

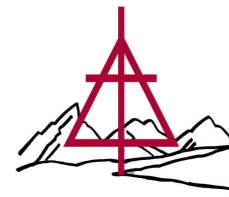
Upcoming Events

July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13
10:00am Worship Service Sunrise Camp Week 1 begins		Office: Cheri-Lynn	8:00am Prayer walk meet at tennis courts	12:00pm Bulletin deadline 3:00pm Senior Event at Peter & Trudy's		
July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20
10:00am Worship Service Sunrise Camp Week 2 begins		Office: Josephine	8:00am Prayer walk meet at tennis courts	12:00pm Bulletin deadline		

All bulletins can be found online www.firstcrocky.ca

Check out our Facebook page (@FirstCRC.RockyMtnHouse) or website (firstcrocky.ca) for links to sermons.

HELPLINESS HANDS	Thank you, for all you do!			
	July 7	July 7	July 14	July 21
	Pastor Ken	Pastor Ken	Pastor Ken	Pastor Natasha
Serving Elder	Alan O.	Jessica H.	Karl H.	
Serving Deacon	Lowell S.	Lorraine A.	Peter B.	
Music Team	Mosaic	The Experience	Six Track	
Children's Message	Corinne S.	Pastor Natasha	Joel S.	
Nursery	Corinne V., Marie A., Rita B., Jonah O.	Justin & Courtney D., Teslynn A., Marion R.	Brenda B., Sara D., Marisa P., Chelsey B.	
Summer Sunday School	Alissa L. HELPER NEEDED	TEACHER NEEDED HELPER NEEDED	Keanna H. Jaylene V.	
Coffee Host	Rob & Fran D.	Alan & Kelsey O.	Zachary & Gailyn B.	
Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Andrew & Delanea D. Justin & Courtney D.	John & Anita M. Art & Karen T.	Jason & Tanya P. Harold & Bevin S.	



FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Our **MISSION** is to worship God faithfully, nurture one another to grow in Christ, joyfully tell others about Jesus, develop our gifts to serve and pursue stewardship, justice and peace in every area of life.

Pastor Ken Douma – kgdouma@gmail.com 780.728.8148

Pastor Natasha Specht- pastornatasha@rockycrc.ca (Monday -Thursday)

Church Office: Tuesday — Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm office@rockycrc.ca



Morning Worship Service

Welcome

- ♪ How Great Is Our God
- ♪ Blessed Be Your Name

Call to Worship

God's Greeting /We Welcome One Another

- ♪ 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Call to Confession & prayer

- ♪ Lord You Have My Heart

Assurance of Pardon

- ♪ The Steadfast Love

Children's Message - Corinne S.
(Sunday School for ages 3 & 4)

Announcements & Congregational Prayer
Offering for ReFrame Ministries
Offertory -

Scripture - Exodus 4:1-17, 27-31
Message - Names of God: Adonai - He is Lord
♪ We Bow Down

Blessing

- ♪ All The People Said Amen

Welcome to First CRC Rocky

If you are visiting we want to offer a warm welcome!

We pray you will encounter God today as you worship and bring him praise!

Nursery is available for infants & small children. Sunday School for Ages 3 and 4 during the service.
Join us for coffee in the fellowship hall following the service.

For more Information view: www.firstercrocky.ca or [FirstCRC.RockyMtnHouse on Facebook](#)

CHURCH FAMILY

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."
Ephesians 6:18*

† As a ministerial church, each church has been asked to pray for our brothers and sisters in our community, today, we are praying for **Bethel Union Evangelical Church**.

† **Sonrise Camp** (ages 10-12 year olds) begins this afternoon. We pray that the campers have a great and safe week learning more about Jesus. We also pray for the staff, cooks and all the other volunteers as they spend time with the campers, sharing Christ's love.

† Congratulations to **Cheryl T.** who celebrates a birthday on July 8. May your day be blessed!

