

Church Calendar for the week of: May 28th, 2017

Sunday ~ May 28: Pastor Joel is preaching. Offering is for Benevolence. Count committee following service today.
6-8pm: Jonker/Waanders Graduation Celebration Party in Pit stop

Monday ~ May 29 Office is closed 9-3
No Count Committee meeting tonight.

Tuesday ~ May 30
7:15pm - Twenty-Somethings Bible Study at Emerson House

Wednesday ~ May 31
7:30am - Men's Morning Huddle in the Emerson House

Thursday ~ June 1
6:30pm - Stephen Ministry

Friday ~ June 2 - Cadet's Camp-out to Long Scraggy
9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ June 3 - Cadets at Long Scraggy
7:00am - Men's Bible Study

Sunday, June 4th - Pentecost Sunday
Pastor Joel is preaching and graduates will be recognized.
Offering will be for the General Fund.

Thank you to all serving Memorial Day, May 28th

Nursery: Beth DeBoer, David Youngsma, Jeff Christians, Torre Blohm, Annika DeBoer
Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Rick Schmitt
Coffee: Staff
DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 5**

Thank you to all serving Next Sunday, June 4

Nursery: Kelsie Ruter, Anne Buteyn, Luke Monroe, Caleb Jonker, Jacob Van Donselaar
Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan
Coffee: De Boer/Kats
DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 6**

Welcome to our visitors, guests and newcomers. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. Coffee and tea are served in the foyer, and Elders are available up front to answer questions and pray with you.

Inspire 2017

Ministry leaders throughout the CRCNA are invited to Inspire 2017. It's a time for Sunday School teachers, praise team members, youth group leaders, elders & deacons, ministry coordinators, small group leaders, and more to pause and celebrate the way women and men of all ages have been living out their faith by serving their congregation. We here at First CRC Denver want to encourage you to attend this 3-day conference in **Detroit, Michigan, August 3-5, 2017.** More information about the dynamic keynote speakers and 75 ministry workshops is available at crcna.org/Inspire2017. Partial scholarships are available. Contact Shirley Van Heukelem at shirley@firstcrdenver.org.

Opportunities to Travel:

From Christian Reformed World Missions: Holy Land Learning Tour - The deadline for the Holy Land Learning Tour is approaching quickly, but there's still time to sign up for this time of learning from and experiencing life from the perspective of Christians living there. Find more information or apply for the tour, which takes place from **August 8-18**, at crwm.org/HolyLand.

Missionary Updates:

Birthdays ~

Judah Starkenburg - June 9th

Cora Broek - June 17th

Asher Starkenburg - June 21st

Marian Cady - June 26th

Anniversaries ~

Jonathan & Marian Cady - June 27th

Update from the Starkenburgs in Nicaragua:

*Praise God for His continued protection, safety and provision!

*Praise God for three healthy thriving schools -- we now have over 1150 students at NCA International, NCA Nejapa and NCA Matagalpa!

*One of our security guards, Jorge, was hit by a motorcycle in front of NCA when arriving to work and was nearly killed. Pray for complete recovery.

*Pray for unity in our staff.

*One of our Korean graduates who is now in China has asked for prayer due to the persecution of Korean Christians in China. who he said are sometimes being beaten in the streets. Pray for his safety and effectiveness.

Visit the Missions table, behind the sound booth, for a NICA Newsletter.

Jonathan & Marian Cady, our mission partners in China, send these prayer requests:

*Pray that Marian can be a good witness at her workplace, during the stressful and the more relaxed times.

*Pray that Jonathan's travels to Hong Kong for a conference provides safe travel and healthy relationships.

Claire Froehlich, our mission partner as a juvenile chaplain through Youth for Christ, thanks us for partnering with her in sharing the good news of Jesus with so many young people who need to know the He is with us, for us, saves us and longs to give us eternal life.

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

Order of Worship

Ascension Sunday ~ May 28th, 2017

Gather

Prelude

Welcome

Call to worship: from Psalm 47

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to Him a psalm of praise.
God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on His holy throne.

*Song: *Rejoice the Lord Is King* LUYH 224

*Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 49

Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, He is our advocate in heaven in the presence of His Father.

Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, His members, up to Himself.

Third, He sends His Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

*Song: *Across the Lands* LUYH 775

*God's Greeting

People of God, 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

Renewal

Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:14-16

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Assurance: *Before the Throne of God Above* LUYH 682

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Word

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:1-20 pg. 427

Sermon: *Joyful Generosity*

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* LUYH 348

Sending

Offering: Benevolence

Offertory:

Congregational Offertory Prayer/Sending:

Gracious God,

Everything we have comes from You.

You fill us with good things.

Our hearts and lives overflow with Your abundance.

With thanksgiving, we bring to You our time, talents, and tithes.

Use these gifts that You have given us

to feed others as we have been fed,

to serve others as we have been served,

and to bless others as we have been blessed,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Sending Song: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper

Musicians: First CRC Band with Christy Bol

Children in Worship News: Our regular cycle of *Children in Worship* has come to a close, and we are now in summer season. 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 Kelsie Ruter at kelsieruter@gmail.com.

Prayer and Care for God's People

Please pray for **Jack Vente**, hospitalized at Littleton Adventist in ICU, following a stroke. He is alert, with some mobility loss. We lift up Jana as she cares for him.

Please pray for our dear sister, **Ruth Lameris**, hospitalized earlier this week with a gall bladder obstruction. She was transferred to Power House Rehabilitation on Hampden and Wadsworth on Friday.

Continue to pray for **Betty Eysler**, as she regains strength following a brief hospitalization earlier this week due to a mild heart attack. She came home midweek to the good care of her family. Continue to lift both Don and Betty up to the Lord.

