

Church Calendar for week of: October 1, 2017

Sunday ~ October 1: Pastor Joel is preaching, offering is for General Fund & Hurricane/Disaster Relief

11-12noon: Magnify

Sunday School/Adult Ed/Catechism will be meeting as scheduled.

Monday ~ October 2 – Church office is closed

Tuesday ~ October 3

1:00pm - Staff Meeting in Room 21

7:00pm - Young Adults

Wednesday ~ October 4: Family Night Meal

7:00am – Men's Morning Huddle in the Emerson House

9:30am – Women's Morning Bible Study in Rooms 12/13

5:45pm: Family Night Meal (Staff: Sloppy Joes)

6:30pm - Coffee Break Women's Study in Emerson/GEMS/Cadets

6:30pm - Elder's Meeting

Thursday ~ October 5

6:30pm - Stephen Ministry

Friday ~ October 6

9:00am -11:00pm: Library Ladies

Saturday ~ October 7

7:00am – Men's Bible Study in Room 21

10:00am -

Name Tag Sunday October 8: Lord's Supper

Pastor Joel is preaching, offering is for

NO Sunday School: Grow Groups are meeting

**October 13-14 is Classis Rocky Mountain off-site*

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, October 1st

Nursery: Jessica Addink, Lea Gunnett, Matthew Jonker

CIW: Noah Obeys God Jill Schreurs, Noah Vandenboogaard, Davis Addink

Prayer Ministry Elders: Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Buteyn and Magnify Kids

Thank you to all serving NEXT Sunday, October 8th

Nursery: Davinia Lyon, Hannah Grafton, Madisyn Hunt

CIW: The First Skyscraper Briana Van Andel, Gracie Hansum,

Sam Waanders & Erin Youngsma

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Young and Schaefer

Welcome to our visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Elders are available up front to answer questions and pray with you. Coffee,

Tea and fellowship served in the foyer! Next Newcomer welcome lunch is

October 15th, from 11-12 noon in the Emerson house next door.

World Renew Hurricane Relief Response:

Rapid Response

We are planning to send volunteers to help with clean-up in Texas. If you are available short notice, [please click here](#) to let us know of your availability this fall.

Needs Assessments

Given the magnitude of Harvey and Irma, we are anticipating quite a few needs assessments in the months ahead. [Please click here](#) to let us know of availability after the first of the year.

Deacons will be taking a special offering for Hurricane/disaster relief in Texas & Florida, through World Renew's Disaster Response Services (DRS). DRS is an organization of the Christian Reformed Church that seeks to show God's love and hope to disaster-affected communities by restoring the lives of the vulnerable. Please make checks out to First CRC and put DRS in the memo line.

Opportunities to Help:

Can you swing a hammer? Do you love Saturday projects? Do you dabble in occasional light plumbing? Then we need YOU!!! The deacons are looking for handy people interested in offering their fixer-upper gifts to those who need some extra help around the house. This would be on a volunteer basis as needs arise, and the more volunteers we have the more needs we can meet! If you are willing to serve in this way, please e-mail James Timmer James@firstcrcdenver.org with your name & number.

Sew & Sews: We received a request from *God's Littlest Angels*, an Orphanage in Haiti: www.glahaiti.org for knitted caps for babies and children to age six. If you like to knit or crochet, and have time to make a few caps, some children in Haiti will be grateful. This mountain orphanage is chilly and damp in winter. Give **Joey VanderArk** a call **#303-692-0040**.

Family Night Nursery: our littlest loved ones would like to invite you to play, teach and watch over them here at church while their parents attend Family Night Classes, or lead/teach our older kids. Please contact Bret if you would be available for 1 or 2 nights this year #303-733-4936 ext. 105.

Youth for Christ Christian College Fair of Colorado

When: October 4, 2017

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Where: Denver Christian School Main Gym

Cost: Admission is FREE! | [More Than 70 Colleges & Universities](#)

Long Scraggy Ranch Work Day

When: October 28th, starting at 9:00AM; Lunch will be provided

For details contact John Cloutier [303-838-7770](tel:303-838-7770)

Screenagers: A Documentary

Denver Christian will host a screening of the award-winning documentary, *SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age*, a film about the biggest parenting issue of our time. All are welcome to this informative and impactful family event.

