

Church Calendar for week of: October 29, 2017

Sunday ~ October 29: Pastor Joel continues *The Sola System Series*, Benevolence offering.

11-12noon Crown Financial Class begins in Fellowship Hall.

Monday ~ October 30: Church office is closed

6:00pm – Dance Practice in the Sanctuary; Count Committee in Rm 24.

Tuesday ~ October 31

1:00pm - Staff Meeting in Room 21

Wednesday ~ November 1 – Family Night Fellowship

7:00am – Men’s Huddle in Emerson

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

5:45pm – Meal is served; **6:30pm** Elder’s Meet in Room 24

6:30pm – Coffee Break Women’s Bible Study in Emerson/GEMS/Cadets

Thursday ~ November 2

6:00pm – Dance Practice

6:30pm – Stephen Ministry in Emerson

Friday ~ November 3

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

6:00pm – Youth Group Worship at *Ignite Fellowship*

Saturday ~ November 4

9:30am – Dance Practice

Sunday, November 5, 2017: Day Light Savings Time Ends fall back 1 hour

The Sola System Series; offering is for General Fund.

11:00am - Sunday School & Catechism

5:00pm: Youth & *Ignite* Worship at First CRC

Thank you to all serving THIS Sunday, October 29nd

Nursery: Jenn Van Otterloo, Jevon van Vliet and Ari Waanders

CIW: On Break

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Heersinks

Thank you to all serving NEXT Sunday, November 5

Nursery: TBD

CIW: *Fire From Heaven* Kelsie Ruter, Kathy Ritsema, Ali Schroder, & Charlotte Reynolds

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Cal Van Heukelem

Coffee: Engelsman/Jonker

Warm Greetings to our visitors. We are so glad you chose to worship with us today. Elders are available up front to answer questions and pray. Coffee, Tea and fellowship served in the foyer!

???Do YOU have a photo on the First CRC Membership Directory???

- 1.) **Take a "selfie".** Log in with your email address and post your own picture. Children and youth, who do not have an individual email address, will need to have photos posted by the office by email, or text photo to 303.434.5509 with a name.
- 2.) **Email** a photo (jpeg) to connections@firstcrcdenver.org and we will upload it.
- 3.) Call first, and **stop by the office** between **9am-3pm**, Tuesday through Friday, for a quick picture and a website walk through. We are happy to help you navigate our terrific web-site! *If you have not yet had opportunity to visit our site: Our First CRC website address link is: <http://firstcrcdenver.org>*
- 4.) **Ask your Elder or Deacon** to take a phone picture of you.

When you reach the web site Welcome page, the log-in is in the top right corner. Click Login and type your current email address into the Username or email field. If you have never logged in, have a new email, or have forgotten your password, click on the **red line** [Forget your password?](#) so we can reset this for you with emailed instructions.

Missions Moments:

Purses With A Purpose: Youth For Christ Fundraiser

November 12, 2017 ~ 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Valley Country Club in Centennial, CO

Claire Froelich, Denver area YFC Chaplain, would like to invite her church family to Youth For Christ’s next "*See the Story*" event will be **Tuesday, November 7, 2017 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.**

Ridge View Youth Services Center | 28101 East Quincy Ave | Watkins, CO 80137 | Click [here](#) for map, e-mail [Gareth Unruh](mailto:Gareth.Unruh) with additional questions.

Click [here](#) to register for the event. **RSVP by Friday, November 3rd.**

Prayer Focus: *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.*

Miscellaneous Announcements:

Free Marriage Enrichment

There is Help for Marriages in Crisis - Every marriage hits bumps in the road. But what happens when the bumps become huge roadblocks? "Marriages in Crisis," an ebook from *Family Fire*, helps you find hope and see God at work in the most difficult time of your life. It’s yours free when you subscribe to *Family Fire* at familyfire.com/marriageincrisis. *We also have some excellent marriage material in the Library under Family Life.*

Denver Christian School Open Houses:

Tuesday, Nov. 29 - 6:30P Educational Overview Preschool-High School
All are welcome!

Thanksgiving Food Bags

If you know someone who is in need of a bag filled with Thanksgiving food, please contact Maria Buteyn, maria@firstcrcdenver.org or [303-877-6275](tel:303-877-6275), by **Sunday, November 12**. The 1st CRC youth group will be purchasing food and assembling bags on the 19th, and the bags will be available for pickup from the church kitchen on Monday the 20th.

