

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ October 7: GROW GROUPS instead of regular Sunday School classes.

Pastor Joel is preaching; Offering is for First CRC General Operating Fund.

Monday ~ October 8

9:15am: Prayer For Persecuted Believers in 12/13

Tuesday ~ October 9

1-3pm - Staff Meeting, rm. 21; **7:00pm** - Young Adults at Emerson

Wednesday ~ October 10

9:30am - Ladies Morning Bible Study in 12/13; **6-8pm** GEMS Leader Mtg.

Thursday ~ October 11

9-11:30am - Sew & Sews in 12/13; **7:00pm** Worship Practice

Friday ~ October 12

9:30am-11:30am - Library is staffed for your assistance.

Saturday ~ October 13

7:00am - Men's Morning Bible Study in room 21

10:00am - Circle of Hope in room 21; **11:00am** - *Private Memorial Service*

Lord's Supper Sunday ~ October 14: Name Tags & Deacon Installation

5-7pm Club 68 for Middle Schoolers

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, October 7th:

Children in Worship: Jill Schreurs, Isaac Jonker, Mikaila Bol,

Aaron Elgersma

Nursery: Jessica Benson, Lana Oosterhouse, Katherine Elgersma,

Charlotte Reynolds

Camera: Matthew Jonker **Lyrics:** Micah DeHaan **Sound:** Jim DeHaan

Prayer Ministry Elder: Fred Ritsema & Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Cadys

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, October 14th:

Children in Worship: Christine Nibbelink, Kathy Ritsema,

Erin Youngsma, Ali Schroder

Nursery: Kelsie Ruter, Ann Rajewski, Annika DeBoer, Bode Blohm

Camera: Isaac Jonker **Lyrics:** Davis Addink **Sound:** Logan Posthumus

Prayer Ministry Elder: Cal Van Heukelem & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Timmers

Next Family Night Wednesday ~ October 17th in Fellowship Hall

5:45pm - Meal served by Beth George

6:30pm - Council Meeting in rm. 21, GEMS Girl's Club/Cadets Boy's Club/Coffee

Break Bible Study in Emerson/Adult Education in Library/Kid's club/Yoga

Count Committee Report: 9/16, 9/23, 9/30

Council is grateful for your generosity and faithfulness in giving to God's work.

General Fund: \$33,420.00

Benevolence (NCA): 12,429.00

Bible League: 268.00

First Christian Reformed Church

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

Grow Group Meal Locations for Oct 7th at 11:15am

***GG #1: Ritsema/Buys:** Meet in Pit Stop Garage

GG #2: Waanders/Timmer: 3180 S Humboldt St. 80113

GG #3: Van Heukelem/Natelborg: 2319 S Columbine 80210

GG #4: Buteyn/Van den Boogaard: Church Basement

GG #5: DeHaan/Posthumus: (Van Ep's) 2691 S Vine 80210

GG #6: Cady/Nibbelink: (DeBoer's) 3940 S. Tamarac Ct. 80237

Newcomers and visitors: We have two Grow group meeting here on site for a Pot-luck style meal TODAY in the Basement and in First CRC Garage. Please be our guests. Plenty of food for everyone & children are always welcome!

Position Announcement: Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteers in Action is grateful for the work of our Volunteer Coordinator Kelli Schuttinga over the past 5+ years. Kelli is planning to retire at the end of 2018. Volunteers in Action is now seeking applications for 20-30 hours per week staff position to coordinate VIA volunteer services and manage the *Faith in Deed* program. This includes screening referrals, recruiting, training and supporting volunteers. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Volunteers in Action, [9185 E. Kenyon Ave. #130, Denver, CO 80237](mailto:donnh@volunteersinaction.info) or e-mail to donnh@volunteersinaction.info. Feel free to contact Donn Hansum at 303-713-9144 if you have questions regarding this position. www.volunteersinaction.info

October Missionary Birthdays

Jeanie Broek - 1st

Craig Broek - 22nd

The Table cordially invites you to their 7th annual harvest party, Croptoberfest! On **Saturday, October 13, from 4-7 PM** you can join in the celebration of another bountiful gardening season at the location of one of our 15 gardens, [923 E. Mexico Ave.](http://www.denvertable.org/croptoberfest) The party includes a pig roast, live music, a pumpkin patch, hay rides, and fun and games for both young and old. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$10 for ages 13-20, and free for kids 12 and under. Reserve your tickets online at www.denvertable.org/croptoberfest or purchase at the gate.

