

# Church Calendar

## Sunday ~ September 16:

Pastor Joel is preaching, Simon Nibbelink's Baptism

8:00am - Dance rehearsal

11-12n: Sunday School for everyone! 5-7pm: CLUB 68

## Monday ~ September 17

7-9pm: Dr. Alan Wolfelt~ Mourning from the Inside Out (\*off-site)

## Tuesday ~ September 18

10-2pm - Senior Moments 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary trip to Echo Lake.

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

## Wednesday ~ September 19 \*Kyle Cooper's BIRTHDAY

5:45pm - Family Night Meal

6:30pm: Council, GEMS/Cadets, Coffee Break, Movie Group, Yoga

## Thursday ~ September 20

9-11:30: Sew & Sews

7:00pm - Worship Team in Sanctuary

## Friday ~ September 21

9:30-11:30am - Library is open

## Saturday ~ September 22

9-4pm - GEMS Badge Ceremony

## Sunday ~ September 23 -

Pastor Joel is preaching; offering is for Bible League.

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## Thank you to all serving this Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>:

Children in Worship: Bret Lamsma, Owen Vermeer, Sam Lamsma

Nursery: Cheryl Schmitt, Adam DeBoer, Denali Schmitt

Camera: Mieke Waanders Lyrics: Natalie Roberts Sound: Jon Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elder: Fred Ritsema & Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Newcombe

## Thank you to all serving next Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Children in Worship: Davinia Lyon, Torre Blohm, James Jonker, Katherine Elgersma

Nursery: Christine Nibbelink, Paul DeBoer, Sam Waanders

Camera: Ian Reynolds Lyrics: Charlotte Reynolds Sound: Bob Reynolds

Prayer Ministry Elder: Cal Van Heukelem & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Vander Ark & Schuttinga

**Welcome to our visitors!** Elders are available up front to answer your questions and pray. A children's coloring/activity bulletin, called *Sweet Rewards*, can be found in the foyer. Coffee and tea are set up for you.

Wondering about Grow Groups? Contact [Shirley@firstcrdenver.org](mailto:Shirley@firstcrdenver.org), or call us at the office! If your family would like to participate in Sunday School today at 11am, please feel welcome to visit the classroom for the age/grade in school. Adults will meet in the Library. *All teachers and helpers have been background checked for security.*

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**Elevator: The elevator is currently out of service. Parts have been ordered and repairs will be made as soon as possible. However, this could take a few weeks. In the meantime, the most accessible route to the sanctuary will be through the southeast door (five steps). If anyone needs extra assistance, please let us know. Sorry for the inconvenience.**

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## Council Update:

Council has the opportunity to meet with the church visitors from Rocky Mountain Classis at their meeting this month. Our denominational leadership recommends that each church meet with their church visitors once a year for a "well check". Council looks forward to our conversation with the church visitors as we seek wisdom to lead First Church according to God's will.

## Update on the Starkenburgs

Our mission partners in Nicaragua, Liam and Jessica Starkenburg and children, recently notified us that they are back in Nicaragua after a home/supporting-churches visit this summer. The administration, teachers and students at Nicaragua Christian Academy (NCA) are excited that school is open in spite of the ongoing pockets of civil unrest. While enrollment is down significantly at the main campus in Managua, every essential staff position is filled. The 2 satellite schools also have reduced enrollment but are adjusting as best they can. Continue to pray for NCA, the Starkenburgs, and all those who serve at NCA. They let us know about several significant needs they have, including that of a safer, more reliable vehicle. Follow Liam's blog to get more insight into their lives: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/blog/it-safe>.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM ASSIGNMENTS:

### Ages 3,4,5-through 5th Grade are UPstairs

#30 Purple Room: 3 and 4 years old

#31 Blue Room: Kindergarten

#32 Green Room: 1st Grade

#33 Yellow Room: 2nd & 3rd Grade

#35 Brown Room: 4th & 5th Grade

6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade are DOWNstairs (rm 12/13)

