

Church Calendar for week of: September 17, 2017

Sunday ~ September 17 – Pastor Joel is preaching. Offering is for General Fund

11-12pm – Magnify, Children's Sunday School/Catechism/ Adult Ed.

11-12pm-Choir is moving to Emerson House

5:00pm – Club 68 Kick-off in Pit Stop & Fellowship area

Monday ~ September 18 – Church office is closed

Tuesday ~ September 19 – **Kyle Cooper's Birthday!**

1:00pm - Staff Meeting in Room 21

Wednesday ~ September 20: FAMILY NIGHT: GEMS/Cadets/Classes

7:00am – Men's Morning Huddle in the Emerson House

9:30 am – Ladies Morning Bible Study in Library

6:30pm - Coffee Break Women's Study in Emerson

6:30pm – Council Meeting in Room 24

Thursday ~ September 21

6:30pm – Stephen Ministry

Friday ~ September 22 – **Women's Retreat at Glen Eyrie**

Begins at 7:00pm, goes through Sunday noon.

11:00am - Ron Zoetewey Memorial Service with Reception

Saturday ~ September 23: 7:00am – Men's Bible Study

Sunday ~ September 24: Pastor Joel is preaching, offering is for En-Gedi

11-12noon: Magnify, Sunday School/Adult Ed/Catechism, Choir in Emerson

5-7pm – Youth Group

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, September 17

Nursery: Allie Christians, Melanie Jonker, Aaron Buys, Cory & Owen Vermeer

CIW: *The Best Part* Davinia Lyon, Karen Wanders, Annika DeBoer, Mathew Jonker

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Engelsman/Jonker

Thank you to all serving NEXT Sunday, September 24

Nursery: Charys Youngsma, Lana Oosterhouse, Cheryl Schmitt,

Tina Vanden Boogaard, Eli Reynolds

CIW: *The Saddest Day*, Bret Lamsma, Laurie Sanderson, Andy VDB & Marissa Bol

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Cal Van Heukelem

Coffee: VanderArk/ Schuttinga

Welcome to our visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. Elders are available up front to answer questions and pray with you. Coffee, Tea and fellowship served in the foyer! Next Newcomer welcome lunch is scheduled for **October 15th, from 11-12 noon** in the Emerson house next door.

World Renew Hurricane Relief Response:

Rapid Response

We are planning to send volunteers to help with clean-up in Texas. If you are available short notice, [please click here](#) to let us know of your availability this fall.

Needs Assessments

Given the magnitude of Harvey and Irma, we are anticipating quite a few needs assessments in the months ahead. [Please click here](#) to let us know of availability after the first of the year.

From The Deacons: We will be taking a **special offering on Sunday, October 1st, for Hurricane/disaster relief** in Texas & Florida, through World Renew's Disaster Response Services (DRS). DRS is an organization of the Christian Reformed Church that seeks to show God's love and bring hope to disaster-affected communities by restoring the homes and lives of those who are most vulnerable. **Please make checks out to First CRC and put DRS in the memo line.**

Opportunities:

Interested in serving in the music or tech ministries at First Church?

We're excited to get choir going again! We will continue to meet

at **11:00 each Sunday morning in the Emerson House**. New choir members, as well as returning members, are greatly appreciated! If you are considering joining choir and have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Kyle.

Please email Kylecooper@firstcrdenver.org if you plan to participate in choir, whether you are returning or a new choir member.

If you enjoy playing a musical instrument, or would be interested in helping out with sound/slides/video, please contact Worship Coordinator Kyle, at kylecooper@firstcrdenver.org. No previous experience is required for tech team. We're looking for people of all ages. Hope to hear from you!"

Sign-up in the foyer for Paint-A-Thon: Saturday, September 30th

Meet at **8:00 am** at Ms. Weinstein's home, our neighbor at: [1972 S. Downing St.](#) Contact: chad@brothersredevelopment.org with questions or to RSVP.

Food and drink will be provided (breakfast and lunch) by the Deacons. Please take reusable water bottles and paint clothes. Brothers will provide all supplies and materials for this painting project. Come for all, or just a part of the day!

Can you swing a hammer? Do you love Saturday projects? Do you dabble in occasional light plumbing? Then we need YOU!!! The deacons are looking for handy people interested in offering their fixer-upper gifts to those who need some extra help around the house. This would be on a volunteer basis as needs arise, and the more volunteers we have the more needs we can meet! If you are willing to serve in this way, please send an e-mail to James Timmer - James@firstcrdenver.org with your name & number to be added to the list.

