

Church Calendar for October 9-16, 2016

Name Tag Sunday ~ October 9th: Lord's Supper, Age -specific Sunday School & Catechism Pastor Joel is Preaching from Matthew; offering is for En-Gedi School
11:00am Margaret Njuguna's update from En-Gedi School in the Sanctuary
Reminder: Choir Rehearsal in the fellowship room at 11:00am today!
5:00pm Youth Group: Meet at church to visit home bound members.

Monday ~ October 10th -

9:15am~ Prayer For the Persecuted Church
6:30pm ~ Count Committee

Tuesday ~ October 11th -

12:00pm - Staff lunch DFF Candidate; **5:30pm** Deacons, **7:00pm** Full Council

Wednesday ~ October 12th Family Pm Worship with staff & Rev. Bret Lamsma

***Nursery: Nancy Waanders**

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

5:45pm - Family Night Meal: 6:30pm: GEMS/Cadets/Coffee Break

Thursday ~ October 13th

9:30am - Sew & Sews Sewing group

Friday ~ October 14th: Fall Meeting Classis Rocky Mountain

9:00am - Library Ladies

12:00-1:00pm - Classis Luncheon

Saturday ~ October 15th: Fall Meeting Classis Rocky Mountain

8:00am -3:00pm - Classis Meetings Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Sunday ~ October 16th

Pastor Joel is preaching; offering is for the General Fund

11:00am Grow Group Meal and Teaching Time

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; snacks served in Sunday school!

Donuts for \$1 will be available on October 23rd (En-Gedi Children)

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 9th

Nursery: Kelsie Ruter, Beth George, Isaac Jonker,

Laurie Sanderson, Adam DeBoer **Education Hour Nursery: Becky Vermeer**

Children in Worship: A Girl Named Rebekah with Nancy W. & Lilli Vermeer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Rick Schmitt

Sound: Cory Vermeer **Slides:** Brett VDB **Video:** Wyatt Vermeer

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

Coffee: Heersinks

Thank you to all serving NEXT 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

Global & Local Mission News:

Welcome Margaret Njuguna, our mission partner at En Gedi Children's Home in Kenya, who is worshiping with us today, **Sunday, October 9th.** During the worship service Margaret will give a brief update on her work, the children she cares for, and the building project. **We will be doing a special offering for the En-Gedi Children's Home building Project.**

Please return to the Sanctuary at 11:00am to hear a more comprehensive update on the children, building progress and God's unique Kingdom work in Kenya.

Croptoberfest- Oct. 15. It's our 5th birthday! Join us in celebrating the harvest at the **Meyer Garden at 1850 S. Odgen St. in Denver.** This fundraiser for **The Table** celebrates nearly 4,000 pounds of fresh food grown. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.denvertable.org.

World Renew link to relief efforts in Haiti: INTERNATIONAL -

Hurricane Matthew packed 145 mph winds, dropped 20-40 inches of rain on Haiti, and blew 7- to 10-foot waves onto the country's western coast. **World Renew is appealing for funds to respond to the destruction caused by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti.** **Donations for Hurricane Matthew response** can be made online at worldrenew.net. In the U.S., mail checks, designated "**Hurricane Matthew Haiti**" or "**Hurricane Matthew U.S.**" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 1700 28th Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49508.

Age-Specific Sunday School and Catechism classes TODAY

October 9: Sunday School from 11:00am to noon. 3 year olds through 2nd Grade will meet in their classrooms from **11:00 to 11:40.** At **11:40** they will gather in the **sanctuary** for a time of singing, and dismissal to parents. Nursery will also be available downstairs during the education hour. 4th through 8th Grade will meet in their classrooms from **11:00 to 11:30** and in **Rooms 12/13 for Magnify** activities from **11:30 to noon.** High School students meet in their classrooms from **11:00-12 noon.**

- ✦ 3's: **Purple rm #30** 4's & Kinders: **Blue rm #31**
- ✦ 1st & 2nd Grade: **Green rm #32** 3rd, 4th, 5th Grades: **Red rm. #35**
- ✦ 6th Grade: **Yellow rm #33** 7th Grade: **Youth rm #34**
- ✦ 8th Grade: **Library** 9th & 10th Grade Catechism: **Pit Stop**
- ✦ 11th & 12th Grade Catechism: **Room 21** *Next to Pastor Joel's office
- ✦ Magnify in rooms 12/13 (at 11:30)

Dance Team: Dance for October: Rehearsals will be in the Pit Stop garage.

