

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Coffee: Staff

May 22 Sign Up Today! - "OUT" Service Options for May

You are invited to join us as we serve together this month. Sign ups are in the back of the sanctuary. All are welcome to participate!

- **VIA Annual Spring Yard Cleanup for Seniors- Various May Dates** Come and help with basic yard projects to serve seniors in our own congregation and beyond. Sign up & Donn Hansum will contact you with details.
- **RoundUp House Projects - Various May Dates** RoundUp Fellowship supports people with developmental disabilities and has projects available at 3 of their houses. Sign up & Keith Bol will contact you with specifics.

Eagle Lake Camp is a great opportunity to serve and grow!

Have you registered yet for Eagle Lake Summer Camp June 13-17, 2016? This fun-filled week is for kids in 1st through 6th grade. Invite a friend and **register online** at <http://eaglelakecamps.com/athope>

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

- ✚ **Host Families still needed (6/11-6/18)~ fill out application**
- ✚ **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

Volunteer responsibilities, sign-ups, and a flyer are available in the foyer. Thank you to those who have signed-up to help. Shirley will be in contact with you before camp.

Urgent World Renew Update:

Over 80,000 people were evacuated from the city of Fort McMurray as wildfires engulfed the area and burned neighborhoods down to charred rubble. **2400 structures, including homes have been destroyed.**

Shelter, food and clothing are among the greatest needs as evacuees wait at least two weeks before they can see what is left of their homes.

World Renew Disaster Response Services' Regional Program Managers are in touch daily with emergency coordination officials to monitor the situation.

Right now, nearby CRC churches are collaborating to care for evacuees and are **urgently in need of your financial support.**

Will you give to **World Renew DRS** today to help churches and families in Fort McMurray recover from this devastating fire?

Your gift will help meet the needs of fire survivors and assist local churches as they care for displaced residents.

#1.800.730.3490 World Renew Canada or info@worldrenew.net



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Order of Worship Trinity Sunday ~ May 22, 2016

Prelude and Processional

Welcome

*Song: *Come People of the Risen King* Band

*Opening Prayer:

O God, who created us in love,
create us anew in love as we worship You.
O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,
reclaim our hearts as we worship You.
O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end,
move within us as we worship You.

*Song: *O Sing to the Lord* LUYH 493

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Congregation of Jesus Christ: From where does your Help come?
Our help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.
Grace, mercy and peace be yours in the name of the Triune God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Renewal

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession:
Triune God,

We praise You as the God of love and life.

Though Jesus prayed that we would be one,

we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with You.

We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions.

We long for Your Spirit to heal us and correct us.

We long for You to help us experience communion

with You and with each other as we gather around Your Word [*and table*].

Even now, dependent on Your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity You desire.

Through Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Assurance: *Beneath the Cross* LUYH 825

Leadership appreciation and Milestone Celebration: High school graduates
-Colton Natelborg, Jameson Newcombe and Willow Wang

Prayers of Intercession and Gratitude

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.**

Scripture: Matthew 4:23-5:12 pg. 968-969

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: *Enough*

Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

Song: *Your Grace is Enough*

LUYH 698

Sending

Offering: The Bible League

Offertory: *Blest Are They*

Vocal Ensemble

*Sending

The church is a gathering

Of forgiven sinners

**Called to be holy,
dedicated to service.**

Saved by the patient grace of God,

we deal patiently with others.

Knowing our weakness and failures

we bring good news to all

with understanding

and hope in God.

*Blessing

*Doxology: *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow* LUYH 964

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Kim Csepe

Musicians: First Church Band, Barb Hogan

Vocal Ensemble: Alice Waanders, Erin, Charlotte and Ian Reynolds

First church is blessed to have a group of women who meet regularly for prayer. If you have something for which you would like confidential prayer offered, please send your prayer requests by email to:

Cyndi@firstcrdenver.org, or mddeboer@juno.com

Prayer For God's People

We thank God for educators and students at all grade levels, and ask our Good Teacher to continue to guide and direct our educational and spiritual formation. May this summer break bring refreshment and rest for all.

We offer our prayer and sympathy to the Reppert family, as they grieve the loss of John Reppert. Please pray for provision and peace for Dorothy's every need.

