

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ November 17 **Grow Group Meals**

Pastor Joel is preaching. Offering is for Benevolence (Emergency Assistance Fund for those connected to first CRC). Guidelines and applications are available behind the copier in room 21.

5:00-7:00pm Youth Group – Thanksgiving Baskets Project

Monday ~ November 18 – **Classical Conversations Home School Group**

7:00-8:30pm – Dance Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Tuesday ~ November 19

10:00am – Senior Moments Balistreri Vineyards Tour

Wednesday ~ November 20 – **FAMILY NIGHT**

8:00am – Men’s Morning Bible Study in Emerson

9:30am – Ladies Morning Bible Study in 12/13

5:45pm - Meal is served in Fellowship Hall

6:30pm – Council/GEMS/Cadets/Coffee Break **6:40pm:** Movie Group/Yoga

Thursday ~ November 21

Friday ~ November 22 – Library

Saturday ~ November 23

7:00am – Men’s Bible Study in rm.12/13

9:00 – 11:00am – Dance rehearsal in the Sanctuary

9:00-12noon – Global Bazaar baking in Kitchen

1:00-3:00pm – Card Stamping Group in 12/13

Sunday ~ November 24

Pastor Joel is preaching. Offering is for General Fund.

Ken Zylstra, Director of Advancement at Rehoboth Christian School, will be available after the worship service to give an update on Rehoboth School.

November 28th Thanksgiving Service is at 9:30am:

GEMS Bake Sale immediately following worship. Thanksgiving Feast (after bake sale) for anyone who would like to celebrate lunch together.

Meal Locations: November 17

GG NO: Van Heukelem’s 2319 S. Columbine St. 80210

GG NE: Church Basement 80210

GG NW: Newcombe’s 2158 S. Clarkson St. 80210

GG SO: Berghuis 4713 E. Pinewood Cir. 80121

GG SE: Wassenaar’s 3735 S. Oneida Way 80237

GG SW: DeHaan’s: 8028 S. Ammons Ct. Littleton 80128

Welcome visitors and guests. Please take a minute to fill out a *Connect Card* (in pew Bibles) and return to an Elder or Pastor up front. We want to welcome you, answer your questions about life at First CRC and encourage you! Grow Group meals are *pot-luck* style lunches. You are invited to join the group meeting downstairs. Don’t worry about running to the store, plenty for all!

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, November 17

Children in Worship: Lea Gunnett, Jessica Cleveland, Andrew VDB, Marissa Bol

Nursery Leader: Kelsie Ruter, Adam DeBoer, Hannah Grafton, Bode Blohm

Camera: Davis Addink **Lyrics:** TBD **Sound:** Logan Posthumus

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cal Van Heukelem, Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Schans/Schaefer

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, November 24

Children in Worship: Karen Waanders,, Hannah DeBoer,

Charlotte Reynolds, Natalie Roberts,

Nursery Leader: Crisitn Buys, Paul DeBoer, Bob Reynolds, Madisyn Hunt

Camera: Ari Waanders **Lyrics:** Micah DeHaan **Sound:** Jim DeHaan

Prayer Ministry Elders: Fred Ritsema & Cathy Van Donselaar

Coffee: Buteyn/Buys

Deacon’s Corner:

CEAF Update

This Christmas season, please keep the *Christian Ed Assistance Fund* in mind when giving, it is now a separate fund from the General Fund, and we need \$9300 in specific CEAF giving every month to fulfill our Christian Ed promise to our First CRC families. To date we have collected just enough throughout the months to make tuition payments on the 1st each month. It’s a lofty goal, but we would love to see CEAF fully funded by the end of the year! Please specify CEAF on your check or envelope if you wish to have your gifts allocated there.

Thanksgiving Baskets

The deacons of First CRC would like to support you in caring about and loving your neighbors who might be struggling. We are again organizing Thanksgiving baskets this year. If you know of someone you think would appreciate and benefit from a Thanksgiving basket of food for a meal, then please let your grow group deacon know by this **Sunday, Nov. 17**. The First CRC youth group will help purchase the food items and we will organize the baskets to have them ready by **Sunday morning, Nov. 24**. The basket will include a \$25 gift card to purchase a turkey or other meal items. We ask that you then pick up the basket for the family you have identified and deliver it to them with maybe a note of encouragement. Our hope is to support you in caring about those around us who might need a little extra help this time of year. Thanks, the Deacons

Reminder: *Let’s fill up those Peter Fish and bring them back on Thanksgiving!*

The Global Bazaar Saturday, **December 7th** from **9am to 2pm**.

