

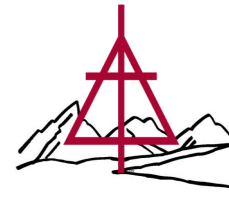
## Upcoming Events

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 7:30 pm Full Council	8:00am Prayer walk meet at tennis courts	12:00pm Bulletin deadline		
September 1	September 2	Sept. 3	Sept. 4	Sept. 5	Sept. 6	Sept. 7
10:00am Worship Service		Office: Cheri-Lynn 7:30 pm Deacons	8:00 am Prayer walk meet at tennis courts 9:00 am Worship Planning Committee Meeting	12:00pm Bulletin deadline		

All bulletins can be found online [www.firstcrocky.ca](http://www.firstcrocky.ca)

Check out our Facebook page (@FirstCRC.RockyMtnHouse) or website ([firstcrocky.ca](http://firstcrocky.ca)) for links to sermons.

Thank you, for all you do!	August 25 Pastor Cecil V.	September 1 Pastor Ken	September 8 Pastor Natasha
<b>Serving Elder</b>	Albert V.	Anthony B.	Randy D.
<b>Serving Deacon</b>	Peter B.	Doug D.	Justin D.
<b>Music Team</b>	Lifted Hearts	Six Track	Mosaic
<b>Children's Message</b>	Corinne S.	Pastor Ken	Joel S.
<b>Nursery</b>	Karl & Krystal H., Isabelle D., Travis A.	Amber B. Lucas H. Justin & Mikala D.	Colleen T., Marie A., Marion R., Jonah D.
<b>Summer Sunday School</b>	Corinne S. HELPER NEEDED	TEACHER NEEDED Penny Butler	
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Edward & Janelle V.	Dave & Sandra S.	Logan & Jaylene V.
<b>Greeters/Coffee Cleanup</b>	Neels & Dina H. Ryan & Alissa L.	Mark & Keanna H. Henry & Lorraine A.	Nic & Shi V. Jo-Ann D. & Arlyn D.



## 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.

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Pastor Natasha Specht- [pastornatasha@rockycrc.ca](mailto:pastornatasha@rockycrc.ca) (Monday -Thursday)

Church Office: Tuesday — Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm [office@rockycrc.ca](mailto:office@rockycrc.ca)



### Morning Worship Service

Welcome

♪ For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Worship

God's Greeting /We Welcome One Another

♪ Power of Your Love

Call to Confession & Prayer

♪ Lord I Need You

Assurance of Pardon

♪ Your Will Be Done

Children's Message - Corinne S.

(Sunday School for ages 3 & 4)

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Offering for Local Church Ministries

Offertory

Scripture - Luke 7:11-23

Message - NO & YES; YES & NO

♪ If You But Trust in God to Guide You

Blessing

♪ Great is Thy Faithfulness

## 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](http://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 **Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church**.

† Congratulations to **Tina K.** who celebrates her birthday today! Blessings to you on your special day!

† Congratulations to **Jim & Margo D.** celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on August 31!

† **Seenie B.** is doing well following hip repair surgery, which took place in Red Deer on Thursday. She had a fall early Tuesday morning at Park Avenue.

† Join Pastor Natasha for worship services at Clearwater Centre (1:15 pm) and Westview Lodge (2:30 pm) today.

† 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.**, and **Elly O.** 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.



**NIGERIA:** Church Building Burned Down

Sources: Morning Star News, Punch, Daily Post, Premium Times, Independent

During the early morning hours of August 10th, the building of the Redeemed Christian Church of God in Kontagora was burned to the ground. Residents in the area reported that they witnessed a group of men loot the church building before setting it on fire. This is the second time that the church facility has been destroyed and, on both occasions, militant Muslim activists are believed to have been responsible.

According to the church's associate pastor, Samson Ogbekor, there were several previous attempts to prevent the congregation from building their facility. Ever since the place of worship was initially burned to the ground ten years ago, the Christians have faced many obstacles while rebuilding.

The destruction has been widely condemned by both members of the government and an association of Muslim imams. The governor of Niger State described the action as a "mindless and cowardly act." In the aftermath of the violent incident, the director of religious affairs called on both Christians and Muslims within the community to "join hands to end antics of enemies of peace trying to cause religious disaffection between them."

Nigeria has been referred to as the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian. Although the violence comes from numerous sources, attacks generally stem from those following a militant Islamic ideology.

***Pray for the members of this congregation as they determine their next steps and look ahead towards the future of their ministry. Ask the Lord to provide these long-suffering congregants needed emotional healing, as well as the financial resources required to replace all that has been looted and destroyed. May their ongoing ministry efforts among the Muslim members of this community serve as catalysts of God's compassion and wonderful message of salvation. Also prayerfully remember to uphold the country's governing officials, asking the Lord to grant them wisdom and guidance as they seek to resolve the ongoing concern of violence.***

*"Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise;  
when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me."  
~ Micah 7:8 ESV ~*

**INDIA:** Concerns of Imminent Violence in Odisha/Sources: VOMC Contacts

Recent reports from reliable sources indicate that Hindu leaders in the state of Odisha are preparing a list of Christian leaders to be attacked during the days to come. Christian leaders have spoken with governing authorities who intend to provide protection. However, the situation is further compounded by the fact that the state is governed by the Hindu nationalist BJP (political party), and the planned attacks coincide with a sensitive time in Hindu/Christian relations.

