

Church Calendar for May 8-15, 2016

Sunday – Ascension Day~ Lord's Supper, Name Tag Sunday

Offering is for Living Water Well Sponsorship
5:00pm Youth Group

Monday, ~ May 9: Office is closed

Tuesday ~ May 10

1:00pm – Staff Meeting in Room 21

Wednesday~ May 11

6:30pm - Coffee Break

Thursday ~ May 12

9:00am-11:30am - Sew & Sews sewing group

Friday ~ May 13

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ May 14

7:00am – Men's Bible Study

7:00pm - Youth Group Bowling

Sunday – May 15~ New Members Presented~ Donuts for \$1

Pastor Joel preaching; offering is for General Fund

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!

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. *We will celebrate the Lord's Supper this week and all who place their faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to participate. Gluten Free wafers are available.*

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, May 8th

Nursery: Jill Schreurs, Beth George, Isaac Jonker, Eric Den Braber, Madisyn H.

Children in Worship: *Jesus Appears to Paul* Karen Waanders, Lilli Vermeer, Savannah Blohm

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Joel Jonker

PPT Preparation: James Timmer

Sound: Cory Vermeer **Video:** Wyatt Vermeer **PPT:** Vermeer

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #4

Lord's Supper Prep for May 8: GG #4

Coffee: Den Braber/Schans

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, May 15th

Nursery: Jessica Benson, Kristin Jensen, Darin Gunnnett,

Laurie Sanderson, Wyatt Vermeer

Children in Worship: *Jesus Kingdom Coming* Cathy Van Donselaar,

Isaac Jonker, Torre Blohm

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Rick Schmitt

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Requested Announcements:

Platt Park Plant Sale. A BIG thank you to everyone who ordered from our Plant Sale! Pick up times will be **Wednesday, May 11 between 11:30-2** and **Thursday, May 12 between 8:30-12:30** at the preschool located at 1601 S. Clarkson St. Denver 80210. Please call us at 303-282-7722 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

May 8 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!

- **Canterbury Gardens - May 15th at 1:30 pm** Visit & do activities with the residents at this assisted living center in Aurora. (11265 E Mississippi Ave, Aurora, CO 80012)
- **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.

Final Donut Sale of the Season - Sunday, May 15th - Proceeds will go to Victor Perez & Cascade of Hope.

Kid's Hope Bowling Celebration: Fun & Friendship



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

- ✚ **2 Host Families 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 hours
- Volunteer responsibilities, sign-ups, and a flyer are available in the foyer.*



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

**Order of Worship ~
May 8, 2016**

Ascension Sunday

Prelude and Processional

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Songs:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

LUYH 601, 1,3,4

Lord Most High

LUYH 593

*Litany of Praise

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. Psalm 47:5-8

*Song: *Across the Lands*

LUYH 775

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer for Renewal

Song: *Before the Throne of God Above*

LUYH 682

Offering: Living Water International

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

*An asterisk shows us when to stand; **Bold text** indicates the congregation speaks.

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: Acts 1:1-11

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Sermon: *We Got A Guy*

Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayers of Intercession and Gratitude

Table

*The 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.

With joy we praise you, gracious God,
for you have created heaven and earth,
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us--
even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who was exalted as King of the universe,
that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.
Therefore we join our voices
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

[Congregation is seated]

We give thanks to God the Father...

We will do as our Lord commands.

We proclaim that for us Jesus Christ came into the world;

for us he lived and showed God's love;

**for us he suffered the darkness of Calvary
and cried at the last, "It is finished";**

**for us he triumphed over death
and rose to newness of life;**

for us he ascended to reign at God's right hand

and for us he will come again in the glory of his new creation.

All glory and honor are yours, O Lord!

We proclaim your name now, and until you come again.

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation

Distribution Song: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* LUYH 831

Communion & Prayer

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Thanks be to God.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Thanks be to God.

Sending

*Sending Song: *Rejoice the Lord is King* LUYH 224

*Blessing

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Kim Csepe

Musicians: First Church Band & Brass, Barb Hogan accompanist

Prayer For God's People

We offer our deepest sympathy and fervent prayer for Joal and Karen Ham for the loss of Jo Ham who died early Thursday morning.

Continue to pray for the Bol families as they move along their grief walk.

I am grateful to be home and want to thank you for prayers, visits and other tokens of love shared during my illness. What a blessing to belong to this body of believers – Fran Van Wyhe.

We give thanks that Wayne Rozendaal is home from the hospital, doing well after pneumonia. Continue prayers for Marge and Wayne.

Cathy Zoetewey's father, William Venema from Ontario, Canada, passed away recently at the full age of 93. We express our deepest sympathy to Cathy and Jon and family as they mourn this loss of this beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Prayer requests from Margaret the En-Gedi school: That the children will all remain healthy and strong and continue to improve in their faculties. More and more are trying to make some words and sounds; our therapists are amazed at the improvements. That the remaining part of approvals for construction will be ready by end of this month and that my travels will all go well.

Missions Activities and Opportunities:

People in emerging countries are not as fortunate as we are in the U.S. For many millions, clean, safe water and food is not available. Our Christian community has prayerfully, financially and physically supported the development of clean water sources for the poor in Central America for the past nine years. We have completed 13 drill/hygiene trips and 15 safe, clean wells. This year we have another opportunity to drill a safe, clean water well in Honduras Nov 5-12, 2016. If you have yet to go on a LWI mission trip, this could be a life changing experience. The team will be under the supervision of Living Water Int'l (LWI). The cost is \$1950 per person; registration must be completed by August 1. Good health, a valid passport and a security clearance are necessary. Contact Al Wassenaar, cell # 720 530 0907 or connect by email acwassenaar@comcast.net.

Thank you all for your various means of support for this water ministry. This work would not have been possible without your support.

Help Earthquake Survivors in Ecuador: - More than 480 people are dead after a horrific earthquake struck Ecuador last weekend. Four thousand more are injured. 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. Learn more or 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 in June 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
- towels
- children's socks
- diapers - largest children's size

First Church Upcoming Activities

Spring Mom's Morning Play Group Schedule:

May 11-Karen Soodsma

May 18- Jill Schreurs

May 25-OFF

Contact : alliechristians4@gmail.com to be included on emails!

Attention ALL high schoolers! Youth Group will be going bowling Saturday, May 14! We will **meet at church at 7 p.m.** and then head over to the bowling alley in the party tube. Please eat before you come but feel free to bring money along for snacks (or maybe ice cream after we are done). If you have any questions, please contact Alyse at alyseyoung07@gmail.com or 303-582-4036.

Youth Group end-of-year BBQ bash at the Ruter's on **Sunday, May 22nd**, *Save the Date*. More details and information coming soon!

Senior Moments: Remember to sign up for the **May 17th tour** to the Molly Brown House Museum. Lunch at Racines. See details in the flyer. Questions: Beth P. [303-947-1085](tel:303-947-1085) or Betty K. [303-514-6251](tel:303-514-6251).

Club 68 End of Year BBQ

All 6th-8th grade kids and your families are invited to an end of year BBQ (whether you've attended Club 68 or not!)

Date: Sat., **May 21st** **Time:** 4pm - 8pm-ish

Location: Schroder-Zachman household 7000 W. 64th Ave, Arvada 80003
Main course and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.
RSVP by **May 15th:** 303-808-6145 or denvermountaineer@gmail.com

June 13-17, 2016 Eagle Lake Summer Camp is honored again this year to be able to partner with Hope Community Church to host this fun-filled week for kids in 1st through 6th grade. Invite a friend and **register online this week** at <http://eaglelakecamps.com/athope>