

Church Calendar for November 6, 2016

Sunday ~ November 6th : Dr. Bret Lamsma and Family visiting today

Pastor Joel is preaching from Ephesians 1

Offering is for General Fund; *Children in Worship*,

Congregational Meeting; No Choir Practice this week

11:00am Sunday School & Catechism are meeting as scheduled today.

6:00pm: Youth Group: **Bronco Game** at Ruter's

Monday ~ November 7

Mom's Playgroup at Van Andels'

Tuesday ~ November 8

1:00pm - Staff Meeting - Rm 21

7:00pm - Deacon's - Council Room

7:15pm - Twenty-somethings at the Emerson House

Wednesday ~ November 9th Family Night

5:45pm Meal: Shirley & CO./ Henry Z. Dishes Nursery: Available

10:30am - Organ Tuning

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study: Emerson House

Thursday ~ November 10th

9:00am - Sew & Sews

Friday ~ November 11th

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ November 12th

9:00am - 12:00noon Global Bazaar Baking Day at First CRC

Sunday~ November 13th Lord's Supper & Name Tag Sunday

***Congregational Vote on DFF;** Offering is for World Renew/World Hunger

11:00am - Sunday School & Catechism

Welcome to all of our visitors and guests! Please fill out a *Connect Card* found in the pews. Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available in back for kids to draw on, and return for a surprise. Elders are up front for prayer and to answer any questions. Coffee/tea are in the foyer. We will be celebrating the **Lord's Supper on November 13**, and all those who have placed their trust and faith in Jesus Christ for salvation are welcome to receive communion. Gluten Free wafers are available.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, November 6th

Nursery: Davinia Lyon, Aaron Buys, Carisssa Van Donselaar, Eric Van Otterloo, Madisyn Hunt **Education Hour:** Keith & Christy Bol
Children in Worship: *I'll do it!* Briana Van Andel, Katherine Elgersma, Gracie Hansum

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Sound: Bob Reynolds **Slides:** Richard Mannes **Video:** Eliana Reynolds

Coffee: Engelsman/Jonker

Lord's Supper Prep for 11/13 & DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 4**

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, November 13th

Nursery: Briana Van Andel, Tina VDB, Gracie Hansum, Dale Sanderson, Eliana Reynolds **Education Hour:** Jill Newcombe

Children in Worship: *Safe at Last*, Chris Nibbelink, C. Hansum, James Jonker

Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric Den Braber & Nancy Waanders

Sound: Jon Waanders **Slides:** Gabe Zoetewey **Video:** Isaac Jonker

Coffee: Vermeer Family

Lord's Supper Prep & DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 4**

GROW GROUPS OUT serving Together:

1.Global Bazaar - volunteers needed for all aspects of Global Bazaar: **baking** at First Church on **November 12th & November 26th, 9am to noon, Set up Friday night, Dec. 2**, and helpers **Saturday all day** (shifts), **Dec. 3 - 8:30am-3:00pm, including clean up** after 3pm. Contact Anne Buteyn.

2. Meals for Mullen High School students - Sheri DeHaan needs people willing to cook and bake meals for students who otherwise would go without lunch. Times TBD. Contact: sheridehaan@firstcrcdenver.org

REMINDER: Grow Groups meet for a meal on November 20th

This pot-luck will serve as our *Newcomer Welcome* lunch for November!

Grow Group #1: Troy & Jill Newcombe's Home: 2158 S. Clarkson 80210

Grow group #2: Pit Stop Garage: *Next to the church *Newcomers Welcome*

Grow Group #3: Eric Den Braber's Home: 7337 S. Platte Canyon Dr. 80128

Grow Group #4: David & Charys Youngsma's: 8046 S. Logan Court 80122

Grow Group #5: Jim & Sheri DeHaan's Home: 8028 S. Ammons Court 80128

Grow Group #6: Jeremy & Karen Waander's: 4175 S. Sidney Court 80237

Your Elder/Deacon Teams will be connecting with you about what to bring!