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade Catechism is in the Pit Stop Garage

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade Catechism is in rm 21

## Adult Class:

*You & The Word* In the Library DOWNstairs

**First Christian Reformed Church:** 1814 South Emerson Street

Email: [connections@firstcrdenver.org](mailto:connections@firstcrdenver.org)

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

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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



# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

Sunday September 16, 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 and Announcements

Processional

\*Call to Worship: from Isaiah 33:5-6 and Romans 11:33

The Lord is exalted, for He dwells on high;

**He will be the sure foundation for our times,**

a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge;

**the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.**

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

**How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!**

\*Songs:

*Come Thou Fount* LUYH 521

*I Will Look Up*

\*Reading: Phil 4:19, Col 2:3, Ephesians 2:4-7

Our God promises to meet all our needs

according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.

**We have all that we need in Christ,**

**in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive

with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—

**It is by grace we have been saved.**

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly

realms in Christ Jesus,

**In order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable**

**riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.**

\*Song: What the Lord Has Done In Me LUYH 800

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

## Celebration of Baptism

Words of Institution and Instruction

Covenant Promises

\*Profession of Faith: Apostle's Creed LUYH 783A  
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Simon John Nibbelink

\*Congregational Promises and Prayer:  
Brothers and sisters,  
We now receive Simon into Christ's church. I charge you to nurture and love him and to assist him to be Christ's faithful disciple.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we now welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Prayer

\*Song: *In Christ Alone* LUYH 770

## Word

Children In Worship Dismissal

Leader: We are God's family! We joyfully surrender to Jesus.  
We freely share our lives. We humbly embrace the hurting.

People: **The Lord be with you.** Children: **And also with you.**

Scripture: Matthew 13:44-46

Sermon: *Hidden Treasure*

Prayer for Application

\*Song of Response: *I Surrender All* LUYH 739

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: *I Surrender* (Band and Dance Team)

## Sending

\*Sending: Matthew 16:24-26

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

\*Sending Song: *Be Thou My Vision*

\*Blessing

\*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper, First CRC Band and Dance Team under the direction of Katherine Elgersma.

## 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; take a prayer sheet.

We ask the Lord to **restore hope**, clarity and healing to those recovering from falls, concussions or head injuries.

**Thank you** for your prayers. They worked! I had very little pain, although it is a procedure that has high pain expectancy. I credit prayer for this. My eye is healing as expected. *Jana Monroe*

**Update on Matt DeWild** at Craig Hospital ~

Matt and family appreciate all the visits and prayers from First CRC.

Matt is continually learning to care for himself and to become more independent. The therapy is tedious and the classes sometimes

overwhelming. While Matt is determined to strengthen his body and learn to live as independently as possible, there are days he admits that he gets depressed.

**Items for prayer:** Daily strength and patience. Wisdom on decisions for future housing, vehicles and health care. Safety.

Matt, his mom LuAnn, and brother Josh, follow pretty busy schedules with therapy and classes on week days. However, they do appreciate visits. The best times to visit are Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays. If you are planning to drop in, LuAnn suggests that you call her 712.541.7254 to ensure that they are free to receive your visit. Follow Matt's progress on [caringbridge.org](http://caringbridge.org) mattdwild Sheri DeHaan #720-227-2079 Elder Grow Group #5

We pray for complete healing and restoration for Pastor Bret Lamsma, scheduled for surgery on Thursday at Red Rock's Medical Center.

## IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

**Sunday School** TODAY at 11:00am, with age-appropriate classes for children 3 years olds through 12<sup>th</sup> gr., and a new class for adults. Join us in thanksgiving that all Sunday School teacher & aide positions have been filled. We are so grateful for all volunteers, and prayers on behalf of the staff. God is always faithful!

**Sunday morning adult faith formation** opportunity is entitled "*You and the Word*" and will focus on reading and listening to God through Scripture. Director of Faith Formation, Bret Lamsma, and Shirley VanHeukelem will be leading this class in the **Library at 11:00am** to explore God's word together. You are encouraged to join us as we seek to listen to God more intentionally. New participants are always welcome.

