

# Church Calendar

## Sunday ~ September 30

Pastor Joel is preaching; Offering is for First CRC: note Benevolence/NCA  
**11-12n: Sunday School for everyone! Adult's class in the Library**

## Monday ~ October 1

**7-4pm:** Classical Conversations (**Deboer's Group**)  
**6:30pm:** Count Committee

## Tuesday ~ October 2

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

## Wednesday ~ October 3

**5:45pm - Family Night Meal: Vander Ark/Waanders**  
**6:30pm** - Elder's Meeting in rm. 21, GEMS/Cadets/Coffee Break/Adult Ed.

## Thursday ~ October 4 *Aged To Perfection Event* Christian Living Communities

**7:00pm** - Worship Team in Sanctuary

## Friday ~ October 5 - *Classis Rocky Mountain (Longmont)*

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

## Saturday ~ October 6

**Sunday ~ October 7: GROW GROUPS** instead of regular Sunday School classes.

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### Thank you to all serving this Sunday, September 30th:

**Children in Worship:** Becky Vermeer, Ashleigh Bol, Adam DeBoer  
Lili Vermeer

**Nursery:** Sandie Posthumus, Chad Nibbelink, Luke Ruter, Erica Bol

**Camera:** Davis Addink **Lyrics:** Dan Addink **Sound:** Cory Vermeer

**Prayer Ministry Elder:** Dave Cady & Sheri DeHaan

**Coffee:** DeBoer & Kats

### Thank you to all serving next Sunday, October 7th

**Children in Worship:** Jill Schreurs, Isaac Jonker, Mikaila Bol,  
Aaron Elgersma

**Nursery:** Jessica Benson, Lana Oosterhouse, Katherine Elgersma,  
Charlotte Reynolds

**Camera:** Matthew Jonker **Lyrics:** Micah DeHaan **Sound:** Jim DeHaan

**Prayer Ministry Elder:** Fred Ritsema & Nancy Waanders

**Coffee:** Buteyn

**Welcome to our visitors!** Elders are available up front to answer your questions and pray. Wondering about Grow Groups? 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.**

A big shout of **thanks to Beverly Kibble** for her many years of gracing the sanctuary with flowers every week! The worship team is going in a different direction with the sanctuary decor at this time, but we are very grateful for all the years that Beverly has served all of us in this way.

## We are planning Grow Group Worship services.

For this coming year, we are looking for authentic testimonies about **God's Word and how it intersects with our lives.** If you have stories about the many ways Scripture is impacting you now, or has in the past, give glory to God by sharing them! Email your Scripture stories to [stories@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:stories@firstcrcdenver.org).

For our **October 7th** service we are specifically considering stories about what scripture has taught us about God, about ourselves and about what He is calling us to do.

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## Grow Group Meal Locations for Oct 7th at 11:15am

**\*GG #1: Ritsema/Buys:** Meet in Pit Stop Garage

**GG #2: Waanders/Timmer:** 3180 S Humboldt St. 80113

**GG #3: Van Heukelem/Natelborg:** 2319 S Columbine 80210

**GG #4: Buteyn/Van den Boogaard:** 1785 S Corona 80210

**GG #5: DeHaan/Posthumus:** (Van Ep's) 2691 S Vine 80210

**\*GG #6: Cady/Nibbelink:** Downstairs in Fellowship Hall

*Newcomers and visitors: We have two of six Grow groups meeting here on site for a Pot-luck style meal next Sunday, October 7th, at First Church. Please be our guests. Plenty of food for everyone & children are always welcome!*

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## Position Announcement: Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteers in Action is grateful for the work of our Volunteer Coordinator Kelli Schuttinga over the past 5+ years. Kelli is planning to retire at the end of 2018. Volunteers in Action is now seeking applications for 20-30 hours per week staff position to coordinate VIA volunteer services and manage the *Faith in Deed* program. This includes screening referrals, recruiting, training and supporting volunteers. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Volunteers in Action, [9185 E. Kenyon Ave. #130, Denver, CO 80237](mailto:9185.E.Kenyon.Ave.#130,Denver,CO.80237) or e-mail to [donnh@volunteersinaction.info](mailto:donnh@volunteersinaction.info). Feel free to contact Donn Hansum at 303-713-9144 if you have questions regarding this position. [www.volunteersinaction.info](http://www.volunteersinaction.info)