Continue to pray for sustaining grace for **Marj DeBoer**, and her extended family, as they comfort her mother in hospice care. Pray for loving and kind care-givers.

*Our new congregational **prayer focus for persecuted believers** will be on the country of **Afghanistan**. Please see the silver connection board in the foyer for a map and specific prayer points. You can take a phone picture or get one of the prayer sheets from the table near the display.*

Groups and Activities

The Senior Moments are looking for an extra van driver: Two current drivers are still on board, but they like to have three to ensure having an available driver on the third Tuesday of the month. Contact Betty Klap at #303-514-6251.

Senior Moments: Mark your calendar for **June 20th** for our Mystery tour. Note a change in our reservations sign up date. You must sign up no later than **Thursday, June 15th**. This is in order to hold our reservations. For more details please see the flyer. For questions, call: Betty K. 303-514-6251 or Beth P. 303-947-1085. *No, we will not tell you where we are going!*

Please join us in celebrating the high school graduation of **Jack Waanders** and **Caleb Jonker** on Sunday, **May 28 (6-8 pm) in the Pit Stop**.

Twenty-Somethings: On **June 6th**, we are having a **BBQ/game night at Hope Community Church** to kick off our Summer events. Anyone **post-high school** is invited (including those who just graduated!). Please respond via email to: kylecooper@firstcrddenver.org if you want to come, so we can plan food!

Library News: New book arrivals. *The Good and Beautiful Community* by James Smith. (adult) *The Other Side of Infamy* by Jim Downing, (adult) Children's books: *The Blue Hour* by Isabelle Simler (ages 4-8), *Library Lily* by Gillian Shields (ages 4-8), *Our Great Big Back Yard* by Laura Bush & Jenna Bush Hager (re: National Parks) (ages 4-12), *Adara* by Beatrice Gormley (ages 9-14), *Bully.com* by Joe Lawlor (10-14) and 24 additional new books.

OUT Serving in the neighborhood:

Platt Park Neighborhood Cleanup – Join our Platt Park neighbors for the community cleanup and tree planting on **June 3rd**. We will be doing neighborhood specific tasks in Platt Park and all of City Council District 7. We will then have a municipal fair and cookout at Johnson Habitat Park. This is a city-sponsored event, so all we need to do is register and show up! You can see all the specific details at: <http://www.luckydistrict7.org/springcleanup.html>

Volunteers In Action posed this question to a group of supporters, *“Where is God calling YOU to be a Servant?”* Everyone has a niche' that feels comfortable, but sometimes we are asked to step out of our comfort zone. VIA serves primarily low-income seniors & people with disabilities (mainly blind individuals).

We engage with them to build a relationship rather than simply perform a task. We have an abundance of client/friends but we've run out of long-term volunteers. **If God is calling you, will you contact us?** kellis@volunteersinaction.info, or 303-713-9144.....we'll help you find a place to serve!!

Kids Hope USA: We are ending our year of mentoring children at McKinley - Thatcher elementary school. There are always challenges as well as touching times. Now is the time to begin planning for the fall. Please let me know if you would like information regarding spending one hour each week at the school to build a relationship with a child that needs you. I want to include a very recent quote from the child that Marj DeBoer has been seeing for several years. He goes on to middle school in the fall. His teacher gave Marj this note he had written in his continuation speech ~ Bob De Masters:

“The first person I want to thank is my mentor Marj. She started seeing me in second grade. She brought back the fun and happiness that I once had. Once I stop seeing her that happiness may fade, but a little will still be carved into my heart thanks to Marj.

Requested Announcements:

Denver Christian Schools 2017 Summer Camp registration:

The goal of the Denver Christian Summer Camps is to nurture and develop God-given talents and interests through top quality staff who have a passion for youth. This program offers students the opportunity to enhance learning while they pursue their passions. We are going to have a variety of specialized camps plus half day/ full day camp options. Early registration starts today! **Specialty Camps:** Prices vary, please check registration details on the website, or email. Our system enables parents to quickly complete the paperless registration process. For more information, contact Jason: jromero@denverchristian.org.

Denver Christian School is enrolling Preschool - 12th grades for the 2017-2018 school year. Open Houses will be held throughout the summer for families seeking Christian education. Please visit any Sunday afternoon from 2:00-4:00pm or Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm beginning June 11. Denver Christian is located at 3898 S. Teller Street, Lakewood CO 80235. Please contact Carrie Johnson, director of admissions with any questions, or call 303-763-7919. cjohnson@denverchristian.org

Council News:

The Council is asking the congregation for additional nominations for the position of elder. We did not receive enough affirmative responses to fill the open positions. Please prayerfully consider and nominate people you believe would be called to serve in the position of elder. Forward names to your current grow group elder or to the clerk, Karen Waanders, kwaanders@firstcrddenver.org. Please pray that God will raise up people who are willing and able to serve Him in this important role.

Save the Date! We have reserved the Long Scraggy Ranch facility

(near Pine, CO) again this year for our annual church picnic and worship time - **Sunday, August 27**. Lunch (after our regular 9:30am worship here in Denver) will be served at about **1:00** in the covered picnic area, followed by a praise & worship time in the chapel and free time to explore the Ranch and enjoy the swimming pool. More information and directions will be posted in August.

Save the Date! We are planning another **Women's Retreat** and have the date and venue all set - **September 22-24, 2017 at Glen Eyrie** Conference Center in Colorado Springs. More details to follow, but mark your calendars today if you think you might attend. Contact shirley@firstcrddenver.org if you have any questions.