On August 23rd, 2008, a prominent Hindu leader named Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati was assassinated (learn more). Though evidence revealed that Maoist rebels were responsible for the incident, several Hindu militant groups pointed the blame at the Christians. As a result, major riots erupted in the Kandhamal district of Odisha State. In the violence that ensued, hundreds of churches – along with thousands of homes and other buildings – were destroyed. More than 90 people, the majority of whom had been Christians, were killed in the rampage, and thousands were injured and/or displaced.

Despite a confession from a senior Maoist leader who claimed responsibility for the assassination, suspicions against the country's Christians remain to this day. This year, Hindu leaders are making several demands to honour the slain swami. Along with those demands, the Hindu festival of Janmashtami will be observed on August 25th and 26th in the village of Jalespata where he was murdered.

With hundreds of thousands of Hindu devotees planning to gather in Kandhamal to honour the life of Saraswati (whose murder case was recently reopened), along with threats against Christian leaders in the area, the possibility of violence is significant. While protection will be given to local Christians "as far as possible," the District Magistrate also warns of the many factors that could lead to a riot.

***Please prayerfully uphold the Christians of Kandhamal as they face this potentially volatile situation, asking our Heavenly Father to provide His divine protection to every believer living in this region. Pray that the necessary steps will be taken by the police to prevent any violence from taking place during the upcoming celebration, and that the evidence revealing the true assassins of the 2008 murder will be acknowledged by the Hindu population. May Hindu leaders not only observe this holiday peacefully, but may they also extend the same privilege to the country's Christians who likewise want to practice their faith in peace and freedom.***

### Upcoming Offerings

#### **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.

#### **September 1 - Mountain Rose Women's Shelter**

Shelters are committed to providing safety, competent and ethical care for women, children and seniors who access shelters in Alberta. Best practice requires an integrated community-based response to bring together law enforcement, criminal justice, health, education and community agencies in providing direct services.

The Principle of Responsibility to Society requires shelters to demonstrate concern for the welfare of society generally, and in this context for the welfare of women and families in society. Because it is unjust for segments of society to be devalued or abused, professionals have an ethical responsibility to use their knowledge and power to contribute to change. Shelters may play a leadership role in advocating for social change.

Family Violence is not a private matter...but rather a public issue that impacts on all members of society.

**24 Hour Crisis Line 1.877.845.4141      Phone 403.845.5339**

Mission update from Coleton & Ira G. (Ukraine) on the Deacon's bulletin board in the social hall.

### **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](mailto: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.

## 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](http://www.firstcrocky.ca) (via the CONTACT link or Prayer Ministries link)

## 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 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. (Sept. 1) There is a sign up sheet outside the classroom. Any questions, contact Bettie V. or Sandra S.

**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.

**Worship Weekend** - to be held **October 5th** at Rimbey CRC. This year again we hope to host a Praise and Harmony event, 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](mailto: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."

## Church Announcements Cont.

**Students Attending the University of Alberta** - You are welcomed and invited to meet anytime with the Christian Reformed Campus Minister, Rick M. We have organized meals and times of connection every Tuesday from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. We organize a variety of outings and a Reading Week outing twice a year. The group is made up of diverse and interesting people, persons I meet through my regular "tabling" presence in student residences. Drop by for conversation, advocacy, ideas and direction. Peace to you. [rmast@ualberta.ca](mailto:rmast@ualberta.ca)

## ReFrame Ministries

**Groundwork:** Called To Be God's Prophet - It can be hard, even shocking to follow God's call on our lives and share his message. Join Groundwork as we study Ezekiel 1-3 to learn from Ezekiel's experience and discuss what it means to be called, to be a prophet, and to speak truth. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Kids Corner:** Why Did God Give Me Gifts? - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Take a moment to think about some of the gifts that God has given you. What are you especially good at? What are some of your favorite things that you own? What are some more things that you are thankful for? Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Bible Story Podcast The Parable of the Talents.

**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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

## Resonate Global Mission

**Moving to campus this fall?** - We'd love to help you get connected to a campus ministry community! There are 32 CRC ministries on 40 university and college campuses across North America, gathering students, faculty, and staff to grow together in faith as they engage God's world. To find out if there's a CRC ministry at your campus, please check <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/campus-ministry/partner-campus-ministries>. If there isn't a Christian Reformed ministry at your school, you can locate a nearby CRC here: [crcna.org/church-finder](http://crcna.org/church-finder). For more information about our ministries, or other info about how to grow in faith while you're on campus, please contact us at [campusministry@crcna.org](mailto:campusministry@crcna.org)