Saturday, October 15 - 9AM-11AM

Saturday, October 29 - 9AM-11AM

A Note From Elaine Lim:

Dear First Church,

"While it is sad that I have to leave, I want to let you all know how grateful I am to have been with you for two years. You all have shown me love through your smiles and grand gestures. It has been a joy as well to be given opportunities to serve in this community. Without this church, my experience in Denver would not have been a happy one. I will miss everyone here, but I am confident that we will meet in eternity - and that will be forever. This will only be a glimpse compared to the next stage of life. I hope and pray that First CRC will continue to grow and that I'll have another chance to visit Colorado. Take Care ~ Elaine

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

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**FIRST CHRISTIAN
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***Celebrating, Seeking, Sharing abundant life
in Jesus...*** Order of Worship ~ October 9th, 2016
God Gathers His Children

Welcome

*Song: *Across the Lands* LUYH 775

*Galatians 3:26-29

God gathers us together from every tribe and tongue and nation.

**In Christ Jesus we are all children of God through faith,
for all of us who have been baptized into Christ have clothed
ourselves with Christ.**

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free,
nor is there male and female,

for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

If we belong to Christ, then we are Abraham's seed, and heirs
according to the promise.

*Songs: *Your Grace Is Enough*
He Knows My Name

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

God Cares for His Children Around the World

Margaret Njuguna sharing about her ministry

Offering & Offertory: En Gedi Children's Home in Kenya

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

God Speaks to His Children

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.

Sung Prayer for Illumination: *Breathe On Me Breath of God* LUYH 747

Scripture: Matthew 5:43-48 Pg. 970

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Politics As Usual?*

Pastor Joel Schreurs

God Feeds His Children

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Words of Institution:

We give thanks to God the Father

that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before He suffered,

gave us this memorial of His sacrifice,

until He comes again...

Holy God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

Recalling Christ's death and His descent among the dead, proclaiming His

resurrection and ascension to Your right hand, awaiting His coming in

glory, and offering to You, from the gifts You have given us, this bread and

this cup, we praise You and we bless You.

We praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You,

and we pray to You, Lord, our God.

Prayer for Work of the Spirit:

Creator God, be present with Your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit,

that we and Your entire church may be called out

and made whole through this supper.

Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of Your Son

may be united in Him. And may we all remain faithful in love and hope

until we feast joyfully with Christ at the coming of the Kingdom

Preparing the Elements:

Is not the bread that we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

Is not the cup for which we give thanks a sharing in the blood of Christ?

The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

Holy Father, in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, in the joy of His

resurrection, in the hope of His coming again, we present ourselves a

living sacrifice and come to the table of our Lord.

Invitation:

Congregation of Jesus Christ,

the Lord has prepared His table for all who love Him and trust in Him

alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who

sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in

obedience to Him as Lord are now invited to come with gladness to the

Table of the Lord.

Distribution Song: *Beneath the Cross* LUYH 825

Communion & Concluding Prayer

God Sends His Children

*Sending: Ephesians 4:3

*Sending Song: *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* LUYH 946

*Blessing & Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper

Accompanist: Christy Bol

Musicians: First CRC Band with Matt Rutter

Prayer For God's People

Don Eyser's medical team will be performing a heart catheterization

procedure on Monday at St. Joseph's. This will provide preliminary

relief before he has valve surgery. Both Don and Betty thank you for your

prayers and support.

Please pray Psalms of healing and hope over marriages in deep distress.