Sola Fide: *by Faith Alone. What does it mean? We are justified by faith in Christ’s atoning sacrifice alone for salvation. “True faith naturally leads us to delight in God’s law and, with the empowering help of the Holy Spirit, to live a life full of love and good works.” ~ From the Calvin Seminary Forum Spring 2017*

Our faith commitment to Sola Fide– Good works demonstrate great love, but **are not** required for salvation.

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

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Order of Worship

October 29, 2017 ~ Part I: Sola Fide

The Sola System! *October 31, 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the launching of what later became known as the Protestant Reformation. It is good for us to spend time reflecting and commemorating this event that still shapes conversations and cultures today. Over the next five Sundays we will take a look at some of the themes of that time and how they might apply today. These themes are often captured in five "Sola" statements:*

- *Sola Fide* - by faith alone
- *Sola Scriptura* - by Scripture alone
- *Sola Christo* - through Christ alone
- *Sola Gratia* - by *grace* alone
- *Sola Deo Gloria* - glory to God alone

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional

*Call to Worship: Revelation 15:3-4

Great and marvelous are Your deeds, Lord God Almighty.
Just and true are Your ways, King of the nations.
Who will not fear You, Lord, and bring glory to Your name?
For You alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship before You,
for Your righteous acts have been revealed.

*Song: *Holy God We Praise Your Name* LUYH 540

*Deuteronomy 32:3-4

I will proclaim the name of the Lord.
Oh, praise the greatness of our God!
He is the Rock, His works are perfect,
and all His ways are just.
A faithful God who does no wrong,
upright and just is He.

*Song: *We Fall Down*

*God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting

**Bold text indicates where the congregation responds.*

Renewal

Call to Confession: Psalm 24:3-4

Prayer of Confession:

Song of Confession: *Give Me A Clean Heart* LUYH 621

Assurance: Isaiah 1

*Song of Assurance: *Jesus Paid It All*

Offering: Benevolence Fund for *emergency financial aid to those connected with First CRC. Full guidelines and request forms are found behind the office copier.*

Offertory

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Word

Responsive Reading: *Heidelberg Catechism* Q&A 60-61

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43; Page 1006

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Sola Fide*

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Amen (Because He Lives)*

Sending

*Sending: Based on James 2 and HC, Q&A 64

What good is it if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds?

Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

As the body without the spirit is dead, **so faith without deeds is dead.**

It is impossible for us, who have been grafted into Christ through true faith,

Not to produce fruits of gratitude.

May Christ bear much fruit in our lives as we seek to follow Him!

*Sending Song: *O Church Arise*

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with Organist: Barb Hogan

Prayer and Care for God's People:

Please pray for wisdom for those parenting solo.

Pray for provision and peace for those awaiting upcoming surgery.

We lift up Larry and Jen Young's family as they grieve the sudden passing of his mother, Harriett, who died following a bout of pneumonia in the hospital in Kansas. Larry will be in Kansas this week supporting his family.

Please pray for sustaining grace for the faithful care-givers of those we love. Pray for dignity, respect and renewed hope for those being cared for.

Current Events & Activities:

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

8th Graders in the Library (downstairs)

Catechism: 9th & 10th Grade Group in Pit Stop Garage

Crown Financial Class – Our Crown Financial Ministries group will be meeting for the first time **this Sunday morning at 11** in the basement Fellowship Hall at one of the back tables. Everyone is welcome to join this group as we discuss God's plan for our finances. For more information, please talk to Pastor Bret.

Youth Group: On Friday, November 3rd we will head to *Ignite Ministries*, a ministry that works with refugee youth in Denver, to worship with them and share a meal. Plan for the night to last from about **6 pm to 10 pm** on Friday. Details on meeting times at church will be provided via email this week. On **Sunday November 5th**, we will host *Ignite* at First Church with a meal, time of worship and fellowship through games. Plan to attend both nights if you are able. Parents, please sign up to bring food for *Ignite Ministries* as specified in the email sent this week.

Ladies: Did you know we have three on-going Bible Studies for you?

