

Church Calendar for September 4, 2016

Sunday ~ September 4 ~ Labor Day Weekend

Pastor Joel is preaching from Mark 15; offering is for the General Fund.
11:00am – Youth Group Informational Meeting in the Pit Stop

Monday ~ September 5

Labor Day - office closed

Tuesday ~ September 6

1:00 -3:00pm – Staff Meeting - Room 21
7:00pm – Elder's Meeting

Wednesday ~ September 7

6:00am - Men's Morning Bible Study in Emerson House
7:00pm – Youth Leader's Training ~ Fellowship Room

Thursday ~ September 8

Friday ~ September 9

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ September 10

10:00pm – Circle of Hope group support for families facing mental illness
3:00pm-8:00pm – Youth Group at Cherry Creek Reservoir

Sunday ~ September 11

Pastor Joel is preaching from Psalms; offering is for VIA
Grow Group Pot-Luck meals

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 them to draw on, and return for a surprise. Elders are up front for prayer. Refreshments and fellowship are on the patio; come on out!

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, September 4th:

Nursery: Gina Van Byssum, Kelsie Ruter, Noah & Andrew Van den Boogaard, Erin Reynolds

Children in Worship: *On Break*

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Sound: Jim DeHaan **Slides:** Micah DeHaan **Video:** Caleb Jonker

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #2

Coffee: Larry Young

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, September 11th:

Nursery: Sandie Posthumus, Anne Rajewski, Carter Sanderson, Cadance Vance

Children in Worship: *Creation Part 1*, Karen Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric Den Braber & Nancy Waanders

Sound: TBD **Slides:** TBD **Video:** TBD

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #2

Coffee: Sander & Buteyn

Updated Contact Information:

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What the educational year will look like for the 2016/17 season:

September 11 marks the beginning of our educational season. You will receive an invitation from your elder/deacon team about a **Grow Group gathering to share a meal** and reflect on how God is at work in your lives.
Grow Group Pot-luck locations by group number and Elder/Deacon:

#1 Berghuis/Bol: First CRC 1814 South Emerson in the Fellowship Hall
#2 Waanders/Lighthiser: 1785 South Corona -John & Anne Buteyn's home
#3 DenBraber/Maria Buteyn: 7337 South Platte Canyon Drive, Littleton 80128 – Eric & Stephanie Den Braber's home.
#4 Schmitt/Van Den Boogaard: 3736 E. Easter Circle South 80122, Van Donselaar's home.
#5 DeHaan/Van Anandel: 5764 South Depew Circle, Littleton 80123, Reynold's home
#6 Schans/Nibbelink: 3168 South Akron Court, Schreurs' home

You will meet with your Grow Groups using the above format **six times this year on:– Sept. 11, Oct.16, Nov. 20, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, and March 19.**

September 18 marks the beginning of age-specific Sunday School from 11:00am to noon. **There will be no Grow Groups meeting during the times that Sunday School is scheduled.**

- ✚ 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.
- ✚ 3rd 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 11-12 noon.

All children will be dismissed from the sanctuary at noon. Check the white boards in back each Sunday to verify if Sunday School or Grow Groups is the educational venue of the day. There will be no Sunday School class during the Grow Group gatherings.



Discipleship Opportunity: Join us for the 3DM **STAND** Women's

Equipping weekend Friday evening and all day Saturday. This event is geared to train and equip women to step into the fullness of their God-given identity, purpose, and calling. Contact [Elyse Allen](mailto:Elyse.Allen@firstcrcdenver.org) to take advantage of the **Buy 3 Get 1 Free incentive** before 9/20. [Register online at Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3dm-stand-women-s-equipping-weekend-tickets-23848418872). Partial Scholarships available: shirley@firstcrcdenver.org



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Email: connections@firstcrcdenver.org #303.733.4936
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Order of Worship ~ September 4, 2016

Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome

**Come People of the Risen King*

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.
God has claimed us as His own.
He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.
Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Song: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

LUYH 182: 1, 2, 3, 5

**God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting*

Renewal

Call to Confession

Confession:

Merciful God, we acknowledge that we were dead in our transgressions and sins, deserving of wrath. But because of Your great love for us, and because You are rich in mercy, You made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved!