† We pray for those at home: **Pearl V., Sylvia D., Gus & Margaret V.** and **Joe & Lena V..** For those at the local care facilities: **Tonia Thompson, Elly O. and Seenie B..** For all the caregivers: who are able to assist those who require a little extra help and care.

† Please keep **all missionaries** in God's care, wherever they may be serving. Join us in praying that: God will open doors of ministry, blessing partnerships and friendships, for strength and stamina, that the Holy Spirit will provide them with words that communicate effectively in other cultures and languages, that God will keep them safe, for an abundant harvest that will be produced as more people learn about the love of Christ, and for restoration — physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually — that can only be found in Jesus.

Check out the Missions bulletin board, in the social hall, for updates on the missionaries that we support.

If you know of anyone that we should be keeping in our prayers for various reasons, council asks that you please call Pastor Ken, an elder or deacon.

Your *Elders* are Anthony B., Randy D., Alan H., Karl H., Jessica H.,
Alan O., John O., Dave S., Chris T. and Albert V.

Your *Deacons* are Lorraine A., Peter B., Ken B., Doug D., Justin D. and Lowell S.

Upcoming Services

July 21 - Profession of Faith & Baptisms



"We never pray against our government or call down curses on them. Instead, we have learned that God is in control both of our own lives and the government. [He] has used China's government for...molding and shaping His children. Instead of focus-sing our prayers against any political system, we pray that regardless of what happens to us, we will be pleasing to God."

~ Brother Yun

PAKISTAN: Wife of Nazir Masih Dies of a Heart Attack

In May, shocking images of mob violence were revealed after 74-year-old Nazir Masih was falsely accused of burning pages from the Quran. The elderly Christian man was fatally wounded during the resulting mob violence, which also led to the destruction of his shoemaking business, along with several attacks against other Christians. Further details on the violent rampage are [available here](#).

Following this tragic incident, Nazir's wife Naseem was left devastated, struggling to overcome the trauma of seeing her husband brutally beaten by his attackers. Her son Sultan says, "The tears in her eyes never dried." When bail was granted to the perpetrators responsible for the attack, the Christian widow's agony was further intensified.

On Friday, June 21st, Naseem began experiencing chest pains. An ambulance was called for the Christian woman, and the paramedics stated that her symptoms were likely due to stress. Since it was time for Friday's Islamic prayers, they told the family that no senior doctor would be available to look at her, so they gave her medication and left. When Naseem's condition did not stabilize, her family took her to the hospital where she died of cardiac arrest. The Christian woman has been buried next to her husband.

For the family members who are now mourning the loss of both Nazir and Naseem, tensions remain high. Many are fearful whenever they go into public spaces, concerned that they may be followed and potentially attacked. Speaking of the pain they are experiencing, Sultan states: "Our lives have been completely shattered. All family members – including children – are suffering from depression and stress. We have lost our business and are forced to live in our own house as refugees.... We've already lost hope for justice, and now my mother has left us."

Prayerfully remember this suffering family as they come to terms with the heartbreaking loss of Nazir and, more recently, now Naseem. As they determine what future steps to take, may God give these believers divine protection, greatly needed emotional healing, encouragement and strength, as well as provision for their financial and practical needs. Pray that justice will prevail in the case involving Nazir's passing, despite the tainted investigation, bringing this family a sense of peace and closure.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: The Power of Prayer - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. When kids pray, it makes a difference! Sometimes, we might think that God only hears grown-up prayers, but God also wants kids to care about and pray for our families and friends. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Groundwork: Adopt the Mindset of Christ - As Christians, many of us long to make the world a better place. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 22:15-45, 1 Peter 2:21-23, and Matthew 20:24-28 to study the servant mindset Jesus modeled. Together we'll glean biblical wisdom for discerning the relationship between faith and power and we'll discuss the importance of developing Christlikeness. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



India: Christian Woman Killed by Relatives

A Christian woman was beaten to death with a hammer and other weapons on June 24th because of her conversion to Christianity. The murder took place in Toylanka, a village in the state of Chhattisgarh.

