

Church Calendar for November 13-20, 2016

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 are meeting as scheduled today.

11:00am - Choir Practice today

Monday ~ November 14: Repair crew in Sanctuary & on third floor

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

6:30pm - Count Committee

Tuesday ~ November 15: Repair crew in Sanctuary & on third floor

9:00am - Senior Moments at *Original Pancake House*

1:00pm - Staff Meeting - Rm 21

7:00pm - Council Meeting in Room 24

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

Wednesday ~ November 16th Family Night & Youth Group OUTreach

5:45pm Meal: John & Anne Buteyn **Nursery:** Jon/Nancy Waanders

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

9:30 am - Ladies Aid morning Bible Study in Library

Thursday ~ November 17th: Repair crew in Sanctuary & on third floor

9:00am - Sew & Sews (check with Joey VanderArk).

6:30pm - Stephen Ministry Continuing Education in Emerson House

Friday ~ November 18th: Repair crew in Sanctuary & on third floor

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ November 19th: Repair crew in Sanctuary & on third floor

9:00am - Dance Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday~ November 20th : Peter Fish being distributed

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 Today**, and all those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation are welcome to receive communion. Gluten Free wafers are available.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, November 13th

Nursery: Briana Van Andel, Tina VDB, Gracie Hansum, Dale Sanderson,

Eliana Reynolds **Education Hour Nursery:** 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**

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, November 20th

Nursery: Karen Waanders, Bev Kibble, K. Elgersma, Jill Newcombe,

Owen Vermeer **Education Hour:** **Grow Group Meals**, no nursery

Children in Worship: *A Tall Wall*: Jill Schreurs, Elle & Charlotte Reynolds

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis and Rick Schmidt

Sound: Cory Vermeer **Slides:** Brett VDB **Video:** Wyatt Vermeer

Coffee: Set Up: Ed Schans & Judy DenBraber

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

Council News

Rev. Bret Lamsma joined us last Sunday for worship, allowing the congregation to meet and ask him questions. Copies of Dr. Lamsma's resume' and the Director of Faith Formation Job Description were sent via all-church email, and *Absentee Ballots* were collected last week. There will be a **congregational vote this morning**.

Today's offering is for World Renew's World Hunger Campaign.

We all have stories that make up our lives. In many parts of the world, people's stories begin in a place of hardship. Illiteracy, poor healthcare, hunger and poverty are a regular part of life. Through God's grace, people's hard work, and the support like yours to this campaign, many of these men, women and children are taking steps to improve their lives. Please give generously so that those less privileged than we are can begin to change their stories from despair to hope.

To continue our support of the World Hunger campaign, the deacons will be distributing the **Peter Fish** and the accompanying devotionals next Sunday, **November 20**. The targeted date for returning the Peter Fish is **December 4**.

REMINDER: Grow Groups meet for a meal and Bible lesson Next Week 11/20/16:

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: Al & Carol Wassanar's Home: 3735 S. Oneida Way 80237

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

2017 CRWM Calendars: in an effort to be stewardly with the funds entrusted to it, CRWM is distributing most of its 2017 Calendars through CRC churches. If you did not receive one in the mail, you can pick one up on the missions table, behind the sound booth. First come; first served.

Hey Parents: Do you have a Key card or Fob for entrance to First Church that you no longer need? Please return keys to the office.

Hey Kids: Help us save the *Connect Cards* for our visitors and guests! Grab a *Sweet Rewards* bulletin for *doodling*; and turn your thoughts and drawings in for a *Sweet Treat!* You'll find the return space labeled *Sweet Rewards* on the bottom (right) of the A-L mailboxes in the foyer.

First Christian Reformed Church

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

Address: 1814 South Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80210

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**FIRST CHRISTIAN
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DENVER, COLORADO

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

Order of Worship~ November 13, 2016

Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome

*Call to Worship: LUYH 494

God of grace,

Whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven,
even as we gather before Your face, may Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

**By the power of Your Spirit,
help us to lift up our hearts in praise,
to receive Your lavish gifts
stored up for us in Christ,
and to live as Your faithful children and witnesses,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Song: *Come Now is the Time to Worship* LUYH 526

Prayer: Ephesians 3

Heavenly Father, we come to worship You knowing that You
promise us great treasure. We pray that out of Your glorious riches
You may strengthen us with power through Your Spirit in our inner
being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And we
pray that, being rooted and established in love, we may have power,
together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long
and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that
surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all
the fullness of God.

