

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ September 1

Pastor Joel's preaching series on 10 Commandments, offering is for the Bible League: *Serving under resourced church globally providing Biblical resources.*

Monday ~ September ~ 2 Labor Day

Tuesday ~ September 3

7:30am - 3:30pm - *Classical Conversations in Library*

1:30-3pm ~ Staff Meeting in rm. 21

Wednesday ~ September 4: Family Night Resumes

Mark your calendars for first & Third Wednesdays thru May 6.

8:00am - Men's Morning Bible Study in Emerson

5:45pm - Meal (donations welcome) Fellowship Hall

6:30pm - Elder's Mtg., Programs for everyone with Nursery (as needed)

Thursday ~ September 5 -

9-12noon - Sew & Sews

5:30pm - VIA Training Dinner in Fellowship Hall

Friday ~ September 6 - Library

Saturday ~ September 7

Lord's Supper Celebration Sunday ~ September 8

Pastor Joel Preaching, offering is for General Operating Fund of First CRC.

11:00am ~ *Age-specific Sunday School Kick-off Pre-K thru High School*

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, September 1st

Children in Worship: Briana Van Andel, Jon Dyhr, Ari Waanders, Natalie Roberts

Nursery Leader: Jessica Cleveland, Julie & Karissa Lamsma, Darin Gunnnett

Camera: Mieke Waanders **Lyrics:** Gabe Zoetewey **Sound:** Jon Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Fred Ritsema & Cathy Van Donselaar

Coffee: Jeremy & Karen Waanders

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, September 8th

Children in Worship: Nancy Waanders, Lisa Dyhr, Andrew VanDenBoogaard, Trevin Schmitt

Nursery Leader: Cheryl Schmitt, Troy Newcombe, Savannah Blohm, Natalie Roberts

Camera: Davis Addink **Lyrics:** Dan Addink **Sound:** Logan Posthumus

Prayer Ministry Elders: Dave Cady & Jim DeHaan

Coffee: Sanders & Timmers

Lord's Supper: Northwest Group

Council News from August Meeting:

1. Council discussed continued funding of the Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF). Council would like to emphasize the importance of financially supporting this congregation-approved fund. Look for future announcements from the Deacons.

2. Elders approved the transfer of the Christians' family to Faith CRC in Holland, Michigan.

Deacon Update: **Treasurer's Report in mailboxes today!*

Q. When I give to First CRC, where does my money go?

A. In general, all undesignated cash and checks goes to the General Fund. The Deacons do have designated giving Sundays to encourage giving to specific causes, but please keep in mind that designating directly on your check or envelope where you want that money to go is important. Also, you can give to any specific cause that First CRC supports (CEAF, Benevolence Fund, Brothers Redevelopment, En Gedi, etc) at any time! All you need to do is designate that fund on your check or envelope by writing it on the memo line or by "other" on your envelope.

Sunday School Class assignments: September 8th

2019-2020 Sunday School	Teacher(s)	Class size	Children	Classroom
3s & 4s	Maria Buteyn, Jessica Cleveland	7	3 years-Carter Buys, Audrey Keyes, Bill Schwager, Bentley Van Andel; 4 years-Lydia Dyhr, Ezra Nibbelink, Kolsten Ruter; -	#30 Purple
K's and 1st	Cory & Becky Vermeer	14	K's-Reese Gunnnett, Halle Soodsma, Vera Van Andel, Geoffrey Vander Ark, Everleigh Van Kooten; 1st-Makayla Buys, Ezra Dyhr, Divya Husa, Anne Jensen, Liam Ruter, Anneke Schreurs, McKinley Shivley, Owen Van Byssum, Geneva Waanders	#31 Blue
Song leaders (3's - 1st grade)	Jill Schreurs, Jessica Cleveland	21		Room 12/13
2nd & 3rd grades	Jon Waanders	9	2nd-Crosby Addink, Micah Cleveland, Emma Horinga, Hope Hunt, Giselle Van Andel; 3rd-Ginny Jensen, Lucy Ribbens, Ariadne Soodsma, Norman Vander Ark	#35 Brown
4th & 5th grades	Lisa Lohmann, Karen Waanders	13	4th-Tucker Addink, Ethan Cleveland, Lacey DeBoer, Grady Gunnnett, Amelie Lighthiser, Ethan Ruter, Isaiah Schreurs, Dameon Shivley, Paige Van Byssum; 5th-Walt Lighthiser, RJ Rajewski, Lane Ribbens, Finn Roberts	#33 Yellow
6th, 7th, & 8th grades	Amy Blahnik, Cathy Van Donselaar	10	6th-Adrian Schreurs, Seth Soodsma; 7th-Evelyn Keyes, Karissa Lamsma, Ian Reynolds, Natalie Roberts; 8th-Jackson Schroder, Mason Smith, Owen Vermeer, Mieke Waanders	#34
9th & 10th Grade Catechism	Troy Newcombe, Mike Cleveland	15	9th-Adam DeBoer, Madisyn Hunt, Matthew Jonker, Charlotte Reynolds, Trevin Schmitt, Ari Waanders, Sam Waanders; 10th-Bode Blohm, Erica Bol, Aaron Elgersma, James Jonker, Sam Lamsma, Andy Vanden Boogaard, Jacob Van Donselaar, Lilli Vermeer	Pit Stop
11th & 12th Grade Catechism	Pastor Joel	16	11th-Davis Addink, Mikaila Bol, Annika DeBoer, Leah Monroe, Sam Natelborg, Eliahah Reynolds, Denali Schmitt, Ali Schroder, Erin Youngsma; 12th-Kara Amidon, Zachary Blahnik, Savannah Blohm, Marissa Bol, Katherine Elgersma, Logan Posthumus, Wyatt Vermeer	Room 21