We pray for Ruth Lameris and family, as they grieve the loss of Ted

Brandsma, Ruth's son-in-law. May the peace of Christ be with Ruth and

those she loves. Ruth's address is: 1767 South Logan Street 80210.

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 Upcoming Activities

Youth Group Tonight! Meet leaders at First Church at **5:00pm**. Reminder:

we'll be visiting home bound and senior saints for supper and cards!

Memorization is one of the tools we use to hide God's Word in our hearts.

To encourage us, Ina Smit and Walt Ackerman will listen if you want to

recite Psalm 146 before October 16, and receive a treat!

Please visit the **Memorization Station** set up in the foyer with ideas for

your family to "*take home and try*" games, puzzles, coloring sheets, etc.

October Challenge: Take a short phone video of your family engaged in a

Memory game from the basket. Email it to Kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org

What does it mean to be an "n" Christian follower of Jesus? The Prayer Group For Persecuted Believers, an intergenerational, interdenominational group of men and women, meet to study *Voice of the Martyrs* curriculum entitled **I am "N"** (Arabic Letter *nun* for Nazarene) on the second Monday of each month. Join us **October 10th** from **9:15am-10:30am** at First CRC.

Senior Moments: Tuesday, October 18th at 9:30 in the Fellowship

Room. Games with lots of competition. Bring a treat for coffee time.

Lunch at Duffy's. Remember to sign up by Sunday the 16th.

We need a head count for our lunch time. See details in the flyer.

Questions: Beth Posthumus. 303-947-1085.

Hey mom's of little lambs! Here is our *Playgroup Schedule*

If you would like to join other First Church mom's and kids for Playgroup,

please contact Allie Christians: alliechristians4@gmail.com

October 10-Eileen Ruter-8308 E Costilla Ave, Centennial ; **October 24**-TBD

November 7- Briana Van Anandel - 2935 S. Akron Court

November 21- Molly Hanson 6764 E. Vassar Ave, Denver 80234

Platt Park sends a grateful thank you to those who ordered Butter Braid from PPCC. We appreciate your support! If you did not pick up Butter Braid from preschool, **your orders are in the church freezer.**

Opportunities to Serve & Support

Long Scraggy Work Day is here! The annual Fall Work day with lunch

included will be **October 15**, beginning at **9:00am**, at Long Scraggy Ranch.

Help us get ready for winter: painting, staining, cleaning, and helping with

large & small projects. Same day lodging and camping is available in

exchange for your help. Call #303-838-7770 for details and RSVP's.

The Fall meeting of Classis Rocky Mountain will be hosted by First Christian Reformed Church Denver on **October 14-15!** If you know you will be unavailable to help, but would like to supply some cookies, bars or baked goods, we would love to have *coffee treats* to share with our guests. Please contact the church office if you would enjoy helping or supplying baked goods: 303.733.4936 ext. 102!

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.

Come Alongside A Friend In Poverty

Cross Purpose: *Uprise*, the faith-based version of *Upstream Impact*, is looking for volunteers to come alongside people in poverty as they move through a holistic program geared toward getting out of poverty.

Those interested, please contact Fred Ritsma: fkritsema@yahoo.com.

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 Updates

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. Your elder/deacon team will give you more specifics. Meal Locations will be:
GG #1~ Berghuis/Bol at the Newcombe's home: 2158 S. Clarkson 80210
GG #2~ Waanders/Lighthiser at the Waander's: 3180 S. Humboldt 80113
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 Anandel 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

The Director of Faith Formation Search Committee has heartily recommended that Council consider **Rev. Bret Lamsma** for this position. Bret currently serves as Pastor of Youth and Education at Immanuel CRC in Ripon, California. Bret and his wife Julie will be worshipping with us today, and interviewing with Council on October 11.

In addition, Bret will be offering a short meditation at our **Family Night Worship time on Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30** and all are invited to attend. After Bret's visit, the Council will vote on whether or not to recommend him to the congregation. Please join the Council in welcoming Bret and Julie to First CRC and in praying for wisdom and discernment as we seek God's will for our church.