

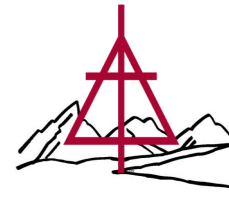
Upcoming Events

August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24
10:00am Worship Service		Office: Cheri-Lynn	8:00am Prayer walk meet at tennis courts	12:00pm Bulletin deadline Youth Service Project to Medicine Hat Gleaners		
August 25	August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31
10:00am Worship Service 1:15 pm Clearwater Centre 2:30 pm Westview Lodge		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.

Thank you, for all you do!	August 18	August 25	September 1
	Rob D.	Pastor Cecil V.	Pastor Ken
Serving Elder	Dave S.	Albert V.	Dave S.
Serving Deacon	Ken B.	Peter B.	Doug D.
Music Team	Six Track	Lifted Hearts	Six Track
Children's Message	Joel S.	Corinne S.	Pastor Ken
Nursery	Sjoukje V., Allison B. Justin & Mikala D.	Karl & Krystal H., Isabelle D., Travis A.	Amber B., Lucas H. Justin & Mikala D.
Summer Sunday School	Cailyn B. Miyah B. & Cadence B.	TEACHER NEEDED HELPER NEEDED	TEACHER NEEDED HELPER NEEDED
Coffee Host	Bryan & Cheryl D.	Edward & Janelle V.	Dave & Sandra S.
Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	John & Rina V. Dustin D. & Jeffrey D.	Neels & Dina H. Ryan & Alissa L.	Rita B., Debbie S. Henry & Lorraine A.



FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

RR3 Site 4 Box 6, Rocky Mountain House, T4T 2A3 403.845.6067

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

🎵 As the Deer

Call to Worship

God's Greeting /We Welcome One Another

🎵 I Lift My Eyes Up

Call to Confession/ Prayer of Confession

🎵 Create in me a Clean Heart

Assurance of Pardon

🎵 There is a Redeemer

Children's Message - Joel S.

(Sunday School for ages 3 & 4)

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Offering for Rocky Christian School

Offertory

Scripture - Romans 11:33- Romans 12:8

Message - Everyone has a Place in the Body

🎵 Be Thou My Vision

Blessing

🎵 My Friends May You Grow in Grace

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.firstcrocky.ca or [FirstCRC.RockyMtnHouse on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FirstCRC.RockyMtnHouse)

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 **Cowboy Church**.

† Congratulations to **Doug & Karen D.** celebrating their 45th anniversary **(18)** , **Gary & Shirley V.** who will be celebrating their 40th anniversary **(18)**, and to **Aaron and Colleen T.** who will celebrate their 25th anniversary **(21)**. Happy Birthday to **Gus V.** celebrating his birthday **(21)**, and to **Hank K.** celebrating his birthday **(22)** Blessings to all of you on your special day!

† Congratulations to **Nolan & Anna V.** on the birth of a son, Nash Cohen (July 31). A little brother for Maci & Lincoln and grandson for Gary & Shirley.

† Pastor Ken & Pastor Natasha are on holidays until the last week of August, if there is a pastoral need, please contact your Elder.

† 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 T.**, **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.



"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him...."

~ Psalm 37:5-7 ESV

PAKISTAN: Sisters Accused of Blasphemy

On August 6th, Mohammad Haider claimed that he saw a Christian woman named Sonia Masih putting trash into a bag and then disposing of it. The Muslim man said that when he looked inside the trash bag, it contained ruined pages of the Quran. The next day, Mohammad went to Sonia's home to further investigate the situation, taking two other community members with him. He alleged that Sonia's sister, Saima, had made some inappropriate religious comments to them during the visit, leading the Muslim men to contend that the two Christian sisters committed blasphemy.

Word of the accusations quickly spread throughout the village of Gojra. As a result, an angry mob attacked the Christians that same day, attempting to kill Saima. Other believers in the village were also forced to flee for their safety. The family's lawyer states that Saima would have been lynched if the police had not arrived in time.

Saima denies the accusations and states that, rather than her sister disposing of garbage, Mohammad had asked her for an empty bag which she gave to him. It was this bag, the accuser later claimed, that had contained pages of the Quran. The allegations are believed to derive from a personal vendetta against the women.

Accusations of blasphemy are frequently used in Pakistan to settle personal and business disagreements. Unfortunately, these types of allegations often lead to crimes such as mob violence – and the resulting mass destruction of people's lives, properties and communities. To review previously published reports concerning the persecution of Christians in Pakistan, including those recorded on camera, go to our [country profile](#).

Pray that the truth of these women's innocence will be revealed, and that God would bring about a desire for peace, understanding and tolerance within the hearts of all who oppose them. In the meanwhile, may the Lord grant provision and protection to Sonia and Saima, their family members, as well as the other targeted believers of their community. In the midst of the tensions caused by the false allegations, pray that these followers of Jesus will respond by lovingly extending His compassion, mercy and saving grace to all those around them.

Church Announcements Cont.

Church photo directory. Time has come to update the church photo directory . You will notice many changes as we look at the last directory made in 2020. The photographer is booked for October 2-5. We need 2 volunteers to assist with booking appointments with everyone in the congregation. To get your first pick of appointment time or volunteer to help please call Marlene K.

Last weekend cadets and 10 men headed west with horse and wagon to enjoy hiking, swimming, good eating, building forts, paint ball, devotions around the campfire, freezing at night and did I mention eating? Awe-inspiring would be a fitting word to describe our campsite nestled in the trees against the Clearwater river with the mountains in the background. One of our devotions was the same God who created the mountains created us in His image and as image bearers we also share in the responsibilities that go with it. Thank you to pastor Natasha for helping to craft the devotion.

