

Church Calendar for September 11-18, 2016

Sunday ~ September 11 Teacher Leader Commissioning

Pastor Joel is preaching from Psalm 1; offering is for VIA
11:00am – **Grow Group Pot-Luck meals**

Monday ~ September 12

9:15am – Prayer for Persecuted Church – *Voice of the Martyrs* Rm. 12/13
6:30pm – Count Committee

Tuesday ~ September 13

7:00pm – Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday ~ September 14: Family Night Resumes

6:00am - Men's Morning Bible Study in Emerson House
11:00 -2:00pm – Staff Meeting - Room 21
5:45pm Family Night Meal: GEMS/Cadets/Coffee Break

Thursday ~ September 15

No Sew & Sews this week

Friday ~ September 16

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ September 17

7:00am – Men's Morning Bible Study

Sunday ~ September 18: Age-Specific Sunday School, Catechism

Pastor Joel is preaching from Psalms; offering is for General Fund

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. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated today. All who place their faith in Jesus Christ's atoning sacrifice and resurrection are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-Free wafers are available.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, September 11th:

Nursery: Sandie Posthumus, Anne Rajewski, Carter Sanderson, Cadance Vance

Children in Worship: *Creation Part 1*, Karen Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric Den Braber & Nancy Waanders

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

Lord's Super Prep: Grow Group #2

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #2

Coffee: Sander & Buteyn

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, September 18th:

Nursery: Charys Youngsma, Chad Nibbelink, Cheryl Schmitt, Troy Newcombe, Lilli Vermeer

Children in Worship: *Creation Part 2*, Karen Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Rick Schmitt

Sound: David Schans **Slides:** Brett VDB **Video:** Logan Posthumus

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #2

Coffee: Engelsman & Jonkers

Library News:

Our Library downstairs has a new display shelf for Pastor Joel's Sermon Series on the *Psalms*, located on the West wall shelves. Come and check it out!

What the educational year will look like for the 2016/17 season:

Today - September 11 marks the beginning of our educational season. **Grow Groups are gathering to share a meal** and reflect on God's love. **Grow Group Pot-luck locations by group number and Elder/Deacon:**

#1 Berghuis/Bol: First CRC 1814 South Emerson in the Fellowship Hall
#2 Waanders/Lighthiser: 1785 South Corona -John & Anne Buteyn's home
#3 DenBraber/Maria Buteyn: 7337 South Platte Canyon Drive, Littleton 80128
#4 Schmitt/Van Den Boogaard: 3736 E. Easter Circle South 80122 Van Donselaar's
#5 DeHaan/Van Anandel: 5764 South Depew Circle, Littleton 80123, Reynold's home
#6 Schans/Nibbelink: 3168 South Akron Court, Schreurs' home

You will meet with your Grow Groups using the above format six times this year on:– **Sept. 11, Oct.16, Nov. 20, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, and March 19.**

September 18 marks the beginning of age-specific Sunday School from 11:00am to noon. All children will be dismissed from the sanctuary at noon. Check the white boards in back each Sunday to verify if Sunday School or Grow Groups is the educational venue of the day. There will be no Sunday School class during the Grow Group gatherings.

- ✚ 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.
- ✚ 3rd 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 11-12 noon.

3DM STAND Women's Equipping Event Denver!

Sept 30-Oct 1, 2016

Join us for the Women's Equipping 3DM Stand Event Friday September 30 to Saturday October 1. The focus is all about what it looks like to live a missional life across the spectrum from worship space to home to workspace and within your areas of influence: Women of all ages (teens on up!) will be worshipping, learning, and processing how to live into the fullness of their identity in Christ wherever planted, with the gifts and talents you possess and the capacity available to you right now.

To learn more about this event and sign up online follow the link provided below. *We have some fabulous Early Bird Pricing.* You will want to register **by September 20** to take advantage of it. After the 20th, prices will jump \$20 per ticket. The event location is at **Faith Community** 6228 S Carr Ct. Littleton, CO 80123. Childcare and meals are not provided at this event. There are numerous local restaurants and hotels to accommodate your time with us.

Here's the Early Bird Deal! Partial Scholarships are available through Shirley@firstcrcdenver.org Buy 3 get 1 free! (all adult tickets OR all student tickets) As soon as your 3 people register, email their names to Elyse Allen at eaallen05@gmail.com. We will confirm on the registration page and then register the 4th person! **Register here at** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stand-womens-equipping-weekend-denver-area-tickets-26702023471> We look forward to an impactful and uplifting weekend together. Are you ready for breakthrough? Join us and let's see what that looks like for you! Questions? Email Elyse Allen, Denver Stand Event Team Lead, at: eaallen05@gmail.com



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Order of Worship ~ September 11th, 2016

Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome & Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, As we prepare for worship, we pray that You will quiet our hearts, that we may hear Your voice in Your Word. We pray that You will stir our hearts, that we may more faithfully follow Jesus, and that You will be glorified by the praise and prayers we offer You.

*Song: *Hosanna, Praise is Rising*

*Reading: John 15 and Proverbs 3

We welcome the God who saves us to come have His way among us. Apart from Him, we have no hope. Jesus tells us, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."

**We will not forget Your teaching,
We will keep Your commands in our hearts.**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding.