**Song of Assurance: Christ Is Risen*

Announcements and Offering: General Fund

Offertory: Youth slide show and updates

Prayers for Intercession and Gratitude

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

Word

Scripture: Mark 15:42-16:8

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The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Unfinished Business* Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* LUYH 193:1,3,6,7

Sending

*Sending: Matthew 28 and Romans 10

After Jesus was raised from the dead and before He ascended into heaven, He told His disciples, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

We go into the world, with the power of the Holy Spirit, to share the good news which has been preached to us. If no one shares this good news, how will the world hear? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

*Sending Song: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper
Accompanist: Barb Hogan
Musicians: First CRC Band

Prayer For God's People

Please pray for healing of cancer for Mambo, a friend of Kim Csepe, serving the Lord with Embassy Fellowship.

We ask for wisdom and special gifts of comfort and grace for John and Carolyn Smith, whose neighbor's daughter sacrificed her life to save a drowning two-year old child. Please pray for these grieving families.

We praise God for each life among us, and ask for healthy pregnancies and safe deliveries for those carrying new life. We ask God to fill the arms of those waiting patiently to embrace a child.

Pray for peace and calm assurance for Henry Klap, as he continues in the final stages of hospice care. Lift up Betty who so tenderly cares for him. Thank the Lord for the merciful companions sent to come alongside.

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

Teacher/Leader Training on Wednesday, September 7th will take place at 7:00pm in the Fellowship room here at church. Dessert will be provided. If you are a teacher/leader in Sunday School, GEMS, Cadets, Club 68 or Youth Group, you are required to attend this meeting. You have received, or will receive soon, an invitation to attend. Let Shirley Van Heukelem know if you cannot attend.

Wednesday, September 14 marks the beginning of Family Night meals and activities for 1st through 8th Grade and Coffee Break. If this will be your *first ever* Family Night meal, the meal is on the house! If you are returning for another season, the price remains the same as last year - \$2.50 for adults (13+); \$2.00 for children (ages 5-12); free (ages 0-4).

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, will meet beginning **Sept. 12** to study *Voice of the Martyrs* curriculum entitled **I am "N"** (Arabic Letter *nun* for Nazarene) second Mondays 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 at: crazybout2kids@gmail.com 303-912-5517.

If you are high school age, please POP on into the Pit Stop **following church TODAY** to get some start of year info for Youth Group. Parents and Teens we have cold pop, popcorn and some tootsie pops to kick this year off right! We need all teen's and parent's input, so please come whether you attend or not!

Youth Group Kick off - Let's send summer off right by hanging out at Cherry Creek Reservoir for the afternoon on **Saturday, September 10 from 3-8pm**. More details to come!

Twenty-Somethings of First are getting together to study the Gospel of John. Locations and dates vary, so contact: Kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org

Choir Announcement:

We will be starting choir again soon! If you have not already received an email from Kyle and would like to join, we'd love to have you! Email kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org and let him know if you'd like to sing with the choir. No experience required. We need people of all ages!

Instrumentalists and Singers:

If you sing, or play an instrument, and would like to join the worship band, Kyle will be putting together a workshop for new band members! We're looking for people of all ages! Email kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org if you or your kids would like to join!

Requested Announcements

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Platt Park Children's Center is grateful for your continued support! We are looking for interested individuals to join our preschool board to support our thriving preschool ministry. Please contact us for more information and an application.

Thank you.

PPCC Board of Directors

303-282-7722 or ppcc@plattparkchildrenscenter.com

Global & Local Mission News:

World Renew responds to the Louisiana Floods: Baton Rouge, Louisiana, received more than 24 inches on August 13-14, the second storm to hit the area in six months. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is expanding its response to the March 2016 flooding to include last month's deadly floods. You can help Louisiana flood survivors. Give online at worldrenew.net/donate or call 800-552-7972, or mail your check designated "North American Disasters 2016" to: World Renew, 1700 28th St., SE, Grand Rapids, Mich., 49508.

From Christian Reformed Home Missions:

Heading off to campus? As you study, experience the multitude of perspectives and worldviews, and develop new relationships, why not be a part of a community that gathers together to grow in faith and to engage God's world. There are over 35 CRC Campus ministries across North America, comprised of Students, faculty and staff. To find out if there is one on your campus, see: <http://bit.ly/BackOnCampus>

Missionary Celebrations:

Birthdays

Ellen Broek - September 2nd

Sandra Perez - September 20th

Caleb Starkenburg - September 26th

Anniversary

Victor & Sandra Perez - September 28th

Count Committee News:

Count report: 8/21 & 8/28

The Council is blessed by your generosity and faithfulness:

General Fund: \$31,665.00

Long Scraggy: 418.50

Benvolence: 1,028.00

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

It is Labor Day weekend, and TODAY IS *Selfie Sunday*! However you (or your family) is celebrating this weekend, take a moment to capture a memory on camera, if we do not have a recent photo of you, and email your favorite picture to: connections@firstcrcdenver.org