Missionary Update: John and Marian Cady

In the September Newsletter Jonathan and Marian announced they are pregnant, with an expected due date of February 2019! We are excited for this new addition to the Cady family, and our church family.

Jonathan has been engaged in facilitating a preaching training and practicum. He will be preaching once a month for the remainder of the year to help lighten the load for the pastor of the church. Marion recently celebrated 10 years of her workplace ministry. Both are grateful for this stable place of employment and many friendships.

Prayer Requests: That in God's providence, any pressure on the church would only bear more Gospel fruit, and strengthen the faith of believers in Jesus. Jonathan also asks for prayer for wisdom to know how to best encourage and disciple his pastor friends and of course, for Marian and the baby.



FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

Sunday October 7, 2018

First Christian Reformed Church

A Family of God, Living our Faith and Growing by:

Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives, and Humbly embracing the hurting.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

*Song: *Ancient Words* LUYH 762

Introduction: Jesus Storybook Bible

Children In Worship Dismissal:

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.

Who Is God?

*Song: *Forever* LUYH 578

Congregational Response: "His love endures forever."

Scripture Story

Prayer for the Congregation

*Song: *When Peace Like A River* LUYH 451

Who Am I?

Story: Fred Ritsema

Prayer

*Song: *Because He Lives* (Amen)

What Am I Going to Do About It?

Story: Eileen Ruter

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: *Lift High the Cross* LUYH 264

Sending:

Our gracious God has revealed Himself to us.

Let us live our lives in reverence and praise to Him.

Out of His grace, our God has called us His own.

We have been crucified with Christ.

We no longer live, but Christ lives in us.

With the knowledge of who God is and who He has called us to be,

let us go to serve Him and those He has placed in our lives.

*Sending Song: *My Friends May You Grow In Grace* LUYH 938

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper, First CRC Band

Accompanist: Hannah DeBoer

Up ~ Prayer

*Our Congregational Prayer Focus for Persecuted Believers for September/October is the country of **China**. See the silver message board in the foyer; please take a prayer sheet. Remember to pray for our missionary partners in China.*

Dear Congregation of Denver Christian Reformed Church,

We want to share our deep heartfelt gratitude for your amazing generosity with us, which has opened the possibility of us being able to purchase a more reliable vehicle for our family here in Nicaragua! We have been praying that God would provide for this need for several years and are so grateful to see these prayers being answered. To receive a gift like this, at a time that we are experiencing a lot of additional stress in our lives, truly amounts to the lifting of a great burden from our shoulders and reassures us that *God is our great provider* at all times! We hope to finalize the purchase of a vehicle in the next week or two and will send you a picture once we have it.

In Christ,

Liam and Jessica Starkenburg

Caleb, Judah, Belen and Asher

- Pray for all students who are struggling with who they are and what their future might look like.
- For those who are in need of physical healing, we pray to the Lord.
- We pray for friends and family who cannot be with us for worship today.
- Praise God for building bridges of reconciliation and healing in families.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Youth group night this Sunday! Meet at church at **3:45** to leave by **4pm**.

Note: This is a different time than usual! We will be going on a **downtown Scavenger Hunt** in which we find out more about homelessness and poverty in the city of Denver. We plan to spend a couple hours downtown and then head back to church for some food and discussion. Please join us! It will be fun!

If the weather is severe we will plan to stay at church for a back up activity.

This is the last weekend that we will be accepting sign ups for the retreat, so if you plan to attend, sign up on Sunday night. If we do not have enough students signed up, we will need to cancel the weekend and change it to a Sunday afternoon at Long's Scraggy, so let us know what your plans are!

Prayer For Persecuted Believers: October 8th at 9:15am in room 12/13.

Young Adults meet in Emerson House, next to the church, at **7:00pm on Tuesdays**. Contact kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org!

Ladies Morning Bible Study will meet in rm. 12/13 at **9:30am, Wednesday, Oct. 10th** to study *The Bible Jesus Read* by Philip Yancey.

