

## Church Calendar for the week of: May 7th, 2017

**Sunday ~ May 7:** Pastor Joel preaching; Offering for General Fund.

**11:00am** – All-Church lunch ~ *Everyone is welcome! Food is provided.*

**Monday ~ May 8** Office is closed 9-3

9:15am - Prayer For The Persecuted Church in Rooms 12/13

**Tuesday ~ May 9**

**1:00pm** – Staff Meeting in Room 21

**5:00pm** (or when you can make it) **to 8:00pm.** Sun Valley Youth Ctr.

**7:15pm** - *Twenty-Somethings* Bible Study at Emerson House

**Wednesday ~ May 10**

**7:30am** – Men’s Morning Huddle in the Emerson House

**6:00-8:00pm** – Coffee Break Bible study in Emerson House

**7:00pm** – Deacon’s Meeting

**Thursday ~ May 11** \*No Sew & Sews today

**Friday ~ May 12**

**9:00am** – Library Ladies

**Saturday ~ May 13**

**7:00am** – Men’s Morning Bible Study

**8:00am** - Long Scraggy Work Day

**8:30-12noon** The Table Spring Plant Sale

**10:00am** – Circle of Hope for families navigating Mental Illness

**Mother’s Day ~ May 14:** Pastor Joel preaching. Offering is for Long Scraggy

*Name Tag Sunday and Lord’s Supper will be celebrated.*

### Thank you to all serving this Sunday, May 7th

**Nursery:** Christine Nibbelink, Bev Kibble, Dan Addink,

Ashleigh Bol, Davis Addink

**CIW:** *Over The Wall* Jill Schreurs, Logan Posthumus, Andy Vanden Boogaard

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Cyndi Berghuis & Rick Schmitt

**Coffee:** Hogan

**DVD Delivery:** **Grow Group 5**

**Lord’s Supper on May 14:** **Grow Group 5**

### Thank you to all serving Next Sunday, May 14th

**Nursery:** Karen Waanders, Ann Rajewski, Joel Jonker, Marissa & Mikaila Bol

**CIW:** *A Song In The Night* Kelsie Ruter, Sam Waanders and Davis Addink

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

**Coffee:** Den Braber & Schans

**DVD Delivery:** **Grow Group 5**

**Lord’s Supper on May 14:** **Grow Group 5**

**Welcome to our visitors, guests and newcomers.** We are glad you chose to worship here today. Coffee and tea are served in the foyer, and Elders are available up front to answer questions and pray with you. You are invited to the picnic after service!

What are your *Hopes and Dreams* for First Church? We’ll have an opportunity to ponder together over lunch...

### Opportunities To Serve & Support:

**Where Are YOU Being Called To Serve??** *Volunteers In*

*Action* realizes you have *multiple opportunities* and we have *multiple needs!!* Currently we have 11 individuals on our “wait list” for a volunteer, ranging in age from 31-85. We realize that our needs for volunteers are opportunities for God to transform both the volunteer and the client forever. So we ask you to PRAY and seek the Father’s will in the area of servant hood. Your heart will be blessed!!

Contact Kelli Schuttinga: [303-713-9144](tel:303-713-9144) or [kellis@volunteersinaction.info](mailto:kellis@volunteersinaction.info)

**Denver Seminary Apologetics** Professor, Douglas Groothuis, who has preached here at First CRC, is speaking in Toronto over this weekend. Please pray for the on-going work of Gospel Truth to bear fruit. The family is seeking respite care for his wife, Rebecca (59), with frontal lobe (memory) aphasia. She is active and healthy physically, yet cannot be left alone while Prof. Groothuis speaks and teaches. They have a live-in care provider, but need to give her breaks throughout the week. Contact Rebecca Schaefer for more details #303.733.4936.

**The Table is hosting a spring plant sale: on Saturday, May 13 from 8:30 AM until 12 PM** at the Washington Street Community Center (809 S. Washington St.). A variety of garden vegetable starts, herbs, and flowers will be available for purchase in support of the 2017 growing season at The Table. Mother’s Day weekend is great time to get your garden growing and make mom happy at the same time! More information can be found at [www.denvertable.org](http://www.denvertable.org).

**YFC Denver:** Pick up the latest newsletter from our Mission Partner, Claire Froehlich, on the mission table behind the sound booth. Claire works as a chaplain with youth in a local detention center; she encourages us to consider mentoring one of these kids as they look toward transitioning back into society again. Youth For Christ provides the training; they just need more adults willing to listen and encourage those who are seeking a better way. If you know someone who feels called to minister to the young people in our city, let Claire share the opportunity to partner in reaching our youth: [Click here to help us reach more kids!](#)

**From World Renew** to our dear friends at First CRC:

*Thank you so much for the recent offerings. We appreciate your financial as well as volunteer support! Your service and gifts allow us to change the stories of many around the world. One story that still haunts me is that of David, the survivor of flooding in Louisiana. In this story on our website, he talks about treading water all night, pushing snakes away. Yikes! Feel free to share it with your congregation, as a thank you but also an encouragement to consider volunteering. It is a much-needed and rewarding experience!*

<http://worldrenew.net/our-stories/david-still-holding-louisiana-flood-update>

**First Christian Reformed Church:** 1814 South Emerson Street

**Email:** [connections@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:connections@firstcrcdenver.org) #303.733.4936

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

**Address:** 1814 South Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80210

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

**Order of Worship  
Sunday ~ May 7th, 2017**

### **Gathering**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:8-10

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

**blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.**

Fear the Lord, you His holy people,

**for those who fear Him lack nothing.**

The lions may grow weak and hungry,

**but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

\*Song: *Psalm 146*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Song: *I Will Look Up*

\*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**

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: *Lord I Need You*

Assurance of Pardon

Through the blood of Christ Jesus, our Lord,

we have redemption, forgiveness of sins.