Sew & Sews: We received a request from *God's Littlest Angels*, an Orphanage in Haiti: www.glahaiti.org for knitted caps for babies and children to age six. If you like to knit or crochet, and have time to make a few caps, some children in Haiti will be grateful. This mountain orphanage is chilly and damp in winter. Any questions, give Joey VanderArk a call #303-692-0040

As the next year of **Family Night** activities launches, Jon Waanders is looking for **cooking teams and dishwashers**. Please let Jon know if you would be willing to help, and if you have a preference on the time of year. Family Night will be the First & Third Wednesday of the month this year. Family Night meals program will gladly take donations to offset the cost of providing meals, however we do not want cost to prohibit anyone from enjoying a home-cooked supper! Contact Jon directly by cell: 303-961-6024, or by email: jonwaand@gmail.com

Family Night Nursery: our littlest loved ones would like to invite you to play, teach and watch over them here at church while their parents attend Family Night Classes, or lead/teach our older kids. Please contact Bret if you would be available for 1 or 2 nights this year #303-733-4936 ext. 105.

First Christian Reformed Church: 1814 South Emerson Street

Email: connections@firstcrdenver.org **#303.733.4936**

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
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Rebecca J. Schaefer:	Communications & Admin.	ext. 102



Celebrating, Seeking, Sharing abundant life in Jesus... Order of Worship September 17, 2017 Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional

*Call to Worship: 1 Chron. 16:28-30

Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;
bring an offering and come before Him.
Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.
Tremble before Him, all the earth!

*Song: *Holy Holy Holy* LUYH 538/*Open the Eyes of My Heart* LUYH 537

*Song: *Jesus Messiah*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession: Mark 10

Prayer of Confession and Assurance:

Gracious God,

Your glory is infinite and your power is immeasurable, yet You humbled Yourself and came as a servant. Word of God who became flesh for us, forgive us for the times we have been prideful and thought too highly of ourselves. You, Creator of the universe, took on the greatest humility of all in dying on a cross, but we sometimes struggle to humble ourselves, or to offer our time in service.

We confess that too often, we seek first to be consoled before we look to console others. We're more interested in being understood, rather than understanding others. Our first priority is to be loved, instead of loving others. Help us to see that it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

We thank You and we praise You, that through your infinitely gracious act of dying on the cross and rising from the dead, we find forgiveness and mercy. As you became a servant, we were restored to new life.

*Song of Assurance: *To God Be the Glory* LUYH 604

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: *Humble King*

Word

Children in Worship Dismissal: *Children (ages 3-K) are dismissed to attend a worship service designed especially for their comprehension and participation. Their worship center is downstairs in the Fellowship Room. As they leave, we share a blessing with them. Parents are welcome to attend.*

Leader: The Lord is here.
The Lord is there.
The Lord is everywhere.
The Lord is high.
The Lord is low.
The Lord is on the path we go.
People: **The Lord be with you.**
Children: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11 pg 1179

Sermon: *Get Over Yourself!*

Prayer for Application

Song of Response: *Let it Be Said of Us*

Sending

*Sending

*Sending Song: *Hear Our Praises* LUYH 302

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of The Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper
Musicians: First CRC Band

Prayer and Care for God's People:

*Our **September/October** Congregational prayer focus for persecuted believers is on the **country of Sudan**, ranked #5 on the World Watch List. Persecution in Sudan is systematic and reminiscent of ethnic cleansing. See the silver connection boards in the foyer for specific prayer points. Prayer sheets are on the table next to the display.*

We pray for the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit for **Jana Vente** as she mourns the loss of Jack. The Memorial service will be held at **3:30pm Thursday, 9/21, at Holly Creek**.

Praise for the renewing power and love of the Holy Trinity to meet each participant, speaker and worship leader on the **Women's Retreat**, Sept. 22-24.

Ron Zoetewey's Memorial will be at **11am** at First CRC on Friday, **September 22**.

Pray for **Kathy Bol** recovering after two surgeries on **September 12th & 14th**. Pray for Jack and the Bol family as they care for Kathy.

Jessie Huiting will be having hip surgery on **September 25th**, followed by two-three weeks of rehabilitation. Please pray for successful surgery and after care.

We offer prayer support for **Werner Schroder's family**, grieving the death of his mother (and grandmother to the children) from invasive cancer. Services were held at 11:00 at Red Rocks Baptist Church. Saturday Sept 16th at 11:00 AM.

11:00am TODAY Classes & Activities for all Ages:

Magnify students (grades 3-8): Please come to room 12/13 downstairs right away after the morning worship service to begin our project for the day. We need all of our time to get this project finished, so come as soon as possible to get started. We will use paint.

Age-specific Sunday School Upstairs~

Ages 3 & four years: Blue Room #34

Kindergarten: Purple Room #30

1st & 2nd Graders: Green Room #32

3rd/4th/5th Graders: Brown Room #35

6th & 7th Graders: Yellow Room #33

Adult Ed & Catechism Classes Downstairs~

9th & 10th Grade Catechism: Pit Stop garage with Stephanie DenBraber

"First Steps" Adult class: Fellowship Hall Downstairs

11th & 12th Grade Catechism: Fellowship Hall with Pastor Bret's class

until 10/22 when they will resume in Room 21 with Pastor Joel.