*Song: *Love Divine* LUYH 351

*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

Song: *Psalm 36*

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Offering: World Renew/World Hunger

Offertory and Offertory Prayer

Word

Children In Worship Sending:

Congregation: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

Scripture: Romans 7:14-8:4

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Ready for a Change?* Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

Table

Great prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

Thanksgiving for the Work of God in Creation

With joy we praise You, gracious God...

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.

Words of Institution

Memorial Acclamation

We offer our thanks while

we yearn for the coming Supper of the Lamb.

Prayer for the work of the Spirit ...

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours

now and forever. Amen.

Invitation

Communion

Distribution Songs:

Jesus Paid it All

Christ Is Risen

Prayer and Sending

We go with the blessed assurance that we have been adopted as God's children.

We go into the world to live in love and gratitude to our gracious Father.

As heirs of the Kingdom of God, we have the promise of his provision and

protection. **He promises to be with us always.**

We were once slaves to sin, but through Christ we have been set free from the

power of sin and death. **We go to live in the freedom that has been bought for us through Christ.**

*Sending song: *Amazing Grace; My Chains Are Gone* LUYH 693

*Blessing and Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper Accompanist: Christy Bol

Musicians: First Church Band and Lisa Lohmann

Prayer For God's People

Please continue prayers for Don and Betty Eyser as Don courageously continues his rehabilitation process.

Blessings and congratulations to Jack and Jean Allen celebrating 67 years of marriage on November 27th!

Pray for safe travels, and opportunities to share the hope we have in Christ, for all who are traveling during this time of year.

Thanksgiving: The Deacons encourage you to begin thinking about organizations that you would like to support financially this Thanksgiving. They are suggesting that you prayerfully consider one of the seven organizations listed below. Please reach out to your Deacon if you have any questions.

En-Gedi Children's Home Building Fund - En-Gedi Children's Home provides a special home that offers children with disabilities a healthy and safe environment where they can grow, learn, thrive and develop to their fullest potential. The director, Margaret Njuguna, is continuing the building of the new and updated facility that we at First CRC helped jump-start with our generous gifts last year.

First CRC General Fund - supports the ministries, staff and upkeep of First CRC as well as the administration and ministries of the Christian Reformed denomination.

First CRC Benevolence - meets the financial needs of people in crisis, both inside and outside of First CRC, in order to be the body of Christ and show God's mercy.

Sun Valley Youth Center- Sun Valley Youth Center is committed to giving Denver's poorest neighborhood a hope for the future. With a focus on transforming the lives of at-risk youth in this low-income, public housing neighborhood the Center provides: day care, after-school care, youth development, mentoring and life essentials programs to help raise up the neighborhood's youth. Sun Valley Youth Center is one of our OUT service options for this year.

Long Scraggy Mountain Ranch: A front-range CRC Youth Groups owned facility near Pine, CO that "provides grounds, buildings, and every kind of means and facilities for Christian fellowship and for the promotion of the Christian character and service through spiritual, mental, societal, and physical training." www.longscraggy.org

Volunteers in Action (VIA) - A Denver-based organization that serves the community by providing Christians the opportunity to enhance the lives of others by connecting them with underserved people in one-on-one relationships. www.volunteersinaction.info

World Renew - a CRC-endorsed agency whose mission statement is "Compelled by God's deep passion for justice and mercy, we join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation." www.worldrenew.net

Thanksgiving Baskets

The Youth Group will shop and prepare baskets to bless families at Thanksgiving this coming **Family Night 11/16**. Do you have a neighbor or co-worker who might really benefit by a bag filled with holiday food?

Please contact Amanda Lighthiser as soon as possible:

email: amanda@firstcrcdenver.org or call #720-350-1628.

Thanksgiving Worship Service: 9:30am on Thursday, November 24th with the GEMS Bake Sale immediately following the service.

Are there neighbors or friends you would like to invite this year?

First Church Upcoming Activities

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 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.

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!

Senior Moments Reserve Tuesday **November 15th** for brunch at Original Pancake House. Remember to sign up so we will know how many plan to join us. We plan to leave the church at 9:30. Those who live close to Original Pancake House at 8000 E. Belleview can meet us there. Belleview and Promenade. But do let Betty or Beth know if you plan to drive and meet us. We plan to be at Original Pancake House by 10. Details in the flyer. Also, mark your calendar for our **annual Christmas Party held Tuesday, December 13th**. Details coming soon. Questions: Betty K. 303-695-6125 or Beth P. 303-947-1085.

Attention Youth Group! This Wednesday evening, **November 16**, we will do our annual Thanksgiving Day bags shopping and assembling. Join us for the **Family Night meal at 5:45** if you'd like and then be prepared to power shop for the food items and assemble the bags with love. Watch your emails and our Instagram account for more details.

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

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.