Sew & Sews – Thursday, **October 11**, at **9:00am** in rooms 12/13.

Men's Morning Small Group meets every **Wednesday morning at 7am** in Emerson House next door, and a **Men's Bible study** meets every other Saturday (next mtg. is **10/13**) at **7am** in rm. 21.

Circle of Hope will meet on **Saturday, October 13 at 10:00am**. This confidential, supportive group meets monthly to encourage those who live with someone navigating life with mental illness. Contact czoetewey@comcast.net for more information, or to be added to the email list.

Senior Moments: Reminder, **Sunday Oct. 14th** is the last day to sign up for our Tuesday **October 16th** visit to the Arvada Center art galleries. We plan to leave church at 10:30 am. Lunch at 11:30 at The Bread Winners Café. Your choice menu, your tab. Our tour begins at 1:30. The tour will be approximately a one hour visit. Please see the flyer for details. Questions, Betty K. 303-514-6251 or Beth P. 303-947-1085.

Women's Night Out, Tues., Oct. 23, 7-9 PM. Come join us for an evening of dessert, with a message on **Finding Joy**, followed by a craft and singing songs of thanksgiving. Look for an invitation in your mailbox today. Please let us know if you plan on coming by signing up at the table in the back of the foyer. Any questions can be directed to either Deb VanEps or Cathy Zoetewey.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

1st Church is blessed to have pastors and a worship coordinator who put an incredible amount of thought and care into our worship, community and outreach. Please let them know how their work has impacted your life and your walk with the Lord by sharing with them in person, with a note in their boxes at church, or via email. If you have questions, talk to any member of the 1st CRC HR Committee: Eileen Ruter, Karen Waanders, Mike Van Donselaar and Maria Buteyn. Thank you! Pastor Joel Schreurs - joel@firstcrcdenver.org
Pastor Bret Lamsma - bret@firstcrcdenver.org
Worship & Music Coordinator Kyle Cooper - kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org

Faith & Family Hockey: Colorado Avalanche vs. Ottawa Senators and post-game concert with Alex Garcia: **Friday Night, October 26th**
The Ticket price of \$25 includes \$10 food and beverage coupon, so technically it's a \$15 face value. Email rebecca@firstcrcdenver.org for a quick ticket link to First Church seats together!

Global Bazaar Update: Save the date - **Saturday, December 1, 9am to 3pm**

- Vendors needed - we still have room for a few more vendors. If you or someone you know has a quality product to sell, contact carolwillis80631@msn.com.
- The first baking day is scheduled for **Saturday, October 20**. Sign up in the back of church if you are interested in being part of this event.

OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus

The Moravian Text is a good tool to get us reading through the entire Bible about every two years. We ordered another set of books. You can also get an email sent to you every day with that day's Scripture and prayer: - <http://www.moravian.org/faith-a-congregations/moravian-daily-texts/subscribe-to-the-daily-texts/>. Join us in the reading program any time!

Freely Sharing Our Lives

Youth For Christ: *Changing Their Story*, a FREE event 6:30-8:00pm

Monday, October 15, 2018 – Northern Hills Church in Brighton

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 – Cherry Creek Pres. 10150 E. Belleview Ave.

YFC would like to have you attend and invite people you think might be interested in this life-saving ministry to young people.

RSVP at www.yfcdenver.org, for questions, Contact Claire Froehlich.

Humbly Embracing The Hurting

Chaplain Volunteers at Swedish Medical Center:

Do you have a heart to serve others in a crisis situation?

The Chaplaincy team works directly with patients, families and staff to provide emotional and spiritual support during difficult and stressful times. Chaplains make routine visits and respond to emergencies. This position is weekday evenings from 4-9pm and/or overnight on-call from 9pm-7am. Orientation and training is provided. Candidates must be able to volunteer at least once a month. For an application please email: Gina.Graves@HealthONEcares.com

Cribs needed! Joshua Station is a Christian transitional housing ministry in Denver. Their residents stay for about 18 months before moving on to more permanent housing. This means they have a turnover of rooms quite often and with that comes the need for a variety of furniture options. They currently are in need of some good quality cribs. If you have a crib that you are willing to donate, please contact Pat Holwerda at (720)474-1076 or patholwerda@gmail.com.