Sea to Sea Rides For Your Church

Since 2005 Sea to Sea has been cycling to benefit CRC ministries

breaking the cycle of poverty and sharing good news of Jesus. Sea to Sea 2017 is now designed to create funding for your church and local poverty ministries.

The Tour Partner Program allows your church and poverty ministry to directly benefit from the tour. In past years local ministries were required to submit a grant request, be selected by a grant committee, and were limited in the funds they could receive. The Tour Partner Program removes those limitations.

Learn more or get an application [here](#).

Sea to Sea is centered around community, outreach and global impact. People

called to this tour are not necessarily athletes or experienced cyclists but those passionate about breaking the cycle of poverty. Riders have the option to tackle the entire tour, or ride in one or two week stages. For more information visit www.seatosea.org

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@firstcrcdenver.org, or mddeboer@juno.com

Stephen Ministers are available as conduits of HELP, HOPE and HEALING and are specially trained to listen, care, encourage and support others going through a time of grief, loss or change: Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org

First Christian Reformed Church

Email: connections@firstcrcdenver.org of.) #303.733.4936

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

Address: 1814 South Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80210



FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

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

Order of Worship~ November 6, 2016

Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:2-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Songs: *10,000 Reasons*

Psalm 103:13-18

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him;
for He knows how we are formed,
He remembers that we are dust.
The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
**But from everlasting to everlasting
the Lord's love is with those who fear Him,
and His righteousness with their children's children—
with those who keep His covenant
and remember to obey His precepts.**

*Song: *Mighty to Save*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession: Psalm 36

Prayer of Confession

Song of Renewal: *Lord, I Need You*

Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will He keep His anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, **so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**

as far as the east is from the west, **so far He removes our transgressions from us.**

Offering and Announcements: General Fund

Offertory: *Psalm 36*

First CRC Choir

Word

Children In Worship Sending:

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

Don't Be Afraid LUYH 429

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "Chosen."

Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

Song of Response: *Blessed Assurance*

Sending

*Sending

*Sending Song: *Doxology* LUYH 964

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper; Accompanist: Barb Hogan

Musicians: Joel Schreurs, Ethan Anema, Aaron Elgersma & Matthew Jonker

Council News

Rev. Bret Lamsma will join us today on **November 6th** allowing the congregation to meet and ask him questions immediately following the service. Copies of Dr. Lamsma's resume' and the Director of Faith Formation Job Description are available for you in the foyer, along with *Absentee Ballots* for those who know they will not be in attendance on November 13th. There will be a congregational vote **November 13th**.

Count Committee Report: 10/16, 10/23, 10/30

Council is grateful for your faithful tithes, offerings and service to First CRC.

We thank God for His goodness in providing all our needs through His glorious riches in Christ Jesus!

General Fund: \$32,207.00

Project I See You: 365.59

World Renew: 70.00

Benevolence: 611.00

The anticipated offering for a three-week period is \$39,603.30.

Prayer For God's People

A Drill/Hygiene Team formed by our church and others plan to drill a clean water well in northeast Honduras this week. Members of the team include Joe Otto, Roger VandenBoogaard, Jeremy and Jon Waanders and Carol and Al Wassenaar. They will be working under the direction of Living Water International. The team asks for your prayers for safety, health and good relationships with members of the community we will be serving.

After having about a year "off" from chemo because the cancer was stable, we were disappointed in May to learn that the cancer was again progressing, so Judy resumed her chemo regime. Tests in July and September indicated that in spite of the treatments, the disease continued to progress. Rejoice with us that the test this week indicated that the cancer was once again stable as compared to the September test! We will continue the treatments and ask for your prayers that the cancer will remain stable for the foreseeable future. ~Russ & Judy DenBraber

First Church Upcoming Activities

This week we continue our journey through Psalm 36. We will be singing songs and hearing excerpts from the Psalm during worship services. We will be given tools to study and memorize it. We will be studying it in depth in our **Grow Group time on November 20**. Be sure to "take & try" something from the basket of memorization tools in the foyer.