- 1. 9:30am – Ladies Morning Bible Study** meets every other **Wednesday** for *The Bible Jesus Read*, with Walt Ackerman in Rooms 12/13. Next Session meets on November 1. Materials available through the church office #303.733.4936.
- 2. 6:30pm - Coffee Break Women's Bible Study** every Wednesday evening in the Emerson House next Door with Betty Eyser and Beth Posthumus. Bible Study, prayer and caring fellowship.
- 3. 6:00pm – Holy Yoga & Bible Study** on the book *Soul Keeping* by *John Ortberg*. Meets every other week, Next session is **11/9**.

Gentleman: Are you looking for Bible Study and prayer support? **November 11th at 7:00am**, a group of guys meet for coffee and study. This group meets in Room 21 every other Saturday. Additional Men's groups meet on various weekdays, contact Roland Buteyn: 303-758-3801, or Pastor Bret for more information.

Senior Moments, 1st CRC members and friends: Mark your calendar, **Tuesday, November 14th**, for a very special presentation by **Caleb Jonker**. Caleb will present his journey "Sea to Sea" bike tour he took this past summer, "To End Poverty". Coffee at 9:30 a.m. Presentation begins at 10:00 a.m. Approximately 1 hour presentation with questions to follow. This will be held in the Fellowship Room. Every one is invited to join us for this very informative, adventuresome journey. Please remember to sign up so we will have a head count for our coffee time/ lunch and seating. Sign up sheet is on the south side silver information door. If you plan to join us for lunch at Duffy's, please note that next to your name. Last date to sign up is Sunday, Nov. 12th. Questions: Beth P. [303-947-1085](tel:303-947-1085) or Betty K. [303-514-6251](tel:303-514-6251).

Opportunities to Help and Serve:

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 on a volunteer basis as needs arise. If you are willing to serve, please e-mail James@firstcrcdenver.org.

The 2017 FIRST CRC Global Bazaar will be held this year on **Saturday, December 2 from 9am to 3pm** here at First CRC Denver. This fair trade marketplace hosts about 30 vendors representing products from around the world. It is a festive occasion that raises awareness of and funds for "*global*" Christian ministries helping people with immediate aid, long-term self-sufficiency, and discipleship growth.

We are currently looking for a few more vendors, contact: Carol (carolwillis80631@msn.com) or Cathy (czoetewey@comcast.net).

We also are looking for volunteers to help make *pig-in-the-blankets* and *banket* (a Dutch pastry) on 2 Saturdays, **November 4 and November 25**, from about **9am to 1pm**. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church or you can contact Anne Buteyn (annebuteyn@msn.com).

Holiday Gift Market: November 18, 2017 10:00am-4:00pm

Hope Community Church: 1801 South Logan St., Denver, CO 80210

Popular vendors & hand made gifts, Silent Auction, Kid's Activity Zone and so much more. Proceeds will be donated to a local family's adoption fund. To learn more visit: www.denvergiftmarket.wordpress.com

Gratitude and Appreciation:

During **pastor appreciation month of October**, we are especially grateful for Director of Faith Formation, Dr. Bret Lamsma. Bret's good-natured humor, remarkable theological knowledge and relational connectedness provides a welcome gift mix at First Church. We look forward to more laughter and godly leadership, as the Holy Trinity spiritually forms each of us as a church family on mission. Thank you Pastor Bret Lamsma!

DRS Hurricane Relief Offering Update

The deacons of 1st CRC would like to **thank you for your incredible generosity**. The offering we took for hurricane relief on October 1st raised a total of \$55,939! Thank you for supporting the efforts of World Renew's Disaster Response Services as they assess and rebuild communities affected by the recent hurricanes!

You are invited! The First CRC Council recently voted to call **Hope Lee** to ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church. Hope is a recent graduate of Denver Seminary who was examined and approved for ordained ministry during the October meeting of Classis Rocky Mountain. She will continue to serve as the **pastor of New Gate Church** (an emerging congregation in the CRCNA). New Gate Church, located in Aurora at [3350 S. Winston St.](https://www.newgatechurch.org), will be hosting a special ordination service on **Sunday, November 5 at 4:00 PM**. The First CRC congregation is invited to attend this service as we celebrate with Hope and New Gate Church, give thanks for our new partnership and anticipate how God will continue to work through his people!