When: Sunday, October 8th from 4:00 - 6:00PM (Doors open at 3:30PM)

Where: Denver Christian School Main Gym **Cost:** FREE; Please RSVP!

Here is the RSVP link for those interested in viewing this documentary:

<https://impactflow.com/event/presented-by-denver-christian-school-4945>

Denver Christian is located at [3898 S. Teller St., Lakewood, CO 80235](#)

Missionary Birthdays:

Jeanie Broek - October 1st

Craig Broek - October 22nd

First Christian Reformed Church: 1814 South Emerson Street

Email: connections@firstcrcdenver.org

#303.733.4936

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

Address: 1814 South Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80210

Pastor Joel Schreurs: Minister of the Word ext. 101

Shirley Van Heukelem: Programs & Office Admin. ext. 104

Kyle Cooper: Worship Coordinator ext. 103

Bret Lamsma: Director of Faith Formation ext. 105

Larry Young: Custodial & facilities #303-582-4039

Rebecca J. Schaefer: Communications & Admin. ext. 102



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

Order of Worship ~ October 1, 2017

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Sung Call to Worship: *Come All You People* LUYH 496

*Revelation 7:9-12

I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb."

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: **"Amen!"**

**Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"**

*Song: *Revelation Song*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we grieve that the church...

Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ.

Across the barriers that divide race from race:

reconcile us, O Christ, by Your cross.

Across the barriers that divide rich from poor:

reconcile us, O Christ, by Your cross.

Across the barriers that divide people of different cultures:

reconcile us, O Christ, by Your cross.

Across the barriers that divide Christians:

reconcile us, O Christ, by Your cross.

Across the barriers that divide men and women, young and old:

reconcile us, O Christ, by Your cross.

Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears

that deny and betray our prayers.

Enable us to see the causes of strife,

remove from us all senses of superiority.

Teach us to grow in unity with all God's children.

Amen.

Song of Renewal: *Christian Hearts in Love United* LUYH 727

Assurance of Pardon:

You are a chosen race,

a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,

in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people;

once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

People of God, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.

In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith. Thanks be to God!

Song of Assurance: *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*

Offering: General Fund and special offering for World Renew (DRS)

Offertory

Word

Children in Worship Dismissal: *Children (ages 3-K) are dismissed to attend a worship service designed especially for their comprehension and participation.*

Their worship center is downstairs in the Fellowship Room. As they leave, we share a blessing with them. Parents are welcome to attend.

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.**

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22, Page 1174

Sermon: *Get Together*

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Living Stones*

Sending

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Jesus prayed that we would be one,
as He and the Father are one.

**We will make every effort
to keep the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of peace.**

We remember that our struggle is not against one another.

Instead, it is against the spiritual forces of evil.

Let us speak together that truth which unites us: **Apostles' Creed**

Magnify Students - Please come to the back of the sanctuary during the final song this morning to help serve coffee after the service.

*Sending Song: *God the Father of Your People* LUYH 927

Blessing

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper; Accompanist Christy Bol, Kevin Roberts

Prayer and Care for God's People:

Our **September/October** Congregational prayer focus for persecuted believers is on the **country of Sudan**, ranked #5 on the World Watch List. Persecution in Sudan is systematic and reminiscent of ethnic cleansing. See the silver connection boards in the foyer for specific prayer points. Prayer sheets are on the table next to the display.

Jessie Huiting is recovering well in rehab at Englewood post-op (the Old Cherry Hills on Washington) room 123, and will be there for the remainder of her rehab. Please continue to lift her up. Her son has been caring for her.