Since her conversion to Christ four years ago, Bindu Sodhi had faced ongoing harassment and threats from opposing Hindu relatives. On the day of the attack, she was plowing a field with members of her immediate family when they were suddenly ambushed. Facing a mob armed with axes and other weapons, Bindu's mother, brother and sister fled the area. However, Bindu couldn't get away and, subsequently, was repeatedly stabbed and beaten.

Complaints have been filed with the police but, at last report, no action had been taken against the attackers. Additionally, it has been reported that Bindu's opposing relatives even resisted her burial. Christian leaders have since spoken out against the violence, as well as the arrest of other believers who have issued calls for justice, demanding that the burial be allowed.

This incident is one of several recent attacks against followers of Jesus in Chhattisgarh. On June 12th, seven Christian families were assaulted in a nearby village. In May, another believer was beaten and stabbed to death, and then buried by his assailants. For more reports on the persecution of Christians in India, go to our [country report](#).

Please lift up Bindu's immediate family members before God's throne of grace as they mourn the loss of their loved one. In addition to enveloping each one of these surviving members with His unfailing peace, comfort and hope, may the Lord also provide them protection from their hostile extended relatives. Pray that those responsible for this attack will not only be held accountable for their wrongful actions, but also that the Holy Spirit would convict them of their need for God's forgiveness – ultimately stirring their hearts to a saving faith in Him through the provision of His Son Jesus. As God's Spirit works in the lives of the perpetrators of this recent attack, may the police take appropriate action to protect others of our Indian Christian family who are likewise facing threats of violence.

Deacon's Corner ~ Lorraine A., Peter B., Ken B., Doug D., Justin D., Lowell S.

Upcoming Offerings

July 7 - ReFrame Ministries

In Matthew 11:38, Jesus invites us to rest in him. With the Today daily devotional, hundreds of thousands of people are taking up that invitation and being renewed in their daily time of meditation with Christ. The devotional is a gift written by CRC pastors that reaches prisoners, hospitals, churches, and other community gathering spaces with the good news of the gospel. Please support the media mission of ReFrame and the Today devotions.

July 14 - Indigenous Ministry

The upcoming Indigenous Ministry Sunday resources highlight the experiencing reconciliation through doughnuts! Indigenous Ministry Sunday provides an opportunity for everyone in Canada to learn more about Indigenous peoples, their cultures and to celebrate the gifts and richness that Indigenous people bring to life in Canada. The CRC dedicates one Sunday every year to recognize National Indigenous Peoples Day and to celebrate the Indigenous Ministry of the CRC.

Gratefully Received

Centerpoint \$1,086 Benevolence \$50
Pregnancy Care Center \$100 Local Church Ministries \$7,338

From the Deacons & Treasurer

There are several ways to give to the church:

Coupons allow you to give to the weekly offerings, without having to use loose change. They come in \$2, \$5 and \$10 coupons. You will be receipted for the amount of coupons you purchase. Coupons can be directly purchased from a Deacon, in the Council room on Sunday morning, after the service. They expire at the end of each year.

Budget/Local Church Ministries - Write to "First Christian Reformed Church of RMH". If you wish to have your cheque allocated to a specific cause approved by the deacons or otherwise announced please indicate that cause on the memo line of your cheque.

E-transfers - send to treasurer@rockycrc.ca on the memo please specify the cause you would like money allocated to.

Pre-Authorized Bank Withdrawals - Contact Marlene O. to sign up or get a form from the office.

From the Finance Committee

Janitor job opportunity - Our janitor, Jaylene, has informed us she would like to step away from the cleaning duties effective Sept. 1. This is an hourly position, with flexible hours and could be split between 2 or 3 people. If anyone is interested please contact Tom Smid or the church office.

Prayer Ministry

There are times in life when everything seems overwhelming- times when you can't find answers or you don't know where to turn. But in every season of life the Spirit invites us into a relationship with God through prayer.

This is how we align our hearts with His. It is reassuring to know He is there and is listening.

