

Church Calendar for October 16, 2016

11:00am Grow Group Meal and Teaching Time

Pastor Joel preaching on Psalm 146; Offering is for General Fund

Monday ~ October 17th – office closed

Tuesday ~ October 18th -

9:30am – Senior Moments Game Day & Lunch – Fellowship Hall

11:45am - Staff Meeting - Rm 21

7:00pm – Council Meeting – Rm 24

Wednesday ~ October 19th Fall Break ~ No Family Night/Break!

6:00 am - Men's Bible Study: Emerson House

9:30am – Ladies AM Bible Study

Thursday ~ October 20th

*Note: Pastor Joel is on Vacation Friday-Monday

Friday ~ October 21st

9:00am – Library Ladies

Saturday ~ October 22nd

1:00-3:00pm ~ Stamp Class

Sunday ~ October 23rd

Guest Pastor is preaching; offering is for Project I See You

Next week the offering will be for Project I See You, a ministry that Ann Rajewski is intimately involved in. Project I See You's goal is to promote relationships between women in the U.S. with women in the Dominican Republic. One way they do this is by creating economic independence for the women of the D.R., by teaching sewing, jewelry making, and other skills that produce work sell-able locally and at North American fair-trade markets such as our Global Bazaar. For more information go to their website at www.projectiseeyou.org.

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; **Lunch served in Grow Groups!**

Donuts for \$1 on October 23rd: \$ to En-Gedi Children Home Bldg. Fund

Proceeds from the donut sales will go directly to a different First Church mission partner on these Sundays: 10/23, 11/27, 1/1, 2/19, 3/26 & 4/23. We will let you know before each *Donut Day*, where the funds will be given.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, October 16th

Nursery: Jill Schreurs, Darin Gunnett, Eli Vermeer, Melanie Jonker

Education Hour Nursery: Grow Groups meals (kids with family)

Children in Worship: *Two Coats For Joseph*, Becky Vermeer, Logan/Hayden P.

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Sound: Jim DeHaan **Slides:** Micah DeHaan **Video:** Caleb Jonker

Lord's Supper Prep and DVD Delivery: Grow Group #3

Coffee: Cadys

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, October 23rd

Nursery: Jenn Van Otterloo, Kristin Jensen, Wyatt Vermeer

Children in Worship: Break

Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric Den Braber & Nancy Waanders

Sound: Paul DeBoer **Slides:** Annika DeBoer **Video:** Hannah DeBoer

Lord's Supper Prep and DVD Delivery: Grow Group #3

Coffee: Sanders

Dance Team: Dance for October: Rehearsal in the Pit Stop garage.

Saturday, October 29 - 9AM-11AM

GROW GROUPS OUT serving Together: *IN-volve Yourself in an OUT!! Here's your opportunity to SERVE in one of our upcoming OUT activities. Sign-Up Sheets are posted in back of the Sanctuary. You will be contacted once you've signed up...please sign up early!!!*

1. Global Bazaar - volunteers needed for baking dates **October 29 & November 12, 9am to noon;** Friday night, **Dec. 2**, set up and Saturday all day (shifts), **Dec. 3 - 8:30am** to clean up after 3pm. Contact Anne Buteyn.

2. Sun Valley - Sun Valley Youth Center **October 30, 9 am-Noon**, 10 Volunteers recommended. We will be winterizing gardens, cutting back brush around the church, clearing out a room in the basement and helping fix bikes for local youth. Contact: chadnibbelink@gmail.com

3. 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@firstcrdenver.org

4. Canterbury Gardens Canterbury Gardens - Sunday, October 30, 2 PM - 3:30 Relational visit with the residents at a *Medicaid Assisted Living Facility* in Aurora. NEW STEP this year will be Table Prayers, plus our usual activity & enjoying delicious treats. Families with children are welcome. Contact: Kellis@volunteersinaction.info



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

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

Order of Worship~ October 16th, 2016

Prelude and Processional

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Song: *Sing to the King* LUYH 474

O Worship the King LUYH 2, vs. 1-4

*Litany of Praise: from 1 Chronicles 29

Praise be to You, Lord,

the God of our father Israel,

from everlasting to everlasting.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,**

for everything in heaven and earth is Yours.

Yours, Lord, is the Kingdom;

You are exalted as head over all;

Wealth and honor come from You;

You are the Ruler of all things.

**In Your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.**

*Song: *Everlasting God*

*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

Call to Confession

Spoken Prayer of Confession

Sung Prayer of Confession: *Remember Not, O God* LUYH 632

Assurance of Pardon:

What then are we to say about these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold His own Son,
but gave Him up for all of us,
will He not with Him also give us everything else?
Who will bring any charge against God's elect?
It is God who justifies.
Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes,
Who was raised, who is at the right hand of God,
Who indeed intercedes for us.
Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors,
Through Him who loved us.**

**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*Song of Thanksgiving: *Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand* LUYH 708

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 of Intercession and Gratitude

*Scripture: Psalm 146

Sermon: *In God We Trust?* Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Psalm 146*

Sending

Offering & Offertory Prayer: General Fund

*Sending Words:

As followers of Jesus Christ,
living in this world—
which some seek to control,
and others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust:
Our world belongs to God!