Also a big thank you to our Art T, Aaron T, Dave VL and Henry A for driving us out there with their teams and wagons, to Jessica H for planning the menu, getting the groceries and making the chili and to Jordan P, Alan O, Mark H, Kelly B and Sheldon B for taking time to spend with the boys. For all those who prayed for us, a big thank you, it was a blessed time.



SRI LANKA: Arrests During House Church Construction

On June 13th, the pastor of God's Kingdom Gospel Church in Kandapola, Sri Lanka, was constructing a house church building, together with the support of other pastors and church leaders, when he was approached by a junior manager. The pastor was questioned by the manager as to whether or not the Christians had permission to build a church.

Shortly after leaving the construction site, the manager returned with several police officers, local Buddhist leaders, and some individuals from another village. Police hurled abusive language at the Christians who were present and physically assaulted the pastor's 14-year-old son. In addition, others who had come to oppose the church building project assaulted some of the pastors who were helping with the construction build. Despite the attack having been perpetrated by members of the opposing group, five pastors and two church workers were arrested instead.

While all the arrested Christians had been released on bail that day, they were then ordered to appear in court the following day. Upon arriving at the courthouse, these same believers had once again been taken into custody; this time, their detainment lasted until June 18th. Although they have since been released, a subsequent court date was scheduled for October 4th. To learn more about the persecution of Christians in Sri Lanka, visit our [country report](#).

Pray that the case involving the accused Christian workers will be quickly resolved and that opportunities would arise to peaceably settle this disagreement between them and those in opposition to the church building project. May the believers involved be able to proceed with the construction of the worship facility without any further interference. As they continue to await the outcome of the court hearing in October, pray that the Lord would guide, equip and empower them so they will wisely discern how to best deal with the situation.

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

Upcoming Offerings

August 18 - Rocky Christian School

Motto: Learning, Loving, and Living for our Lord

Mission: Rocky Christian school is an non-denominational community of Christian believers, dedicated to developing and pursuing excellence in Christ-centered education.

Beliefs: Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the home, the church and the school will work together to equip students to live lives that honour God and contribute to society in positive ways.

August 25 - Local Church Ministries

Local Church Ministries goes to cover all our budget commitments: staff, office expenses, power, heat, insurance, children's programs, mission support and ministry shares.

Gratefully Received August 4-11

Local church ministries 3720.00, Bible League 665.00

Canadian Food Grains Bank 100.00

E-transfers received for July

Local ministries 11,000, World Renew 50.00, Camp fees 600.00, Indigenous ministries 50.00

Youth Group 80.00, Canadian Food Grains Bank 350.00

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

Second Quarter financial statements are available on the table in the foyer.

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)

Church Announcements

Thank you - The family of Dick O. would like to thank Pastor Ken and the congregation for all your visits, thoughts and prayers. The last months have been hard but knowing that we are not alone in this journey, this helps us to be able to go forward. We know that we will see Dick again. To God be the glory.

Jo-Ann, Jessie, Arlyn Raph and Sean

New Address - Please note a new address for Lowell & Chris S.

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 will 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 every 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.

Summer Sunday School teachers & helpers are needed for the 3 & 4 year olds. (August 25 and Sept. 1) There is a sign up sheet outside the classroom. Any questions, contact Bettie V. or Sandra S..

Youth Coming Events - service project at the **Medicine Hat Gleaners August 22-24.**

Lost and Found - items that have been left at church or from summer ministries are on the table by the mailboxes. Please take a look to see if you are missing something.

Church Announcements Cont.

WORSHIP WEEKEND - to be held October 5th at Rimbey CRC. This year again we hope to host a Praise and Harmony event using their materials, singing the book 'Resurrecting God', Songs old and new: Man of Sorrows / Living Hope / Only a Holy God / Who You Say I Am / You Say - to name just a few. The Saturday will begin at 9:30 AM spent learning songs in 4 part harmony (acapella), coffee and lunch will be provided. There will be 2 concerts in the afternoon..the first at the Valleyview Manor in Rimbey and later a presentation at Rimbey CRC to which anyone is invited to attend. The times are yet to be determined. On Sunday, some of the songs will be included in the church service at 10AM and all are welcome to join us, but this is optional. The cost will be \$50.00 for the weekend, and will include the music that you will receive ahead of time (print or USB) If this is of interest to you, email Grace at sygrab@gmail.com for more formation. Pre-registration is required this year. Psalm 108 (The Message) I'm ready, God, so ready, from head to toe. Ready to sing, ready to raise a God-song: I'm thanking you, GOD, out in the streets, singing your praises in town and country.

ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: God Makes All Things New - The fourth major theme of the Bible is that of consummation, the time when God will complete his redemptive plan and make all creation new. Join Groundwork as we study Revelation 21:1-5, Matthew 19:28, Romans 8:18-21, and Ephesians 2:19-22 to see a future where God's presence eradicates suffering and evil, and brings justice and eternal joy and to discuss what it means for us now. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner: Speak God's Life-Giving Words - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Words of life build someone up and point them to the Life Giver - God. God calls us to "build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11) with our words. By using words of life, we can bless others by what we say. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Thrive

Thriving Essentials Overview - Online August 22 - Thriving Essentials is a training course for elders, deacons, church staff, and any volunteer ministry leader. This one-hour webinar will give you an overview of what the full course involves including discussions on four key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Sign up to attend this preview on August 22 (3PM EDT) and discern if the full course is right for your church: crcna.org/Essentials