CHANGE IN BAKING DATES!!! WE WILL NOT BE PREPARING BASKET AND PIG-IN-THE-BLANKETS ON SATURDAY, NOV. 30. Thanks to the wonderful and faithful people who have already volunteered, we will reach our quota on **Saturday, Nov. 23**.

During Advent we will be spending time together on Sunday mornings participating in intergenerational opportunities we call “**Live It Out.**” These are experiences where we can participate in acts of planning, service, and worship together during our Sunday School time. **These groups will meet on December 1, 8, and 15 from 11-12.** There are four options this year which include 1) an intergenerational choir, 2) decorating the front of our church building, 3) a dance group, and 4) a cookie making group for Jesus on Colfax. Please sign up in the back of church so that we have a rough estimate of how many to plan on for each activity. Talk to Pastor Bret Lamsma or Shirley VanHeukelem for more details.

Christmas Eve Candle light service is December 24th at 6:00pm.

Missions Updates:

The Table: *The Giving Season-*

Each order for a custom, hand made wreath from The Table supports this non-traditional ministry, which raised and donated over 5,000 pounds of food again in 2019. The wreaths are all unique and sure to delight you long past the Christmas holiday. **Orders can be made online at www.denvertable.org/wreaths.**

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

Pastor Joel Schreurs:	Minister of the Word	ext. 101
Shirley Van Heukelem:	Programs & Office Admin.	ext. 104
Kyle Cooper:	Worship Coordinator	ext. 103
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DENVER, COLORADO

*A Family of God, Living our Faith and Growing by:
Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives,
and Humbly embracing the hurting.*

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: Psalm 19:1-4a

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of His hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
**Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.**

*Song: *We Will Extol You God and King* LUYH 562

*Psalm 96:11-13

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for He comes,
He comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in His faithfulness.

*Songs:

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens (Young Oceans version)
This Is My Father’s World LUYH 21

*God’s Greeting

Renewal

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Renewal with *Don’t Be Afraid* LUYH 429

Offering: Benevolence

Offertory: *In the Silence*

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.**

Message: *Ask A Better Question: How Is God Grabbing Your Attention?*

Panel Discussion Participants:

Nancy Waanders,
Shirley Van Heukelem,
Joel and Melanie Jonker,
Donn Hansum

Sending Song: *I Will Follow*

Sending

*Sending:

Through the splendor of creation, God makes known His power and His majesty.

Lord, help us to listen.

Through the prophets and apostles, God tells us all we need to know for life with Him

Lord, help us to listen.

Through the person of Jesus Christ, the Word of God who took on flesh and made His dwelling among us, God gives us an exact representation of His being.

Lord, help us to listen.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God continues to surround us and to speak to us, so that we might know that we are children of God.

Lord, help us to listen.

And help us to follow You.

Sending Song: *I Will Follow*

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band

Up ~ Prayer and Praise

For November/December we will focus prayer for persecuted believers in Iran/Iraq. We praise God that hundreds of thousands of Iranians are turning to faith in Christ. More Iranians have become Christians in the last 20 years than in the previous 1,300 years since Islam came to Iran. Many Christians in Iran have lost jobs, homes or even custody of children.

We pray for many in our church family to be free of debilitating back pain.

We pray for the hospitalized, and those who bring comfort and care to them.

We pray for God's sustaining grace and fond memories, for those facing the upcoming holidays while grieving the recent loss of a family member.

We pray together for Dick Sander's brother James, recently hospitalized after being diagnosed with terminal cancer. We pray for Dick and Sonja as they come alongside the family.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

November 20th is our Family Night!

5:45pm: Meal & Fellowship

6:30pm: Council, GEMS/Cadets, Coffee Break

6:40pm: Movie Discussion group will meet this Wednesday night at 6:40 to discuss the movie "*La La Land*" starring Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling. Talk to Pastor Bret for more details.