From the beginning,
through all the crises of our times,
until the Kingdom fully comes,
**God keeps covenant forever:
Our world belongs to God!**

God is King: **Let the earth be glad!**
Christ is Victor: **His rule has begun!**
The Spirit is at work: **creation is renewed!**
Hallelujah! **Praise the Lord!**

*Song: *We Will Extol* 562

*Benediction

Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Worship Leaders: Lynn & Kevin Roberts

Accompanist: Christy Bol

Musicians: First CRC Band

Prayer For God's People

We continue to lift up Betty and Henry, asking for sustaining grace, wisdom in care plans and that God will illuminate each step of their journey.

“Thank you to those who helped us in our sadnesss.” Ruth Lameris

We lift up God's people in Hurricane Matthew's path of destruction for protection, provision and a sense of Christ's presence. May *World Renew* workers be undergirded and resourced to respond to the many needs.

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

Missionary Prayer and Praise: From Starkenburgs: liamandjess@gmail.com

- Praise God for His continued protection, safety and provision!
- Praise God for the resources for our school to drill a needed well!
- Pray for additional financial provision for our family.
- Pray for Nicaragua during this election year.
- Pray for the salvation of our Nicaragua Christian Academy students, and for moral courage for those following Christ to have impact.

First Church Upcoming Activities: No Family Night/Fall Break

Senior Moments: Tuesday, October 18th at 9:30

Reminder this Sunday, the 16th is last day to sign up for our event on Tuesday the 18th, game day and lunch at Duffy's. See flyer for details. Questions Beth Posthumus 303-947-1085.

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.

Local and Global Mission Updates:

YOU'RE INVITED to tour the Mt. View Youth Services Campus on **Wed Oct 19th from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**. Get a first-hand look at life in juvenile detention, understand the issues that bring youth here and how Denver Area Youth for Christ helps bring them hope beyond their prison walls. *Please RSVP to Claire@yfcdenver.org by Tuesday, Oct 18th* so I can get you on the "approved" list of visitors: Mt. View Youth Services Center 7862 W. Mansfield Pkwy Denver, CO 80235

Nicaragua Christian Fellowship: We're excited about the near-completion of our school's latest project -- a well to provide our school with a reliable source of water. We expect to install the casing and 5 HP pump within the next 2 weeks. To donate, visit <http://www.crwmm.org/donate>, Nicaragua Christian Academy: <http://www.nca.edu.ni>

World Renew link to relief efforts in Haiti:

Upon assessment, World Renew is asking us to redirect our Hurricane relief efforts to provide **clean drinking water, food and shelter**: Please donate \$50 directly to World Renew for emergency supplies. Or, give to First CRC with World Renew Haiti in the memo line...and keep praying!

Opportunities to Serve & Support

Sweet Homemade Treats are requested for two upcoming **OUT** opportunities at *Canterbury Gardens* on 10/30 & 12/11. The folks at CG seldom receive homemade goodies. We minister to their heart needs while sharing sweet treats! Please contact Kelli Schuttinga at 928-970-1814 if you & your family could bake for them.

We have heard from several of our home-bound members that their days get long. Visits from family and friends any time of the day or early evening help to break up the loneliness they feel. If this is something that you enjoy doing and you feel a heart tug to reach out to this specific segment of our church family, contact Beth Posthumus at 303.947.1085. Beth schedules so our home-bound members are visited on a regular basis.

Grow Group Meals: October 16 - Join your Grow Group for the 2nd IN/OUT gathering this season. You will gather for a meal together and an introduction to the next Psalm. First CRC will be focusing on a review of Psalm 146. Meal Locations for today are:

GG #1~ Berghuis/Bol at the Newcombe's home: 2158 S. Clarkson 80210

GG #2~ Waanders/Lighthiser at Jonker's: 3690 E. Dartmouth Ave. 80210

GG #3~ DenBraber/Buteyn in Emerson House: 1826 S. Emerson 80210

GG #4~ Schmitt/VandenBoogaard in Pit Stop Garage (next to church)

GG #5~ DeHaan/Van Andel in Rooms 12/13 (downstairs)

GG #6~ Schans/Nibbelink in Fellowship Hall (adjoining the kitchen)

If you are unsure which Grow Group you are in, contact Shirley Van Heukelem at shirley@firstcrcdenver.org, or call the office, 9-3 Tuesday through Friday.

Council News

We were blessed last week to have Bret & Julie Lamsma visit our church and meet with the council on Tuesday, Oct. 11 to discuss Bret's interest the Director of Faith Formation position. Pray for our council as they meet this week to determine if they will extend a call to Bret and for the Lamsmas as they ask God for guidance for decisions about their future.

Count Committee Report: 10/2 & 10/9

Council appreciates your faithful gifts and offerings.

General Fund: \$22,343.00

En-Gedi Children's Home: \$1,819.96

The anticipated offering for a two-week count is: \$26,402.20.