

Church Calendar for week of May 27th:

Sunday ~ May 27th: *Graduation Celebration*

Pastor Joel Schreurs is preaching; offering is for Benevolence.

3-9pm Private party in Pit Stop garage & Kitchen

Monday ~ May 28th: Memorial Day

Tuesday ~ May 29th:

Wednesday ~ May 30th:

6-8pm – Coffee Break in Emerson House

Thursday ~ May 31st:

11:30am: Staff Meeting in Room 21

6-9pm – Vicar's Training in Fellowship Hall

7-9pm – Band Practice in Sanctuary

Friday ~ June 1st: **Cadets to Long Scraggy** *for the weekend!*

9:30-11:30am - Library is open

Saturday ~ June 2nd:

Sunday ~ June 3rd –

5-7pm High School Game Night

Thank you to all serving THIS Sunday, May 27th

Children in Worship: On Break

Nursery: Karen Waanders, Lynn Roberts, Erica Bol

Camera: Davis Addink

Lyrics: Dan Addink

Sound: Jon Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Young/Schaefer

Thank you to all serving NEXT Sunday, June 3rd

Children in Worship: Jill Schreurs, Laurie Sanderson, James Jonker

& Katherine Elgersma

Nursery: Denali Schmitt, Aaron Elgersma

Camera: Isaac Jonker

Lyrics: Elianah Reynolds

Sound: Bob Reynolds

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Cal Van Heukelem

Coffee: DeBoer/Kats

Welcome to our visitors! How can we serve you? Elders are available up front to answer your questions and pray. A children's coloring/activity bulletin, called *Sweet Rewards*, can be found in the green baskets in the foyer. Coffee and tea are set up for you outside today. We'll celebrate the graduates with cupcakes!

Opportunities to serve and support

Summer Session Children in Worship Leaders still needed: Please contact kelsieruter@gmail.com, if you would be willing to lead our little ones in worship (with other volunteer help in the room). **Children in Worship will not meet today or July 1.**

Eagle Lake Camp (June 11-15), Thank you to all who will be hosting our Camp counselors – we are all set for host homes! We do still need volunteer help for serving lunch on Wednesday, 6/13, and to prepare and serve ice cream floats on Friday afternoon 6/15.

Canto Deo Spring Concerts *Sunday Singin' Blue Grass, Spirituals, Gospel and Southern Harmonies* are **June 3rd** and **June 10th**

Sunday, June 3 at 3pm at *Bethany Lutheran*: 4500 E. Hampden Avenue

Sunday, June 10 at 2:30pm at *Our Lady of Loretto*: 18000 E. Arapahoe Rd

Both concerts are free and open to the public.

Group Volunteer Overseas - Are you a compassionate, respectful, and 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 deep history and traditions that define the life of an international community. To find out more, email Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

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

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Bret Lamsma: Director of Faith Formation ext. 105

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FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

Sunday May 27th, 2018

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.*

Gathering

Prelude: *I Will Rise*

Welcome and Announcements

Processional

*Sung Call to Worship: *Sing to the King* LUYH 474

*Litany of Praise: Based on Ephesians 1:3-13 NLB

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

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 Christ.

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 Christ.

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 to Christ.

*Song: *Here on Jesus Christ I will Stand* LUYH 708

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Silent space to confess our individual sins.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to Your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for His sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

*In the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus says,
Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them.
Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the
lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on
his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors
together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell
you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over
one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who
do not need to repent.*

*When we confess our sins, we find forgiveness in Jesus, so we flee to
Him who is our refuge and firm foundation.*

Song of Assurance: *How Firm A Foundation* LUYH 427

Offering: Benevolence

Offertory

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Word

Heidelberg Catechism: *Lord's Day 1*

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7 pg. 723

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Bad Advice, Good News*

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *In Christ Alone* LUYH 770

Sending

Recognition of High School Graduates

Sending

*Sending Song: *The Spirit Is Here*

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band

Up ~ Prayer

Our current Congregational Prayer Focus for Persecuted Believers is the country of **India**. A rise in Hindu nationalism has led to a rise in persecution of Christians, and India is now #11 on this year's World Watch List. See the display on the silver board and pick up a copy of the accompanying prayer sheet.

We pray for **Al Bierling's** solid recovery from knee replacement surgery, and for pain relief.

We praise God with **Beth George** and **Jessica Benson** for successful surgery.

We continue to pray for **Chris Vanden Broeke** and family.

Update on Betty Eyser: "Thank you for all the prayers, the prayer shawl, get well cards, dinners, cookies and visits. We appreciate your thoughts and messages so much." *Don & Betty*

Simon John Nibbelink was Born on May 22 at 4:54am, weighing in at 6 lbs 3 oz (4 weeks early). Mom and baby are doing well, and headed home Friday, which we never would have dreamed possible on Tuesday. Thanks be to God! ~ *Chad & Christine*

Congratulations to Ed & Kay Schans, celebrating 50 years of marriage on May 31st!

Missionary Birthdays: June

Judah Starkenburg - 9th
Cora Broek - 17th
Asher Starkenburg - 21st
Marian Cady - 26th

Anniversary:

Jonathan & Marian Cady - 27th

Eric & Stephanie (Micah & Isaac) DenBraber's Address Update:

Here is our address while in Virginia; Our exact move date for Ecuador is yet unknown but once we know that we will update this information:

1919 Clarendon Blvd. #504
Arlington, VA 22201
stephjo7337@gmail.com

Missionary Partner Update: YFC Claire Froehlich

Claire Froehlich, our mission partner with Youth For Christ's Juvenile Justice Ministry, reports that she is experiencing a long season of her ministry being thwarted, cut off, diluted and shut out at the juvenile detention centers where she works. She asks us to **pray these road blocks be removed and all our volunteers can get in** to reach the students with the Gospel, by developing mentoring relationships and introducing them to a whole new way of life.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

June 1-3 – Cadets at Long Scraggy

June 6th – Elder's meeting 6:30pm in rm 21.

Promises, Promises

Children who just completed Grades 1-5 are invited to join Pastor Joel and Pastor Bret for 2 evenings, **June 6 & 7 from 5:30-8:00pm**, to learn about the promises God makes through the sacraments of baptism and communion. Enjoy a light supper followed by story telling and other age appropriate activities. Children who have attended *Promises Promises* in previous years are welcome (and encouraged!) to come again. **RSVP to shirley@firstcrcdenver.org no later than Friday, June 1.** Hope to see you all there!

June 9th & 23rd – Men's Morning Bible Study in rm 21.

June 10th – Important Congregational Meeting

The Council invites you to a congregational meeting after the worship service on **June 10** to approve the 2018/19 budget and ratify the 3 new Council members: **Elders:** David Cady, Fred Ritsema; **Deacon:** Suzanne Natelborg. The new budget is in your church mailbox today.

June 12th – Deacon's Meeting at 6:30pm.

June 13 & 27th – Coffee Break Women's Bible study will be meeting in the Library for June and July.

June 19th – Senior Moments Mystery Tour

June 20th - Council Meeting in rm 21.

June 30th – Stamp Class in rm 13/14.