The riches of God’s grace have been poured out upon us.

**Praise be to our God,**

who has chosen and made us His own.

**Praise be to our God,**

who forgives and cleanses us.

**Praise be to our God,**

who blesses us beyond our imagination!

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

## Word

Children In Worship Sending:

*Delval, Marie-Hélène, and Arno. Psalms for Young Children. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans for Young Readers, 2008. Print.*

**Leader:** When I listen to You, God,  
I am like a tree planted by a river,  
A tree full of fruit  
With leaves that are always green.

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

**Children:** And also with you.

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21 pg. 1043

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "How to Be Rich"

Prayer for Application

Song of Response: *Take My Life and Let It Be* LUYH 863

Offering: General Fund

Offertory

Recognition of Volunteers

\*Sending Song: *Fill Thou My Life O Lord My God* LUYH 356

\*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 Barb Hogan

## Prayer and Care for God's People

Prayer needed for Claire Froehlich and family. Special prayer for Joanna Pearson, Claire's mom, who is struggling with Alzheimer's disease, while recovering from hip surgery.

Please pray for comfort, consolation and the peace of Christ over Cyndi Berghuis and family as they grieve the sudden loss of her brother, John Haan, of Chicago. John is also Mike Van Donselaar's and Tina Vanden Boogaard's uncle. We lift up our dear friends.

Please pray for Edna Houtkooper, Jessie Huiting, the Youngs and the Heersink family as they grieve the unexpected loss of a family member who went missing. His body was found, and the cause of death determined to be exposure.

Happy Birthday to Jack Allen who celebrated his 91st birthday on May 5<sup>th</sup> and Birthday Blessings to Carol Ackerman (May 3rd).

*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

**All Church Picnic celebration, at First CRC, after worship THIS SUNDAY, May 7<sup>th</sup>:** Hosted by our Grow Group Elder/Deacon Teams, with Ed Schans as Chairman of Fun. All the food will be provided; all you need to do is show up, so come join the fun!

**Senior Moments** Remember to sign up for the **May 16th tour** of the Denver Christian Schools newly added sport areas. Plan to leave the church at 9:00 am. Tour beings at 9:30 am. Lunch at school cafeteria or bring your own lunch. Deadline to sign up is May 14th. This is for the cafeteria head count. Questions, see flyer, or Beth P. [303-947-1085](tel:303-947-1085) Or Betty K. [303-514-5162](tel:303-514-5162)

**Final Hymn study** for the season will be **Thursday, May 18**, at Jack Bol's home.

The hymns will be:

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

"When Peace like a River"

"And Can it Be"

"Precious Lord, Take my hand"

Please contact Henry Zoetewey if you would like the study packet.

**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 you calendars today if you think you might attend. Contact [shirley@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:shirley@firstcrcdenver.org) if you have any questions.

## OUT Serving Options:

**Sun Valley Youth Center** - Sign up in the foyer to clean out garden beds, mulch the yard and prepare for vegetable planting at Sun Valley Youth Center on Tuesday, **May 9 from 5:00 pm** (or whenever you can make it) **to 8:00pm**. Sun Valley Youth Center is located at 1230 Decatur St, Denver, CO 80204 Contact: Chad Nibbelink at: [chadnibbelink@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:chadnibbelink@firstcrcdenver.org). *Twenty-Somes* are invited.

**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>

## 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!

\*Full Day/Half Day Camps start June 5, 2017 - August 11, 2017

\*Full Day Summer Camp: ~~\$340~~ \$255 with dcpartner, week: M-F 8:30-5:00 Lunch included

\*Half Day Summer Camp: ~~\$200~~ \$150 with dcpartner: week M-F 8:30-12:30 or 12:30-5:00 (Lunch included)

Daily Drop off: ~~\$85~~ \$63.75 with dcpartner Lunch Included

**Specialty Camps:** Prices vary, please check registration details

Our system enables parents to quickly complete the paperless registration process. For more information, contact Jason Romero at [jromero@denverchristian.org](mailto:jromero@denverchristian.org).

**Forrest Sanderson**, one of 1st CRC's recent college graduates, was married this past week to Grace Wallace in San Angelo, Texas. After their honeymoon, the couple will begin married life together in North Carolina:

2156 Jackson St.  
Wilmington, NC 28401

**Congratulations to Jerika Schmitt**, who graduated from Dordt College on Friday! She will begin her graduate studies at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, MI.

**The Aardsma Scholarship is available** to student members of Colorado Christian Reformed churches who are attending, or plan to attend, Christian colleges or universities in the fall of 2017 as full time students. One scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded this year. To be considered for an award you must write an essay of 500-1000 words on how you envision the integration of your faith into your future vocation. **Essays and application forms must be received at Horizon Community Church by Friday, May 26, 2017.**

Application forms are available at the First Church office: email [connections@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:connections@firstcrcdenver.org). Any student awarded this scholarship twice is no longer eligible. *\*All students meeting the criteria are encouraged to apply.*

**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.

**Count Committee Report:** 4/16, 4/23 & 4/30

First CRC relies on your offerings; and thanks you for your generosity.

**General Fund:** \$38,196.79

**Benevolence:** 1,549.19

**Crossroads B.I.:** 167.05

**Ignite Ministries:** 250.00