

Church Calendar for week of: September 3, 2017

Sunday ~ September 3 – Labor Day Weekend Pastor Joel: Acts 28

Offering is for General Fund. Magnify Meeting.

Monday ~ September 4 – Office is Closed

Tuesday ~ September 5

1:00pm - Staff Meeting in Room 21

Wednesday ~ September 6 – 5:45pm FAMILY NIGHT

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

6:30-8:00pm – GEMS/Cadets, Coffee Break & Adult classes

7:00pm - Elder’s Meeting in Room 21

Thursday ~ September 7

6:30pm – Stephen Ministry in Emerson

7:00pm – Women’s Retreat Meeting (Van Heukelem’s)

Friday ~ September 8

9:00am – Library Ladies

Saturday ~ September 9

10:00am – Circle of Hope – Room 21

Sunday ~ September 10 – Pastor Joel is preaching.

Offering is for Kid’s Hope. Sunday School Kick-off! 11-12 Adult Ed

12-1pm - Sound Team lunch meeting.

3:00pm - Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary

4:00pm - Youth Kick-off picnic & Parents meeting at Cornerstone Park

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, September 3

Nursery: Kelsie Ruter, Erin Reynolds, Luke Ruter, Wyatt Vermeer & Charlotte Reynolds

CIW: **On Break**

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Timmers **DVD Delivery:** **Grow Group 3**

Thank you to all serving NEXT Sunday, September 10

Nursery: Sandie Posthumus, Paul DeBoer, Laurie Sanderson, Rick Schmitt
Adam DeBoer

CIW: TBD

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Cal Van Heukelem

Coffee: Sanders/Buteyn **DVD Delivery:** **Grow Group 3**

Welcome to our visitors, guests and newcomers. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. Elders are available up front to answer questions and pray with you. Coffee and cookies will be served outside.

Missionary Updates:

Birthdays:

Ellen Broek - September 2nd

Jonathan Cady - September 15th

Sandra Perez - September 20th

Caleb Starkenburg - September 26th

Marian Cady - September 26th

Anniversary: Victor & Sandra Perez - September 28th

En Gedi Children's Home Update: Thanks to the continued generosity of God's people Margaret Njuguna reports that the construction funding (\$466,000) for the new Ed Gedi Children's Home in Kenya is almost complete. They are still in need of about \$30,000 to finish the exterior paving and landscaping. Praise God with all of us for the part First CRC was able to contribute to this, and to all the others who were attentive to God's call to help in this way.

Sermon Notes:

Count Committee Report: 8-20 & 8-27

The Council is grateful for your tithes and offerings:

General Fund: \$18,075.14

Long Scraggy: 250.00

World Renew: 100.00

Brother's Redev. 377.00

The anticipated offering is \$15,451.64 for one week, or \$30,903.28 for a two-week count.

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



*Celebrating, Seeking, Sharing
abundant life in Jesus...*

Order of Worship

September 3, 2017

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 40

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and His understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

*Song: *Everlasting God*

*Psalm 145:17-21

The Lord is righteous in all His ways
and faithful in all He does.
The Lord is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.
He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him;
He hears their cry and saves them.
The Lord watches over all who love Him,
but all the wicked He will destroy.
My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
**Let every creature praise His holy name
for ever and ever.**

*Song: *Tu Fidelidad/I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness* LUYH 371

*God’s Greeting

People of God, from where does your help come?
**Our help comes from the Lord,
The Maker of heaven and earth.**
Grace, mercy and peace be yours
in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

*Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Wondrous God,
Who sets suns and moons above us, mountains and valleys beneath us
and friends and strangers among us: How often have we tried to hide from Your
presence, how seldom have we looked for Your creating face and Your fashioning
hand!
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God,
Who took upon Yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother,
and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of Yourself
in the face of Jesus Christ:
how often we have forgotten You, how seldom have we really loved
and followed You!
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God,
Who pours out freely the Holy Spirit: how often have we ignored Your promptings,
how seldom have we asked for Your help or accepted Your gifts!
Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Song of Confession: *Lord I Need You*

Assurance of Pardon

Offering: General Fund

Word

Scripture: Acts 21-28

Sermon: "Unhindered"

Prayer

*Song of Response: *God Our Help In Ages Past* LUYH 405 (verses 1,2,3,6)

Sending

Adult Education

*Sending Song: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

*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:

We pray for Jack & Jana Vente, as Jack transitions to hospice care. Prayer and cards are much appreciated.