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

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FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

September 1, 2019

*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
Processional

*Call to Worship: Psalm 68

Sing to God, sing in praise of His name,
extol Him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before Him—His name is the Lord.

A Father to the fatherless, a Defender of widows,
is God in His holy dwelling.

God sets the lonely in families,
He leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

Praise be to the Lord,
to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.
Our God is a God who saves;
from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death.

*Song: *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* LUYH 575

*Litany from Psalm 104

Praise the Lord, my soul.
Lord my God, You are very great;
You are clothed with splendor and majesty.

He waters the mountains from His upper chambers;
the land is satisfied by the fruit of His work.

He makes grass grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to cultivate—
bringing forth food from the earth.

All creatures look to You to give them their food at the proper time.

When You open your hand,
they are satisfied with good things.

I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

*Song: *I'll Not Be Shaken*

*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: *10 Commandments*

Prayer of Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

Offering: Bible League

Offertory

Word

Children in Worship Sending:

Leader: Love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind

and with all your strength.

And love your neighbor as yourselves.

People: **The Lord be with you.**

Children: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: Genesis 2:8-18, 3:1-13 pg. 2

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: *What Do You Want?*

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *It Is Well With My Soul* LUYH 451

*Sending: from Matthew 6, Phippians 4, Hebrews 13

Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink;

or about your body, what you will wear.

Our heavenly Father knows that we need them.

We will seek first His kingdom and His righteousness,

and all these things will be given to us as well.

Let us learn the secret of being content in any and every situation,

whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

We can do all this through Him who gives us strength.

Keep your lives free from the love of money

and be content with what you have,

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

*Sending Song: *Christ Is Enough*

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band

Long Scraggy was so much fun, we booked these dates for next year:

June 5-7, 2020 - Cadet camping/work weekend

August 28-30, 2020 - Camping weekend & Sunday worship, lunch on the 30th.

Up ~ Prayer and Praise

Uganda will be our prayer focus for September and October. Believers in Uganda are being disowned for their faith. The underground Christian church is in danger for attempting to provide food and shelter for those seeking asylum from extremists.

- ❖ We pray for Sara Millard, Calvin Theological Seminary student, hospitalized this week for kidney transplant issues.
- ❖ We pray for those worshipping this morning at Christian Living Centers, and senior care facilities near and far.
- ❖ We pray all Fall programs and activities, Sunday School and Catechism will draw us closer together as a faith family, and bring glory to God.
- ❖ We pray for strengthened faith and renewed hope for those in recovery.
- ❖ Pray for those impacted by the hurricane in Florida.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Sunday School for Pre-K through high school students begins next Sunday, **September 8th**. Pink Permission forms for 2019/20 are in your mailboxes today, and were emailed Friday. Blank forms are also available above the office door, with a return folder for completed forms. Please be sure to sign the back of the forms and notify us of any allergies or medical alerts. Please return the forms by **September 8th** to the office, or your classroom teacher.