**In all our ways we submit to Him,
He will direct our paths.**

*Song: *Lord I Need You*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Commissioning teachers and leaders:

Today we recognize those who have committed themselves to helping us get more deeply rooted in God's Word. Our desire is to see the Spirit move in each of these ministries that are starting again in the fall, so we now ask the teachers and leaders of these groups to stand as we name the ministries so that we can pray over you:

Children in Worship/Nursery

GEMS, Cadets, Club 68

High School Youth Group

Sunday School/Magnify

Small Groups, Bible Studies & Prayer teams

Senior Moments, Coffee Break

Kid's Hope, Stephen Ministry, Circle of Hope

Elders & Deacons, Grow Group Facilitators

And anyone else we may have missed who is leading and would like prayer.

* An asterisks notes the congregation will stand; **bold** indicates spoken responses.

Leader: Teachers and leaders, you have been asked to use your gifts to help us study God’s Word together. Help us to experience the joy of God’s Word, which is sweeter than honey. Help us to be shaped and formed by its instruction. Teach us that we do not live by bread alone, but it is the Word of God which sustains us. How do you respond to this call?

Teachers and Leaders: We commit ourselves, with God’s help, to share His truth.

***Leader** (*congregation stand*): Congregation: you are being provided with opportunities to study God’s Word and to grow in Christ. Will you be open to God’s instruction, which He gives through His Word? Will you actively pursue a deeper understanding of God through the study of His Word?

Congregation: We commit ourselves, with God’s help, to grow in His truth.

*Responsive Reading/prayer LUYH 265b

As we seek to plant the seed of Your Word,
and to water the seed once planted,
**teach us to trust and to testify
that You are the source of all the growth.**

As the seed of Your Word is planted in our hearts,
**help us—and all those around us—to be good soil,
receptive to all that You desire for us to know, to love, and to do.**
By Your Spirit, increase our “love and knowledge and depth of insight:

so that “we may discern what is best, and be pure and blameless
for the day of Christ, filled with the harvest of righteousness
that comes through Jesus, to the glory and praise of God.”

We pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Song: *Be Thou My Vision* LUYH 859

Offering & Offertory: Volunteers in Action

Word

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.

Prayers for Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: Psalm 1 pg. 536
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: *You Are What You Eat* Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

*Song: *Speak O Lord* LUYH 755

Table

Scriptural Teaching

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.

With joy we praise You, gracious God, for You created heaven and earth, made us in Your image, kept covenant with us even when we fell into sin. We give You thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by His life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of Your name.

Speak:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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. At His last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, He took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this in remembrance of Me.”

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death,
Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Prayer for the work of the Spirit

Invitation:

Come, then, for all is ready. Christ was raised to life,
death is swallowed up. The victory is won. Alleluia!

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Distribution song: *Behold the Lamb* LUYH 840

Communion

Prayer of Response

Sending

*Sending

*Sending Song: *How Firm A Foundation* LUYH 427

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper

Readers; Erin Reynolds & Nancy Waanders

Musicians: First CRC Band

Prayer For God’s People

Please pray for Ina and Joy Smit’s brother, Cal, recovering after hospitalization.

Pray for peace and calm assurance for Henry Klap, as he continues in the final stages of hospice care. Lift up Betty who so tenderly cares for him. Thank the Lord for the merciful companions sent to come alongside.

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@firstcrdenver.org, or mddeboer@juno.com

First Church Upcoming Activities

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, will meet beginning **Sept. 12** to study *Voice of the Martyrs* curriculum entitled **I am “N”** (Arabic Letter *nun* for Nazarene) second Mondays of each month from **9:15am-10:30am** here at First CRC.

Wednesday, September 14 marks the beginning of Family Night meals and activities for 1st through 8th Grade and Coffee Break. If this will be your *first ever* Family Night meal, the meal is on the house! If you are returning for another season, the price remains the same as last year - \$2.50 for adults (13+); \$2.00 for children (ages 5-12); free (ages 0-4).

GEMS (girls grades 1-8) Save the Date! Girls, please mark **Saturday, September 24, 2016** and **Sunday, September 25, 2016** down on your calendars for the GEMS Camp Out and Splash Party up at Long Scraggy Ranch. We will enjoy God’s beauty while we dive into this year’s theme. Moms of GEMS girls are welcome to join in the fun. If you have questions, please feel free to email or call/text GEMS leader, Jessica Benson at: crazybout2kids@gmail.com 303-912-5517.

Global & Local Mission News:

Prayer and Praise Report: Liam and Jessica Starkenburg

Apartado 842 Managua, Nicaragua E-mail: liamandjess@gmail.com

Praise God for His continued protection, safety and provision! Praise God for the start of a new school year, fully staffed! Pray for Nicaragua during this election year -- there is still much uncertainty. Pray that NCA schools will continue to effectively prepare our students for service in God’s Kingdom in Nicaragua and around the world!

Opportunities to Serve & Support:

Nursery Help needed Wednesday evenings and Sundays during the Sunday School hour. The fall schedule starts this week! We are so blessed to have all the faithful and dedicated volunteers needed to lead our children and all of us as we grow in our lives with Jesus. One big need that we still have is people willing to watch the little children in the nursery during the Family Night classes and the Sunday School educational hour.

If you are interested in serving in this way, please notify Shirley Van Heukelem - shirley@firstcrdenver.org.

Children In Worship needs kind, attentive leaders and helpers. If you would like to teach God’s Word to our littlest learners, please contact kelsieruter@gmail.com.

A big thank you to those who donated all the awesome items to Platt Park Children’s Center, 1601 S. Clarkson St. 80210

We are most grateful! Platt Park Children’s Center is selling **Butter Braid pastries**. Flyers are in the back of church or you can contact PPCC to place your order (303-282-7722 or ppcc@plattparkchildrenscenter.com). This is a delicious way to support our community preschool! *Cheryl Schmitt*