## First Christian Reformed Church

**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
Larry Young:	Custodial & facilities	#303-582-4039
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# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

Sunday September 30, 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  
Processional

\*Call to Worship: from Psalm 147

Praise the Lord

**It is good to sing praises to our God**

He gathers His people who have been scattered

**He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds**

Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;

**make music to our God with instruments.**

He delights in those who fear Him,

**who put their hope in His un failing love.**

\*Song: *Come People of the Risen King*

\*Psalm 103:1-5

Praise the Lord, O my soul;

**all my inmost being, praise His holy name.**

Praise the Lord, O my soul,

**and forget not all His benefits.**

He forgives all my sins

**and heals all my diseases;**

He redeems my life from the pit

**and crowns me with love and compassion.**

He satisfies my desires with good things,

**so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

\*Song: *To Our God*

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

## Renewal

Call to Prayer

Song and Prayer: *Healer of Our Every Ill* LUYH 303, 304

\*Song: *Man of Sorrows, What A Name* LUYH 170

## 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: Luke 10: 25-37

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Down in the Ditch*

Prayer for Application

Song of Response: *Mighty To Save* LUYH 611

Offering: Benevolence

Offertory: Family Promise update

## Sending

Sending: 2 Corinthians 1:2-4, I John 3:18, Micah 6:8

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

**He comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort  
those in any trouble with the comfort  
we ourselves receive from God.**

Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

**We will follow His command to act justly, to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with our God.**

\*Sending Song: *We Are Called* LUYH 296

\*Blessing

### \*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper, First CRC Band

Accompanist: Christy Bol

## 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; please take a prayer sheet. Remember to pray for our missionary partners in China.

Happy Birthday to **Mildred Schemper** on October 2nd. Cards and birthday wishes can be sent to: *Brookdale Meridian*: 3455 South Corona Street, Room 320B, Englewood, CO 80113.

For those who are in need of physical healing, we pray to the Lord.

For those who are discouraged, defeated or downcast, we pray to the Lord.

For those in various stages of recovery, we pray to the Lord.

For the hurting, hospitalized and heartbroken, we pray to the Lord.

## IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

**Sunday School TODAY** at 11:00am, with age-appropriate classes for children 3 years through 12<sup>th</sup> gr., and *"You and the Word"* Bible class For Adults. DFF 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. *Visitors welcome & included!*

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

### **Family Night Wednesday ~ October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Fellowship Hall**

**5:45pm - Meal served by Joey Vander Ark;** Waanders on dishwashing.

**6:30pm** – Elder's Meeting in rm. 21, GEMS Girl's Club/Cadets Boy's Club/Coffee Break Bible Study in Emerson/Adult Education in Library/Kid's club in Nursery.

**6:45pm** – Beloved of God Yoga class in Fellowship Hall.

**Ladies Morning Bible Study** will meet in rm. 12/13 at **9:30am, Thursday, Oct.10** to study *The Bible Jesus Read* by Philip Yancey.

**Men's Morning Small Group** meets every **Wednesday morning at 7am** in Emerson House next door, and a **Men's Bible study** meets every other Saturday (**10/13**) at **7am** in rm. 21.

**The Table cordially invites you** to their 7th annual harvest party, Croptoberfest! On **Saturday, October 13, from 4-7 PM** you can join in the celebration of another bountiful gardening season at the location of one of our 15 gardens, 923 E. Mexico Ave. The party includes a pig roast, live music, a pumpkin patch, hay rides, and fun and games for both young and old. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$10 for ages 13-20, and free for kids 12 and under. Reserve your tickets online at [www.denvertable.org/croptoberfest](http://www.denvertable.org/croptoberfest) or purchase at the gate.

