

Colorado Family Church: April Local Highlights

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It has been so nice to enjoy Spring once again. We had an exciting month of April, celebrating Easter, having our big Holy Day celebration, and celebrating new births and matchings. Please take a look at this month's happenings below, and next month we look forward to sharing about the Blessing and the Spring Refresh, as well as some updates on our new parsonage!

Easter Celebration



For Easter this year, Sergii organized a really fun egg competition. Participants of all ages could compete to see who brought the strongest eggs. Prizes were also given for trivia questions and most beautifully decorated eggs. We also had an Easter Egg hunt during Sunday school, a delicious Easter lunch, and a special message on Grace by Pastor Adonia. Unfortunately, we didn't get so many pictures, but [you can see what we have here](#).

Celebrating Heavenly Parent's Day & True Parents' Day



We finished the month with our annual Holy Days celebration. Between the testimonies, yute game, Korean dinner, Pledge service, Jeopardy, talent show, art contest, and t-shirt design contest, we feel everyone had a quality time together. So many people put their whole hearts into participating in all the activities, and it was beautiful to see all the artwork and talents on display. On this day, there was also a beautiful recognition for all the volunteers that help with Youth Ministry. [Please enjoy the photos here](#).

Ongoing Interfaith Work in Grand Junction



Our April Interreligious Series was hosted by the Two Rivers Mosque. The six faiths present were: Bahai, United Methodist, Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, American Lutheran, our peace organizations, WFWP and UPF, and of course, the Islamic faith.

Gale Alves gave the opening remarks. She conveyed to everyone that she and her husband, Antonio were inspired to create this Interreligious Sharing Series because Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon taught them that a big component of world peace is the harmony of all the world's religions. And how can we create harmony if we don't know about each other's faiths?

We all learned about Prophet Muhammad. The Muslims made sure we understood that they do not worship Prophet Muhammad as Christians worship Jesus. They see him as a prophet. To the people of Ancient Mecca, Prophet Muhammad brought the revolutionary teaching that there is only one God.

Many questions were asked. The audience sincerely was open to learn more about the Islamic faith. They were amazed the Muslims pray 5 times a day, beginning at 5 a.m. Our hosts emphasized that they thoroughly clean their bodies before coming before Allah in prayer and that praying often throughout the day helps to keep them in tune with God and living a good life.

We were all treated to plenty of delicious chicken, homemade baklava, hot coffee and warm fellowship.

Congratulations



We are so excited to announce that David and Arehta's baby girl was born April 12. Kiva Althea Fortune weighs 7lbs 13oz and measures 20 inches long. A big congratulations to David and Arehta and both of their families!



Congratulations to Anton Smirnov and Svetlana Pilatovich on their international commitment ceremony. They were supported by many friends from all over the world.

Continued Renovations and Improvements

This month, we have focused a lot of effort on getting the parsonage ready for transitioning to the new YAMI house. We've been doing some quality of life improvements, such as adding new lighting and sealing up windows better and adding more smoke detectors, as well as fixing long standing issues such as a constantly backing up sewer line. A big thank you to Sjoerd for helping out with the sewer issue, which involved pulling back carpet, jackhammering concrete, and much more. We are also growing new grass at the 4-plex and

beginning the process of updating the lighting in the dining room.







Sunday Sermons

Through the Sunday services this month, we had some very powerful messages this month, including a message by Kristian Holdhus on Adversity, an Easter message on Grace, and a message on “The Why & the How” on our internal hopes for our goals for 2023. If you missed any of them, you can find them all on our [Facebook page](#) and [Youtube channel](#). For quick reference, this month's recordings are below.

[Adversity](#)

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[Faith: Partnership with God](#)

[Grace](#)

[The Why & The How](#)

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