Whatever you are going through-times of beauty or ones of trouble - we'd love to pray with you. Contact the team through email, the church office, phone call or through the website anonymously.

Visit www.firstcrocky.ca (via the CONTACT link or Prayer Ministries link)

Full Council Meeting Highlights - June 25

- Council approved sending our Pastors and their spouses to the Pastor/Spouse Renewal Retreat November 1-3 in Banff.
- Approved the idea of having regular Hospitality families to intentionally welcome guests and increase relationships within our congregation. (see bulletin announcement for more details)
- Pastor Ken reported on Synod was and some of the difficult decisions made there that will have significant implications for the denomination and our Classis.
- Our pastors will be focusing on preparing for camp in the next couple of weeks.
- The Faith Formation video course wrapped up and Pastor Natasha and the other leaders are considering another course for Sunday nights in the fall as there was a good response.
- The Grief share ministry will be moving forward in the fall. Pastor Natasha is still looking for 2 more leaders to help co-lead this ministry.
- Pastor Ken led a session to help families prepare to have children participate in the Lord's Supper. There will be another session in the fall for those who missed it.

Church Announcements

Do you enjoy Hospitality? Our church has been growing and council would like to help us welcome new members and deepen existing relationships in our church. We are looking for people to sign up as Weekly Hosts who be prepared to invite guests and/or others over for lunch after Church. We are hoping to have enough people sign up that your turn would only come up ever few months. Please sign up on the bulletin board as you enter the fellowship hall. This would begin in the fall, but in the meantime, we encourage everyone to take time this summer to get to know our new members and to spend time deepening the relationships we have with each other.

Invitation to anyone 60 years of age and older to join Peter & Trudy on **Thursday, July 11** for an afternoon and evening get together. Events are: 3:00pm Nature hike, 4:30pm Museum Tours, 6:00pm dinner and campfire. All you need to bring is a lawn chair. Please *RSVP by July 8* so we will be sure to have enough food.

Church Announcements

Early Morning Prayer Walk with Pastor Natasha. Come for a time of walking and prayer on **Wednesday, July 10 at 8:00 am**, meet at the tennis courts. All are welcome!

Summer Sunday School teachers & helpers are needed for the 3 & 4 year olds. There is a sign up sheet outside the classroom. Any questions, contact Bettie V. or Sandra S..

Registration forms for **Vacation Bible Camp** are on the table in the foyer and on the church website.

Youth Coming Events - Mark your calendars for the upcoming service project at the **Medicine Hat Gleaners August 22-24**.

Badlands Passion Play - July 6 -21 - Each summer, in the heart of the Canadian Badlands, a group of actors, crew, and volunteers perform the story of the life of Christ on Canada's largest outdoor stage. Now in its 29th seasons, over 300,000 guests have experienced the Badlands Passion Play . The play is performed on over 6 acres of playing space in the spectacular Badlands Amphitheatre. Check out the poster and coupons that are on the bulletin board in the hallway. Get tickets online or by calling 403.823.2001

Rocky Christian School requires a Full-Time Grade One teacher - Preferred candidates will have training and/or experience in Christian education. Duties are expected to commence August 27. A complete package will include a cover letter, resume, names and contact information for three references, a statement of Christian educational philosophy, a pastoral reference, and a statement describing your Christian faith journey. Applicants will possess, or be eligible for, Alberta teaching certification. The successful applicant will be required to provide original, satisfactory, and recent (within six months) criminal record and intervention record checks as a condition of employment. The Posting will remain open until the position has been filled. Please visit the Wild Rose School Division careers page to see "Competition No. T-24-25-44-RCS" at <https://www.wrsd.ca/our-division/careers/competition/17842>.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The faith practice of remembering centers our attention on what God has done in our lives, deepening our assurance that God is with us here and now, and expanding our hope and anticipation for what God will yet do. Take some time this week to make a "faith timeline" to remember what God has done in your life and in the lives of people you love. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject