

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ September 2: Labor Day Weekend
Pastor Joel Preaching; offering is for General Fund.

Monday ~ September 3: Office is closed

Tuesday ~ September 4
1-3pm - Staff Meeting, rm. 21
3-10pm - Classical Conversations
7:00pm - Young Adults at Emerson House

Wednesday ~ September 5
5:45pm- Family Night Meal in Fellowship Hall
6:30pm - Elder's Meeting in Council Room
6:30pm - GEMS, CADETS, Coffee Break, Adult Ed. In Library

Thursday ~ September 6
9-11am - Sew & Sews Sewing Group
7pm - Worship Team in Sanctuary

Friday ~ September 7
9:30-11:30am - Library is open

Saturday ~ September 8
10am - Circle of Hope Group

Lord's Supper Sunday ~ September 9
Name Tags, Pastor Joel Preaching, Offering is for Kid's Hope
3-5pm - Dance Rehearsal
5pm - Youth Group

Thank you to all serving THIS Sunday, September 2nd:

Children in Worship: Nancy Waanders, Andy VandenBoogaard, Jacob Van Donselaar
Nursery: Brianna Van Andel, Darin Gunnnett, Natalie Roberts
Camera: Davis Addink
Lyrics: Dan Addink
Sound: Logan Posthumus
Prayer Ministry Elder: Cal Van Heukelem & Anne Buteyn
Coffee: Buteyns

Thank you to all serving NEXT Sunday, September 9nd:

Children in Worship: Kelsie Ruter, Wyatt & Eli Vermeer
Nursery: Beth DeBoer, Karissa Lamsma, Isaac Jonker
Camera: Matthew Jonker
Lyrics: Gabe Zoetewey
Sound: Paul DeBoer
Prayer Ministry Elder: Dave Cady & Sheri DeHaan
Coffee: Timmer

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 Lemonade are set up for you outside. Wondering about Grow Groups or Fall education programs? Contact Shirley@firstcrdenver.org, or call us at the office!

**For those of you who typically use the elevator, please be aware that the elevator will be out-of-service this weekend. Repairs will be made as soon as possible.*

Missionary Celebrations: September 2018

Birthdays
Ellen Broek - 2nd
Jonathan Cady- 15th
Sandra Perez - 20th
Caleb Starkenburg- 26th
Marian Cady- 26th
Anniversary
Victor & Sandra Perez - 28th

Updates, Prayer and Praise from the Starkenburg Family:

Over 400 lives have been lost and many more protesters are still missing or in prison. The government has regained control of the country by clamping down hard on anyone who voices opposition. I have talked with people who are living in great fear that their names may be on the list of people who have aided the protests (even by providing water to university students). Over the past 5 weeks, police have been silently arresting anyone on this list, taking them from their homes. So while on the surface many aspects of Nicaragua appear to look "normal", and indeed much safer (for those not involved in protests), there is still much happening below the surface. We highly value your prayers for Nicaragua!

- Praise God for the start of a new school year and for providing a complete teaching staff, even in the midst of uncertain circumstances!
- Praise God for sparing Jessica from more difficult circumstances in an accident with a motorcycle this week!
- Pray for the people of Nicaragua as they continue to work through many problems related to the civil unrest we have been experiencing.
- Pray for Liam's health and steady recovery as he deals with hip joint problems through physical therapy.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

Sunday September 2, 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

*Song: *Sing to the King* LUYH 474

*Songs:
Revelation Song
Crown Him With Many Crowns LUYH 223

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Assurance: *Christ Is Enough*

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: *Taste of Eternity*

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Word

Children in Worship Dismissal

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.**

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 22

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:35-56, Revelation 21:1-5

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Does Jesus Have a Pool?*

Prayer for Application

Song of Response: *Cornerstone*

Sending

*Sending: Apostles Creed

**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.**

*Sending Song: *By the Sea of Crystal* LUYH 489

*Blessings

*Postlude: Band

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper, First CRC Band

Up ~ Prayer

*Our Congregational Prayer Focus for Persecuted Believers for October/November is the country of **China #43 on the World Watch List**. Prayer Points. *Pray for the growth of believers from minority people groups that are from Muslim and Buddhist backgrounds. Pray for Chinese Christians to stand strong amidst tightening religious restrictions and to engage in cross-cultural missions effectively. Pray that teenage and young believers will enter a deeper walk with Jesus in the midst of their materialistic environments. See the display and prayer sheet in the foyer.**

DenBraber update: Hope you are well. I wanted to pass along our exact mailing address while in **Ecuador**. We leave **Sept. 5** for our two-year tour! We are grateful for the continued prayers from our First church family.

