

Church Calendar for September 18-25, 2016

Sunday ~ September 18: Age-specific Sunday School & Catechism

Welcome Doctor Jeff Weima, preaching from Luke 14:25-33, by special invitation from our Elders; offering is for the General Operating Fund.

11:00am – 12noon – Education Hour

Nursery: Christy Bol

Monday ~ September 19 – Kyle Cooper's Birthday!

Tuesday ~ September 20

1:00pm – Staff meeting & lunch (off-site)

7:00pm – Council Meeting

Wednesday ~ September 21: Family Night

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

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

Nursery: Nancy Waanders

Thursday ~ September 22 – Autumn begins

Friday ~ September 23

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ September 24

GEMS over-night camping trip to Long Scraggy

1-3:00pm – Stamp Class

Sunday ~ September 25: David and Kim Csepe Send-off

Pastor Joel is preaching from Psalms; offering is for *Crossroads Bible Institute*

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 about Sunday School start-up today. Warm Fellowship and hot coffee is available on the patio!

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

Nursery: Charys Youngsma, Chad Nibbelink, Cheryl Schmitt,

Troy Newcombe, Lilli Vermeer

Children in Worship: *It's a Noisy Place*, 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

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, September 25th:

Nursery: Becky Vermeer, Keith Bol, Zinah Borgia, Jack Waanders, Ali Schroder

Children in Worship: *A Rainy, Rainy Day*, Kelsie Ruter, Marissa & Erica Bol

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Sound: Bob Reynolds **Slides:** Richard Mannes **Video:** Eliana Reynolds

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #2

Coffee: Vander Ark/Schuttinga

Global & Local Mission News:

Missionary 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!

Age-Specific Sunday School and Catechism classes begin TODAY

September 18th, with 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.**

Sunday School room assignments are as follows:

- ✚ 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: **Emerson House**
- ✚ Magnify in rooms 12/13 (at 11:30 am)

Please remember these dates for meetings with your **Grow Groups five more** times this year:- **October 16, November 20, January 8., February 12, and March 19.** Locations will be posted in advance. There will always be one group meeting at church for visitors and those who prefer not to drive. *There will be no Sunday School classes during the Grow Group gatherings.*



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Shirley Van Heukelem, ext. 104, Programs & Office Administrator

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Order of Worship ~ September 18th, 2016

Gathering

Prelude and Processional

*Welcome and Call to Worship

*Song: *Praise to the Lord*

LUYH 575

*Song: Psalm 146

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Prayer for Renewal

Song of Assurance: *What The Lord Has Done in Me*

Offering: General Fund

Announcements

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

Song: *Ancient Words*

Scripture: Luke 14:25-33 pg. 1047

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: *A Demanding Discipleship*

Dr. Jeff Weima

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Take My Life*

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

Sending

*Sending:

People of God, as we go out into the world, let us be fully devoted to God and serve Him alone

The Lord alone is our God (Deut. 6:4)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

With our whole heart we seek you; let us not wander from

Your commandments (Ps. 119:10)

Love the Lord your God with all your soul

As the deer pants for water, so our souls pant for You (Ps. 42:1)

Love the Lord your God with all your mind

We will not conform to the ways of this world, but we will be

transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2)

Love the Lord your God with all your strength

We offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to

God—this is our true and proper worship (Romans 12:1)

*Sending Song: *I Will Follow*

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of the Word: Dr. Jeff Weima

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper

Accompanist Christy Bol

Musicians: First CRC Band; Joel Schreurs, Aaron Elgersma

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!

Prayer For God's People

We give special thanks for each and every volunteer teacher, leader and helper, offering their time and talents to teach our church family God's Holy Word. May the Spirit of God equip and empower each teacher and student.

Praise for God's providence, protection and healing for Joe Schaefer, Rebecca's son, following a rollover accident. Please continue to pray for Joe and his children: Brecken, Grayson and Benjamin.

We offer thanks and praise to God for a speedy recovery for Elaine Lim, who was taken to the ER last week after a fall, leaving her with a damaged tail bone and several cuts and scrapes.