We have found the Moravian Text to be a good tool to get us reading through the entire Bible about every two years. We have ordered a few copies of the Moravian Text book, available in the foyer. 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/](http://www.moravian.org/faith-a-congregations/moravian-daily-texts/subscribe-to-the-daily-texts/). Join us in the reading program any time!

**We are beginning to think about our Grow Group Worship services** for this coming year and we are looking for more stories. This year our stories will focus on *God's Word and how it intersects with our lives*. If you have stories from your own life, both recent and from the past, about how Scripture has impacted you in any way, please share them with us. Please email your Scripture stories to [stories@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:stories@firstcrcdenver.org). For our **October 7<sup>th</sup>** service we are specifically considering stories about what scripture has taught us about God, about ourselves, or about what He is calling us to do.

**Club 68 – our Middle School Youth Group** meets TONIGHT from 5-7 here at church. All students in grades 6-8 are invited to join us!

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

**Men's Morning Small Group** every Wednesday morning at **7am** in Emerson House, and **Men's Bible study** meets every other Saturday (**9/15**) **7am** in rm. 21.

**Ladies Morning Bible Study** will resume in rm.12/13 on **September 26<sup>th</sup>**.

## **Senior Moments**

Reminder, this Sunday Sept. 16th, is the last day to sign up for our Tuesday, Sept. 18th event. We plan to leave church at **10:00 a.m.** for Idaho Springs, and have lunch at Beau Jo's. Then we will have coffee and dessert at the Echo Lake picnic area, to celebrate 10 years of friendship, and reminiscing our 105 events. Join us too, for a Fall color tour. For details, please see the flyer. Questions: Betty K. 303-514-6251 or Beth P. 303-947-1085.

**Family Night ~ Wednesday, September 19** and everyone is invited to join! This Wednesday night during Family Night our adult class will once again be focusing on movies! Our movie for this month is the classic *Star Wars, Episode IV, A New Hope*. We will be considering the whole genre of science fiction during our discussion as we try to discern what we can learn about ourselves and about God through Star Wars. Please watch the movie ahead of time and join us for our discussion at 6:30 in the Library. Everyone is welcome!

**Avalanche Hockey Fans:** Save the date for *Faith & Family Night October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*. First CRC has access to a group of tickets together! Contact [rebecca@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:rebecca@firstcrcdenver.org) for more information.

## **OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by:**

### **Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus**

Save The Date for "*Aged to Perfection: Postcards From Around The World*", **Christian Living Community's** fund raiser for residents on **Thursday, October 4, 2018:** CU South Denver 10035 South Peoria Street, 80134. Live Auction, tastings, international food and live Jazz Band.

### **Freely Sharing Our Lives**

**Support Hurricane Florence Survivors** - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is responding to Hurricane Florence as the storm hits the U.S. East Coast this week. DRS regional managers are working with local officials and organizations in the Carolinas and Virginia to start initial planning to send early assessment and rapid response volunteers. The fall start-up of a reconstruction site in Tarboro, NC, in response to Hurricane Matthew (2016) has been delayed by Florence. *Please pray for those in the storm's path, for World Renew, and for others helping the survivors.* You can donate to Hurricane Florence response at [worldrenew.net/donate](http://worldrenew.net/donate), by calling 800-552-7972, or mailing your check, made out to World Renew, with "DRS Hurricane Florence" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 1700 28th St., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

**Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~** Invitation from Dirk Vander Vorst **Monday, September 17, 2018:** For anyone who is grieving- *"Loving from the Outside In- Mourning from the Inside Out"* from 7-9pm Horan & McConaty at **5303 East County Line Road** at Holly Street, Centennial, CO 80122

Please be sure to RSVP to [info@heartlightcenter.org](mailto:info@heartlightcenter.org) or 303-745-1771 Option 3.