We are so thankful for the love shown toward us in the passing of my father this past month. Your kind words, cards and other acts of love are so appreciated. It is good to be a part of the family of God! *Jon & Cathy Zoetewey*

First Church, please pray: "A recent PET scan revealed the bone cancer is starting to "wake up" again. It is minimally active, in the left shoulder and lower spine. We decided (with Oncologist) that the best course of action is not to wait, but to resume treatment and put it back in a dormant mode. Three rounds of the chemo, followed by another another PET scan, will likely show if we are putting the cancer back to sleep, holding our own, or losing ground. Decisions on continuing the same treatment will be made after that late June scan." *Russ & Judy Den Braber*

Missions Activities and Opportunities:

Help Earthquake Survivors in Ecuador: - More than 480 people are dead after a horrific earthquake struck Ecuador. 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. 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, leaving June 3rd 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 or flats
- towels: bath, hand & wash cloths
- children's socks for 3-9 years old
- cloth diapers - largest children's size

The Table Update: After Five years, the Table is assuming responsibility for our own Administration and Book-keeping. Please remit all donations to: The Table, PO Box 103370, Denver, CO 80250, or go to: www.denvertable.org/donate financially. Contact craig.broek@gmail.com to contribute: trellis material, gardening gloves, space for storage & events or to volunteer for a few days! See the ministry table for an updated newsletter.

Thin out your fabric stash for a good cause! Ann Rajewski is putting together a sewing care package for **the women of La Canita, Dominican Republic**, a ministry that she is intimately involved with. She is collecting sewing scissors, cotton fabric (at least 1/2 yard please) and if someone has a sewing machine they would like to donate it would be great. Please put your donations in the box in the back of the sanctuary by **Sunday, May 29.**

First Church Upcoming Activities

This week our regular cycle of *Children in Worship* comes to a close and we'll begin the **summer season**. With the change, we are in need of people to help lead kids ages 3-K in worship by presenting a story, leading a reflection time, and praying. If you love God's Word, love kids and can sign up for 1-3 Sundays this summer, contact Karen Waanders at: kjwaander@comcast.net.

Spring Mom's Morning Play Group Schedule: May 25-OFF
Contact: alliechristians4@gmail.com to be included on emails!

Youth Group BBQ - Come on over to the Ruter residence (8308 E Costilla Ave) for the **end of year BBQ Today, Sunday, May 22nd**. We will provide the main course and drinks, if you can each bring a side dish or dessert. Come over anytime between **5pm and 8pm** for some food and fun! Thanks for a great year!

Requested Announcements

Where Grace Abounds is having a picnic to celebrate 30 years of ministry! **May 28th, 11am-3pm at Alamo Placita Park** 300 Emerson Street. Bring a favorite dish to share. Fried Chicken and beverages provided. Rsvp by May 25th to Nancy #303-863-7757 or nancy@wheregraceabounds.org As always the team at *Where Grace Abounds* really appreciates prayer cover for their ministry and programs to those seeking sexual integrity.

Council News:

1. Council is pleased to announce the addition of Jonathan Cady to the Missionary Partnership ministry. Jonathan recently visited and explained his new ministry in China as part of CRC World Missions.
2. Council adopted a slate of candidates for the offices of Deacon and Elder for the upcoming term. Three Elders, with one as Clerk, and two Deacons will be elected. Those standing for Deacon are Chad Nibbelink, Roger Vanden Boogaard, and Larry Young. Those standing for Elder are Ann Rajewski, Sheri DeHaan, and Nancy Waanders. Karen Waanders will be affirmed as Clerk.
3. Pastor Joel and Jill have the opportunity to travel to Israel in June for two weeks, and the Council has approved this time as continuing education. This will provide them a deeper understanding of the history of Christianity as revealed in the Bible. Additional time for regular vacation also will be scheduled in June. Guest ministers during June will be: Jaci Bush, Victor Perez, Tom Draayer, and Liam Starkenberg.

Count Committee Report: 5/1, 5/8, 5/15

The Council is grateful for your faithful generosity.

General Fund	\$39,444.89
Cascade of Hope	140.00
Living Water Int'l	3,409.00

You will find a detailed financial report from our treasurer in your mailbox today. Thank you Troy Newcombe, and the Count Team. We are grateful for your service!