We pray for Ed Berghuis and Tina Vanden Boogard as they mourn the loss of Ed's step-mother (Tina's grandmother) Theresa Berghuis in Minnesota earlier this week.

Together we lift up Jessica Addink and family. Her father passed away suddenly on Thursday of a heart attack in Washington. May God's comforting love be with each member of the family.

Updated Contact Information:

Darrell & Barb Hogan
7 Silver Fox Drive
Greenwood Village, CO 80121

Bret, Julie, Sam & Karissa Lamsma
13255 West Warren Circle
Lakewood, CO 80228

Upcoming Events & Activities:

Sunday School Kick-off September 10, 11-12 noon age specific classes begin for adults and children. Remember to pick up a *2017-18 Permission slip* (if you have not already filled one out) & return the updated emergency contact information to the church office as soon as possible.

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 and Wednesday night** from 6:30-8:00pm for adults.

On Sunday morning we will offer a four-week class (**September 10-October 1**) called '*Professing Our Faith*' in which we will discuss some of the major foundations of the Christian faith. After that (**October 22-December 17**) we will offer a finance class put together by *Crown Financial Ministries* in which we will talk about using our earthly resources as God intended.

Family Night Fellowship For Everyone: September 6, (meal) 5:45 to 6:15pm; (classes) 6:30 to 8:00pm - Family Night will begin this Wednesday, and will be offered the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. If you have never been to a Family Night Meal, 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 will be offering two opportunities at the same time (6:30-8:00 on the first and third Wednesday's each month). One class will be discussion of the book *Body and Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism* led by Stephanie Den Braber. The other 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 any of these classes, **please 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.

Middle School Students - Club 68 is back! Our first meeting of the year will be on **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 5 that evening. Drop your students off with leaders (in Fellowship Hall) and parents meet Pastor Bret in the Pit Stop for more information.

Attention all High School Students (and parents) - The start of our Youth Group year is less than a month away! We are busy planning for another great year and can't wait to spend time together growing and learning about who God is and who He made us to be. Our first *kick-off* meeting of the year is **4pm-7pm next Sunday night, September 10** at Cornerstone Park (across from Pirate's cove on Belleview). We also have a Fall retreat planned for the weekend of **October 20-22**. Please save these dates; join us in looking forward to some great times together this year. See your mailbox for an orange flyer with details!

Advanced Notice - Attention all **High School students and Seniors 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**. In a few weeks there will be 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.

Senior Moments: Remember to sign up if you plan to join our group September 12th to Ed and Kay's mountain home. Lunch provided by Ed and Kay. This will be an all-day event. We plan to leave the church at 9:00 am. Please see the flyer for details. Questions: Betty K. [303-514-6251](tel:303-514-6251) or Beth P. [303-947-1085](tel:303-947-1085).

Hymn Sing – September 10th at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone is Invited to *praise God from whom all blessings flow*. Contact Henry Zoetewey if you have any questions.

Opportunities to Serve & Support:

There is a child that needs you from McKinley-Thatcher elementary school, for only one hour every week during the school year: to read with, talk to and play games. The principal from the school hopes we get more volunteers this year because she has identified students who need a caring person to be with them weekly. Please ask me about **Kid's Hope** (24 members have mentored; we are down to 3 for this school year). Thank you! Bob DeMasters

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. 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@firstcrcdenver.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@firstcrcdenver.org. No previous experience is required for tech team. We're looking for people of all ages. Hope to hear from **you!**"

Children In Worship

With fall around the corner we will be returning to our regular *Children in Worship* rotation. We believe it is so important to plant the seeds of the Gospel in our young children, that we are asking for your help! If you are willing to either teach or be an adult helper, please contact Kelsie Ruter at kelsieruter@gmail.com, and specify what you would like to do. Even volunteering for 1 or 2 Sundays each semester would be of tremendous help! Thank you!

1st CRC Paint-A-Thon on Saturday, September 30!

First Church will be partnering with Brothers Redevelopment to help paint homes for seniors in our community. More details on times and locations to follow. Please contact deacon Chad Nibbelink (chad@brothersredevelopment.org) with questions or to volunteer!

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