The Twenty-somethings of First CRC and Hope Community Church meet **Tuesdays at 7:15pm** at 1826 S Emerson St. Denver (house next to First Church). We are a group of about 10 people who meet weekly to study scripture together and enjoy Christian community. We have a casual atmosphere and would love for you to join us! For more information, email Kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org. Looking forward to getting to know you!

The Prayer Group For Persecuted Believers, an interdenominational group of men and women, who meet to study *Voice of the Martyrs* curriculum entitled **I am "N"** (Arabic Letter *nun* for Nazarene) the second Monday of each month. Join us **Nov. 14th, 9:15am-10:30am** at First CRC. Each Month First Church will be invited to focus prayer on one area of the globe: **November's focus is North Korea**. Please see the silver message board in the foyer for strategic prayer requests.

Hey mom's of little lambs! Here is our *Playgroup Schedule*

If you would like to join other First Church mom's and kids for Playgroup,

please contact Allie Christians: alliechristians4@gmail.com

November 7- Briana Van Andel - 2935 S. Akron Court 80231

November 21- Molly Hanson 6764 E. Vassar Ave, Denver 80234

Youth Group: Come over to the Ruter's this Sunday and let's watch the **Bronco's game** together. If everyone could bring an appetizer or snack to share; we can watch the game and eat some delicious food. We live at **8308 E Costilla Ave, Centennial**. Kick off is at 6:30 pm. Come on over **anytime after 6 pm**, and bring a friend if you would like!

Thanksgiving Day food If you know of someone who is in need of a bag filled with holiday food, contact Amanda Lighthiser by **Sunday, November 13**, by emailing amanda@firstcrcdenver.org or calling #720-350-1628.

Local and Global Mission Updates:

Nicaragua Trip: Have you been considering the Nicaragua trip to serve the missionaries in Central America by providing a Kid's camp? If you want to go on the Nicaragua trip, please notify Leah van Donselaar: leahvandon@gmail.com by Sunday.

Denver Youth For Christ is hosting a *Purse with A Purpose Event* on November 20, 2016 at the Sanctuary Golf Club in Castle Pines, CO from **2:00pm-5:00pm**. Space is limited so mark you calendars for this fun-filled event benefiting Denver Area Youth For Christ. Visit www.yfcdenver.org for early registration.

Each order for a custom, hand made wreath from The Table supports this non-profit ministry that raised and donated over 5,500 pounds of food in 2016. The wreaths are all unique and sure to delight you long past the Christmas holiday. Orders can be made online at www.denvertable.org. There are hard copies of the order forms in the foyer.

China Update: Jonathan and Marian Cady recently returned from joining hundreds of Chinese church leaders gathered to learn how worshipping communities build up believers. Through November, contributions to their ministry in China will be matched 1 to 1. If you are considering support for the Cady's, November is a great opportunity to double the funds donated. www.crwmm.org/donate (select: missionaries/Asia/Jonathan Cady) or call: CRWM at #800-346-0075.

Opportunities to Serve & Support

Making and serving coffee and Greeting are easy ways to stay connected, up the *friendly factor* at First and meet new people. If you would like to prepare and serve coffee, or greet on Sundays, once every 6-8 weeks, please call the office for more details #303-733-4936.

Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to help with the Global Bazaar this year. We have a good crew already signed up for the November 12 baking day. We scheduled one more baking day to complete the *pig-in-the-blankets* and *banket* that will be sold at the bazaar to raise funds for the En Gedi Children's Home building fund. If this interests you, please join us on Saturday morning, **November 26 from 9am to noon**, to complete this task. **Sign up sheets are in the back of church for the Nov. 26 event and for other opportunities to help the day of the bazaar.**

Requested Announcements

Jewel CRC has decided to complete its journey. All are welcome to a celebration of God's faithfulness on **November 13 (10:00 a.m.)**

Sincerely,

Pastor Gerald Vander Hoek