6:45pm: Beloved of God Yoga will meet downstairs at church. Everyone is welcome! Christ-Centered and focused on strengthening and restoring our bodies and minds to do God's work in the world. Contact: pamelajilh@gmail.com

Bible Studies:

Women's AM Bible Study meets every other Wednesday. The next meeting is **November 20** at **9:30am** in room 12/13, to study "*Cultures in Conflict*" by Ray Vander Laan. Led by Walt Ackerman.

Coffee Break ~ Women's Evening fellowship, prayer and Bible Study meets every Wednesday at **6:30pm** in the Emerson House next to church. Everyone is welcome! Contact: beth@firstcrcdenver.org for more information.

Men's Wed. AM Bible Study in the Emerson House South of church, coffee is on at 7:30am *every* Wednesday; Study begins at 8:00am. Contact: cvanheukelem@gmail.com

Men's Sat. AM Bible Study in rm 21, *every other Sat* 7AM, next mtg. **Nov.23rd** Contact Rod Oosterhouse: rodohouse@comcast.net

Our High School Youth Group will meet tonight at 5 to help put together Thanksgiving baskets. Talk to a youth group leader for more information.

Middle-Schoolers Club 68 - our Middle School Youth Group - will meet again Sunday night, **December 8**, from **5-7pm**. Save the date!

Thanksgiving Feast! You're Invited! Join the Jonker and Posthumus families for a Thanksgiving feast at church on **Thanksgiving Day**. Lunch will be downstairs following the Thanksgiving Day GEMS bake sale. Please let us know you will be coming so we can plan accordingly - we'd love to celebrate with you. *Bring a special dish that makes it Thanksgiving for you.* Melanie 303-775-5539 or Sandie 303-885-6409, call or text.

Senior Moments will be visiting Balistreri Vineyards on **November 19th**. We will be meeting at the church at **10:00am to leave by 10:15am**. Once we arrive, we will be doing a tour of their facility followed by a buffet lunch. Senior Moments will be paying for a portion of the cost associated with the tour: your lunch, beverage and gratuity; your portion will be **\$12.50 per person**. Because the Winery will be preparing the buffet, it will be necessary for you to sign up in advance. Send an email to Sharon Engel - engel8419@live.com.

Sew & Sews: *Sew & Sews* next meeting is December 12, **from 9-12n**, in room 12/13. Please contact Joey for more information: joeyvanark@aol.com Please pray for people living and working in Haiti, after the terrible flooding. Families are unable to feed their children due to the rise in the cost of food! Sew & Sews craft clothing for Haitian families, working alongside *God's Littlest Angels*. Basic necessities, medical supplies, clean water and help are being cut off due to rioting. Visit glahaiti.org for more details.

Card Stampers: Meet **November 23**, 1-3pm in rm. 12/13, crkats@yahoo.com

OUT ~ Serving & Sharing

Humbly Embracing The Hurting

Our next Family Promise hosting week is just a month away - December 15-22. Online signups will begin next week (check your email for a signup genius) and the in person signup board will be in the back of church on December 1.

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Paul's Missionary Journeys In Greece (April 2-14, 2020): Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, visit www.jeffreyweima.com or contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110.

LIVE IT OUT! We are in need of five to ten fake Christmas trees to use for one of our "*Live It Out*" projects during Advent. These trees will be used in an outdoor display for the month of December. We are also in need of lots of white Christmas lights. If you have extra lights, or a tree you can donate, please let Pastor Bret know or drop them off in his office before December 1.

For one of the "*Live It Out*" activities, making cookies for the Jesus on Colfax Ministry, we are asking for donations of the following ingredients:

- 2 each ~ 5 pound bag all purpose flour
- 1 each ~ 5 pound bag granulated sugar
- 1 each ~ 1 pound bag "light" brown sugar
- 5 each ~ 1 pound box of "unsalted" butter
- Bottle of almond extract
- 12 cups "sweetened" dried cranberries
- 6 cups "semisweet" chocolate chips

There is a sign-up sheet in back of church; please indicate which item(s) you are willing to donate and bring them to church by November 28. Thanks!

IMPORTANT! We need to hear from you soon!

As part of the denominational Ministry Shares that we pay yearly to the Christian Reformed Church, each family will receive a copy of the monthly denominational magazine, *The Banner*. **If you do not want to receive this monthly publication**, please let the church office know by **November 25**. This *Banner* is also available online at <https://www.thebanner.org/> Become a *Banner* friend on Facebook and Twitter. Sample copies of *the Banner* are available for viewing in the foyer.