Please pray for safety and good weather for GEMS at Long Scraggy this weekend. Their theme is *In His Steps*

11:00am TODAY Classes for all Ages:

Age-specific Sunday School Upstairs~

Ages 3 & four years: Blue Room #34

Kindergarten: Purple Room #30

1st & 2nd Graders: Green Room #32

3rd/4th/5th Graders: Brown Room #35

6th & 7th Graders: Yellow Room #33

Adult Ed & Catechism Classes Downstairs~

9th & 10th Grade Catechism: Pit Stop garage with Stephanie DenBraber

"First Steps" Adult class: Fellowship Hall Downstairs

11th & 12th Grade Catechism: Fellowship Hall with Pastor Bret's class until 10/22 when they will resume in Room 21 with Pastor Joel.

Next Sunday, on October 8th, will be our first Grow Group gathering (intergenerational learning times with a shared meal). Please call the office if you are not sure which Grow Group you are in.

Current Events & Activities:

Ladies Morning Bible Study with Walt Ackerman, in the Library, will resume on **Wednesday, October 4th at 9:30am.** *The Bible Jesus Read* by Philip Yancey will be the series for this fall. Books and participant guides are provided for you! This class will move to Rooms 12/13.

The Next Family Night Fellowship is for everyone on October 4th, Supper served: **5:45 to 6:15pm**, menu: Shirley's Sloppy Joes, salad, chips **Classes are from 6:30 to 8:00pm** –

Family Night is offered the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

If you have never been to a Family Night Meal, please come and enjoy delicious food (donate as you are able) with your church family. At 6:30pm we break off into Adult/ kid's programs especially designed for you!

Celebrate the harvest with The Table! Our 6th annual harvest party, Croptoberfest, is scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 14** from 4 to 7 PM at 923 E. Mexico Ave., Denver. This annual event signifies the end of the growing season and acknowledges the goods of the garden this year: over 4,000 pounds of fresh produce harvested and donated to date. Join the party which features a hog roast, live music, and fun and games for all ages. Tickets can be purchased online (www.denvertable.org/croptoberfest) or at the gate - \$25 for adults, \$10 for ages 13-20, and kids ages 12 and under are free. #SowItForward

Senior Moments: Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, Oct. 17th.** We plan to tour The Denver Police Crime Laboratory. We need to leave church by 9:00am as our tour begins at 10:00 am. This is a 2 hour tour. Lunch at Racine's. Please see the flyer for details. Remember to signup, so that we have a head count for both the tour and Racine's no later than Sunday, Oct. 15th. Questions: Betty K. [303-514-6251](tel:303-514-6251) or Beth P. [303-947-1085](tel:303-947-1085).

All Senior Saints 55 PLUS: Reminder, Sunday, **October 8th** from 5 - 7pm at the Pit Stop, our youth group is inviting us to join them for a get acquainted time and supper. This will be a fun time of fellowship between generations. Lets support our Youth. Remember to signup for this event so they will have a head count for their complimentary supper. The signup sheet can be found back of the church with an orange frame. For details please see the flyer. Contact Eileen Ruter or Betty Klap.

High-Schoolers: Fall Retreat: **October 20-22.** Please save this date for an EPIC mountain adventure with the Lord, your leaders and friends.

New Addresses for Jerika and Kyler Schmitt:

Jerika Schmitt

7225 Oaklane Ct.

Hudsonville, MI 49426

Kyler Schmitt-until Oct 25; If you wish to send an encouraging note, please send in a plain white envelope with the number 3 written on the back. Please do not decorate or add anything besides a note. No care packages of any kind at this time. Thank you for supporting him! Self-addressed envelopes are on the back table.

PFC Schmitt, Kyler

3rd Platoon, War Dawgs

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165th IN BDE

12000 Dixie Rd

Ft. Jackson, SC 29207

If you have unanswered questions about your Estate Plan, you are not alone. Jim Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will be meeting with Christian families in our area **on Oct 3 & Oct 4, 2017.** Jim will be happy to provide clear and easy-to-understand Estate Planning information regardless of the size of your Estate, your age or stage in life. There is no financial obligation for this confidential meeting. If you would like to meet with Jim P, please contact Deb Harder at Barnabas Foundation at [888-448-3040](tel:888-448-3040) or email dhard@barnabasfoundation.com.

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