*Today, Pastor **Bret's First Steps class**, in conjunction with **11th & 12 grade Catechism Class**, will meet **in the Fellowship Hall, and Choir Practice** will be in the Emerson Living Room. Please remember to fill out (and return to the office) a yellow 2017/18 Permission Form for each child participating in any activity at First CRC.*

Middle School Students - Club 68 is back! Our first meeting of the year will be TONIGHT **Sunday, September 17, from 5-7 at church**. All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited for a time of food, fun, and learning. Dinner will be provided. Parents, there will be a **brief parents meeting** with additional information about the year at 5pm this evening. Drop your students off with leaders (in Fellowship Hall) and parents meet Pastor Bret in the Pit Stop for more information.

Advanced Notice - Attention all **High School students and Senior Saints** (Senior Moments and others). Our youth group would like to host all of our Senior members for a dinner and game night on **October 8 from 5-7 in the Pit Stop**. *There is a sign up in the back of church for our Senior members, so that we know how many to plan on. Questions? Contact Eileen Ruter or Betty Klap.

High-Schoolers: Get excited for Fall Retreat on the weekend of **October 20-22**. Please save this date for an EPIC adventure with the Lord, your leaders and friends in the beautiful Colorado mountains!

Ladies Morning Bible Study with Walt Ackerman, in the Library, will resume on **Wednesday, September 20th at 9:30am**. *The Bible Jesus Read* by Philip Yancey will be the series for this fall. Books and participant guides are provided for you!

Connect Cards: If you are visiting, a guest, *new, newer or newish* to First Church please fill out a Connect Card near the hymnals/Bibles in each row. Save the date for our next *Newcomer Welcome Lunch* in the Emerson Living Room on October 15 from 11-12noon. We provide a casual lunch with staff members and a host couple! The purpose is to offer an opportunity to get to know one another better. Children are very welcome and no RSVP is necessary. First CRC members - would you like to host a welcome lunch? Call the office for details #303.733.4936

If you have unanswered questions about your Estate Plan, you are not alone. Jim Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will be meeting with Christian families in our area **on Oct 3 & Oct 4, 2017**. Jim will be happy to provide easy-to-understand Estate Planning information regardless of the size of your Estate, your age or stage in life. There is no financial obligation for

this confidential meeting. If you would like to meet with Jim P, please contact Deb Harder directly, at Barnabas Foundation at **888-448-3040** or email dhard@barnabasfoundation.com.

Upcoming Events & Activities:

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities this Fall. In addition to the continued ministries of *Coffee Break* and other small groups and Bible studies, we will be offering discussion groups on both **Sunday morning, from 11-12 noon and Wednesday night** from 6:30-8:00pm for adults:

A.) On Sunday morning in the Fellowship Area Downstairs, we will offer a four-week class from **September 17-October 1**, called '*First Things*' in which we will discuss some of the major foundations of the Christian faith, and life here at First Church. 11th & 12 graders will be joining us.

B.) After that, **October 22-December 17**, we will offer a finance class by *Crown Financial Ministries* where we will talk about using our earthly resources as God intended. Beginning **Oct. 22**, 11th & 12 Graders will be in Catechism in Room 21.

Family Night Fellowship is for everyone on September 20th,

(meal) 5:45 to 6:15pm; (classes) 6:30 to 8:00pm –

Church Family Night will be offered the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. If you have never been to a Family Night Meal, or missed the first one, please come and enjoy delicious food (donate as you are able) with your church family. At 6:30pm we break off into Adult/ kid's programs especially designed for you!

On Wednesday evenings we offer two opportunities at the same time (**6:30-8:00** on the first and third Wednesday's each month):

- 1.) One class will be discussion of the book *Body and Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism* led by Stephanie Den Braber.
- 2.) The second class is entitled '*Don't Invite Them to Church: Moving from a come and see to a go and be Church*' led by Bret Lamsma. Sample books and curriculum are available in the back of church for your viewing.

If you are interested in attending either of these classes, you can still **sign-up in the foyer** so that we can order the needed amount of books. We are looking forward to growing together this year through these opportunities.

"Why do Christians sing when they are together? The reason is, quite simply, because in singing together it is possible for them to speak and pray the same Word at the same time; in other words, because here they can unite in the Word. All devotion, all attention should be concentrated upon the Word in the hymn. The fact that we do not speak it but sing it only expresses the fact that our spoken words are inadequate to express what we want to say, that the burden of our song goes far beyond all human words. Yet we do no hum a melody; we sing words of praise to God, words of thanksgiving, confession, and prayer. Thus the music is completely the servant of the Word. It elucidates the Word in its mystery." (D. Bonhoeffer, Life Together, 59.)

Reminder: Turn in your Song favorites with a brief note or story about why a particular song is especially meaningful to you. We eagerly await your songs! **Email: songs@firstcrdenver.org**, or leave a note in the office.

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - February 12 – 23, 2018. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the Biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho and more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to website: **toursofisrael.wordpress.com** or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com.