Eric & Stephanie DenBraber

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Congratulations to Al & Kay Bierling, celebrating 57 Years of marriage.

Congratulations to Walt and Carol Ackerman, celebrating 52 years of marriage today! Remember to pray for them as they do an assessment for fire victims

We pray for **Carolyn Smith's** next 30 days in Morning Star rehabilitation at: 2000 South Dayton Street, Denver 80247. She is in Room 303. Her number is C.720-289-5160, if you would like to check in with her. Pray for daughter Susan as she faithfully cares for her mom and family.

We continue to lift up **Marge and Wayne Rozendaal** for grace and peace.

We pray for strength and provision for **Ken and Shirley Engelsman**.

We ask the Lord to impart **wisdom for each physician** attending to those who have had medical testing or procedures recently.

We pray for **Pastor Bret** this morning preaching at *Cragmor* CRC.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Family Night begins this Wednesday night at 5:45pm! This is a great time for our church family to connect during the week for a meal and other activities. Our **GEMS** Girls Club (rooms 12/13) and **Cadets** Boys Club (Pit Stop) for children in 1st through 8th grade meet from **6:30-8:00**. There are **opportunities for adults** as well. Pamela Hansum will be leading a class called "Beloved of God Yoga" from **6:45-7:45** in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Bret will be leading a class called "Story" on the *first Wednesday* night of the month. A film discussion group will meet on the *3rd Wednesday* of the month in the Library. Coffee Break women's Bible study also meets on Wednesday night in the Emerson House. Everyone is invited to join together for this evening of food, fellowship, fun and learning!

2018/19 Permission forms will be sent out via email, and available as hard copies above the main office door. All children from nursery age through High School will need a new form filled out with most current contact information.

Sunday School classes begin Sunday, Sept. 9 at 11:00am, with age-appropriate classes for children 3 years olds through high school and a new class for adults: "You & the Word: Reading and Listening to God's Word Daily." Join us in thanksgiving that all of the Sunday School teacher & aide positions have been filled. We are so grateful for these volunteers and for your prayers on behalf of the staff as we looked to fill these positions. God is always faithful.

Young Adults meet in Emerson House, next to the church, at **7:00pm on Tuesday**. Contact kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org!

Men's Morning Small Group meets on Wednesday morning at 7am in the Emerson House, and a **Men's Bible study** meets every other Saturday morning in room 21 (next mtg. 9/1).

Coffee Break Women's Bible study will meet again in the Emerson House on **September 5** when Family Night begins. Open God's Word with us (Nehemiah), and enjoy the supportive fellowship of caring sisters in Christ.

Ladies Morning Bible Study will resume in rooms 12/13 when the Ackerman's return on **September 26th**.

Sew & Sews sewing group for local and global missions will resume on **September 6th at 9:00am** in rm. 12/13.

Circle of Hope will resume meeting again the second Saturday of each month at 10 o'clock in room 21. Our next meeting is **Saturday, Sept. 8**. This group is open to anyone navigating life with a loved one wrestling with mental illness issues.

Senior Moments: Tuesday, Sept. 18th we plan to celebrate Senior Moments 10 years of memories. We started Sept. 30th, 2008! Lunch at Beau Jo's in Idaho Springs at 11:30. Then we will go to Echo Lake picnic area for coffee and a special dessert. Plan to leave church at 10:00 a.m. Why Echo Lake? This was our first event with Senior Moments. Did you know Pastor Joel named our group "Senior Moments"? Remember to sign up by Sun. Sept. 16th for our lunch head count. Please see flyer for details. Questions: Betty K. 303-514-6251 or Beth P. 303-947-1085.

OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by:

Humbly Embracing The Hurting

Family Promise - We are excited to announce that most of the leadership positions for our new Family Promise involvement are filled. Look for updates in a few weeks on how you can get involved in this outreach to those who need a place to sleep for a season in their lives. Contact Pastor Bret if you have any questions: bret@firstcrcdenver.org

Freely Sharing Our Lives

Global Prayer Safari - In Swahili the word safari means journey. Join a team of North Americans who appreciate the power of prayer as you journey hand-in-hand with teams from Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda. You'll learn about prayer from other Christian traditions as you visit schools, hospitals, jails, government buildings, markets, and more. Dates: January 31 - February 11, 2019. For more information, visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/safari.

Save The Date: September 6, 4-9pm for an Open House to celebrate 30 Years of Mile High Ministries at 913 North Wyandot Street, Denver CO 80204! This is not a Fundraiser, a FREE family friendly pot-luck party.

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus

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