**Senior Moments:** Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, October 16th** . We plan to visit the Arvada Center art galleries. The exhibits focus on the use of color in art. Currently on display is Virginia Maitland's retrospective, Laura Merage's exhibit, and various ways artists work in color. We will have lunch at Bread Winners Café at 11:30. Due to many school tours, we will need to tour in the afternoon. Our tour begins at 1:30. For details, please see the flyer on the silver announcement boards or check your mail box. Questions: Betty K. 303-514-6251 or Beth P. 303-947-1085.

**Women's Night Out, Tues. evening, Oct. 23; 7:00pm.** Come join us for dessert, a message on **A Thankful Heart**, followed by a craft and singing songs of Thanksgiving. Look for an invitation in your mailbox next week. Questions can be directed to Deb VanEps or Cathy Zoetewey: [czoetewey@comcast.net](mailto:czoetewey@comcast.net).

## Council News

**Nolan VanderArk** has resigned as a deacon, and **Aaron Buys** will be taking his place. The Council is grateful to Nolan for many years of faithful service to the church in the role of both elder and deacon. We are thankful to Aaron for his willingness to step into this position and serve our church in this way.

Council acknowledges the loss and disappointment some members of our church family feel because of the recent decision regarding our organ. Our desire is for continued intergenerational worship that is grounded historically yet future-anticipatory, sustainable and multi-faceted. The difficult decision to not reinvest in the organ at this time is due to limited human resources, the need for extensive repair or replacement and the stewardly use of funds. *Please pray with us that God will bless our congregation as we strive to worship Him more deeply and diversely together.*

## **October is Pastor Appreciation Month!**

1st Church is blessed to have pastors and a worship coordinator who put an incredible amount of thought and care into our worship, community and outreach. Please let them know how their work has impacted your life and your walk with the Lord by sharing with them in person, with a note in their boxes at church, or via email. If you have questions, talk to any member of the 1st CRC HR Committee: Eileen Ruter, Karen Waanders, Mike Van Donselaar and Maria Buteyn. Thank you! Pastor Joel Schreurs - [joel@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:joel@firstcrcdenver.org)  
Pastor Bret Lamsma - [bret@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:bret@firstcrcdenver.org)  
Worship & Music Coordinator Kyle Cooper - [kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org)

## **OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus**

**The Moravian Text** is a good tool to get us reading through the entire Bible about every two years. We ordered another set of books. 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/>. Join us in the reading program any time!

## **Freely Sharing Our Lives**

**Youth For Christ: *Changing Their Story*, a FREE event 6:30-8:00pm**

**Monday, October 15, 2018** – Northern Hills Church in Brighton

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018** – Cherry Creek Pres. 10150 E. Belleview Ave.

YFC would like to have you attend and invite people you think might be interested in this life-saving ministry to young people.

RSVP at [www.yfcdenver.org](http://www.yfcdenver.org), for questions, Contact Claire Froehlich.

## **Starkenburgs:**

Our mission partners in Nicaragua, Liam and Jessica Starkenburg and children, recently notified us that they are back in Nicaragua at NCA, and 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>.

Please make checks for today's offering out to: First CRC, and in the notation line: Benevolence/NCA

## **Humbly Embracing The Hurting**

**Chaplain Volunteers at Swedish Medical Center:**

Do you have a heart to serve others in a crisis situation?

The Chaplaincy team works directly with patients, families and staff to provide emotional and spiritual support during difficult and stressful times. Chaplains make routine visits and respond to emergencies. This position is weekday evenings from 4-9pm and/or overnight on-call from 9pm-7am. Orientation and training is provided. Candidates must be able to volunteer at least once a month. For an application please email: [Gina.Graves@HealthONEcares.com](mailto:Gina.Graves@HealthONEcares.com)

**Cribs needed! Joshua Station** is a Christian transitional housing ministry in Denver. Their residents stay for about 18 months before moving on to more permanent housing. This means they have a turnover of rooms quite often and with that comes the need for a variety of furniture options. They currently are in need of some good quality cribs. If you have a crib that you are willing to donate, please contact Pat Holwerda at (720)474-1076 or [patholwerda@gmail.com](mailto:patholwerda@gmail.com).