Family Night kicks off this Wednesday, September 4! Dinner will begin at 5:45 with Cadets for boys in grades 1-8 and GEMS for girls in grades 1-8 beginning at 6:30 and ending at 8. Our movie discussion group will meet at 6:45 in the Library to discuss "Green Book." Everyone is invited to be a part of these community growing evenings.

Men's Wed. AM Bible Study 8:00 in the Emerson House South of church, coffee is on at 7:30am. Contact: cvanheukelem@gmail.com

Men's Sat. AM Bible Study in rm 21, *every other Sat* 7AM, next mtg. **Sept. 14**. Contact Rod Oosterhouse: rodohouse@comcast.net

Women's Morning Bible Study will begin **September 25th at 9:30am** in room 12/13, **to study "Cultures in Conflict"** by Ray Vander Laan.

Senior Moment's Trip to Castlewood Canyon September 17th:

The Senior Moments group will be going to Castlewood Canyon on **September 17th**. The property is very walkable in and around the visitor's center pavilion where we will be having lunch. We'll meet at church at **9:00am** to depart by 9:15am. Our tour will start at the Visitor's center at 10:00am. Please sign up on the silver message board in the foyer, or email engel8419@live.com. Let Sharon know if you are attending, but driving yourself, since the pavilion has been rented. Bring your own lunch, beverages and desert are provided.

Sew & Sews: Sew & Sews is scheduled to meet next in rms. 12/13 on **September 5 & 19**. Contact Joey Vander Ark for more information: joeyvanark@aol.com

Stamp Class card ministry meets September 28th.

1-3pm in rm. 12/13. Their lovely cards are free for your use, available on the tables near the silver message boards.

Circle of Hope: The next meeting for this encouraging support group, for those navigating mental illness issues with a loved one, is (second Saturday of the month) **September 14th**, from 10-11:30am in rm. 21. Contact Cathy - czoetewey@comcast.net.

OUT ~ Serving & Sharing

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

What Are You Doing With Your Life? - That's not an easy question to answer. If you're a young adult, ages 19-30, Resonate Global Mission has an experience designed specifically to help you explore your calling. The Cohort is a year-long mission experience where you get to work with a grassroots ministry, live in intentional community with other young adults and explore how God can use your gifts to build his kingdom. The Cohort has opportunities in Central America, the Middle East, and Detroit, Michigan. Start exploring at resonateglobalmission.org/cohort.

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

Our next Family Promise Week has been changed to *October 20-27th*.

Contact Mary Lanser or Bret Lamsma if you have any questions.

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Volunteers In Action Training & Support: Dinner and Discussion

Thursday, **September 5, 2019** will be held at First Christian Reformed Church, 1814 S. Emerson 80210 at **5:30 pm**. ****Note change of location****

Please join VIA for an evening of training and support. Begin with a light dinner followed by innovative ways to bring joy and hope into the lives of neighbors, family, or friends. This evening is designed to support you through food, prayer, and discussion as you continue your work with your VIA friends. Invite a friend or family member to join you! To RSVP, call the VIA office at 303-713-9144 or email Sheri DeHaan at sherid@viadenver.org by Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Sunday, September 15, 6:00 pm, Hope Fellowship Christian

Reformed Church: On this 400th anniversary of the Synod of Dordt,

Dr. Don Sinnema, retired professor of theology at Trinity Christian College, will present a "*Virtual Tour of the Synod of Dordt 1618-1619*". The Synod of Dordt dealt with the Arminian controversy over what has come to be known as the Five Points of Calvinism. The Virtual Tour will present an overview of the synod, with many PowerPoint visuals, from the perspective of President Johannes Bogerman, whom Sinnema will impersonate in full costume.

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A few of our neighboring congregations are partnering to offer a "*Parenting Safe Children*" workshop at the Bethany E. Free Church in Centennial on **October 5 from 10 am to 2 pm**. More information is available on the flyers in the back of church. If you have any other questions please talk to Pastor Bret or Lynn Roberts. There is a cost associated with attending this workshop, but scholarships are available.

Missionary Celebrations:

September Birthdays

Ellen Broek: 2nd

Jonathan Cady: 15th

Sandra Perez: 20th

Caleb Starckenburg: 26th

Marian Cady: 26th

September Anniversary

Victor & Sandra Perez 28th

Our Prayer Group For *Persecuted Believers* across the globe continues to meet on the second Monday of each month at 9:30am, in room 12/13.