Don and Betty Eyser greatly appreciate your prayers for strength and recovery following his recent kidney and breathing problems, and for healing of her painful knee issue.

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@firstcrcdenver.org, or mddeboer@juno.com

First Church Upcoming Activities

Memorization is one of the tools we use to hide God's Word in our hearts. To encourage us as we memorize some of the Psalms this year, we have two people who have agreed to listen to anyone who would like to recite Psalm 146 (and receive a little treat). Ina Smit and Walt Ackerman are the people to look for if you want to recite Psalm 146 today, or any time between now and October 16.

We also have a **Memorization Station** set up in the foyer with ideas for your family to "take home and try" games, puzzles, coloring sheets, etc.

Small Group Sign-Ups TODAY in the foyer. Please take a look at the various small group opportunities available at First Church to deepen relationships with God, our Father, and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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 from **9:15am-10:30am** here at First CRC.

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: crazybout2kids@gmail.com 303-912-5517.

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
September 26-Allie Christians - 2717 S Osceola Way, Denver, CO 8026
October 10-Eileen Ruter-8308 E Costilla Ave, Centennial
October 24-
November 7- Briana Van Andel
November 21- Molly Hanson 6764 E. Vassar Ave, Denver 80234

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@firstcrcdenver.org.

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 near the coffee basket, or contact Platt Park to order 303-282-7722 or ppcc@plattparkchildrenscenter.com. This is a delicious way to support our community preschool!

Wilderness on Wheels *Give a Day* on **October 1, from 9-1pm**, is an opportunity to support a former First Church member, Barbara Cramer, who lives on-site and hosts this beautiful camping area uniquely designed for accessibility to all campers, including: quadriplegics, paraplegics and others with physical challenges. Volunteers of all ages and capabilities sweep wooden ramps, smooth the dirt road, clean out buildings, paint and pick up trash. This family friendly place is near Kenosha pass. Please visit: www.wildernessonwheels.org and contact rebecca@firstcrcdenver.org.

Count Committee Report: 9/04 and 9/11

The Council is appreciative of your generous and faithful tithes and offerings.

General Fund: \$13,051.35

VIA: 286.00

Cascade of Hope 250.00

The anticipated offering for a two-week count is \$26,402.20.

Requested Announcements:

Marriage Retreat in Colorado Springs!

Third Christian Reformed Church invites 4-5 couples from our church to join them at a weekend marriage retreat at the Embassy Suites in Colorado Springs, **November 4-6** (Friday at 3pm to Sunday at 11am). Pastor Rob Toornstra from Sunnyside CRC in Salem, OR will be the facilitator of this retreat, talking about "Embracing the Mystery of Marriage," a look at God's design for intimacy.

The cost per couple is \$300; First CRC will help defray the cost by \$150, so the cost per couple will be only \$150. This includes 2 nights at the Embassy Suites, free breakfast and evening appetizers, and the expenses for Pastor Toornstra. Sign up and \$50 deposit deadline is October 23, but there are only 4 or 5 available rooms, so the sooner you commit, the better. Contact Shirley Van Heukelem shirley@firstcrcdenver.org, or 303.733.4936 x 104.

3DM STAND Women's Equipping Event: Sept. 30-October 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 worshiping, learning, and processing how to live into the fullness of their identity in Christ wherever planted, with the gifts and talents they possess and the capacity available right now.

We have some fabulous Early Bird Pricing for registrations made before **September 20th**. After the 20th, prices will jump \$20 per ticket. The event location is at **Faith Community** 6228 S Carr Ct. Littleton, 80123. Childcare and meals are not provided at this event.

Here's the Early Bird Deal and partial Scholarships are available through Shirley@firstcrcdenver.org, buy 3 get 1 free! As soon as 3 people from First Church register, Shirley will confirm registrations, and then apply for the fourth free person! **Register at:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stand-womens-equipping-weekend-denver-area-tickets-26702023471> We look forward to an impactful and uplifting weekend together.