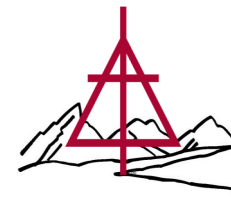


Upcoming Events

October 27	October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2
10:00am Worship Service Sunday School Story Card #164 1:15pm Clearwater Centre 2:30 pm Westview Lodge Youth @ Jos & Janneke S. 7:00pm Sunday Evening Bible Study @ church	7:00 pm Friendship	<i>Office: Cheri-Lynn</i> 9:30am Coffeekbreak 1:30 pm Worship Planning Committee 7:30 pm Transition Full Council Meeting	8:30am Prayer walk meet at tennis courts 1-2:30pm Griefshare 7:00 pm GEMS/Cadets 7:00 pm Catechism	12:00pm Bulletin deadline 9:30 am Craft morning		1:30 pm Community Hymn Sing @ Nazarene Church
November 3	November 4	November 5	November 6	November 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 9
10:00am Worship Service Pastor Cecil Van Niejenhuis Sunday School Story Card #6 Youth @ Blaak's 7:00pm Sunday Evening Bible Study @ church	7:00 pm Friendship 2:00 pm 60+ Bible Study	<i>Office: Josephine</i> 9:30am Coffeekbreak 7:30 pm Deacons	8:30am Prayer walk meet at tennis courts 1-2:30pm Griefshare	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.



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

♪ Take Us to the River
♪ Forever

Call to Worship

♪ This is Amazing Grace

God's Greeting/We welcome one another

Call to Confession & Prayer

♪ How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Assurance of Pardon

Installation of Elders and Deacons

Children's Message - Corinne S.

Acts 28:11-31 Assurance that the Bible is for everyone

Sunday School for ages 3 - Grade 5

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Offering - Local Church Ministries

Offertory

Scripture - Hebrews 7:23-28

Message - The Great High Priest

♪ Before the Throne of God Above

Blessing

♪ Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

HELPS

Thank you, for all you do!	October 27	November 3	November 10
	Pastor Natasha	Pastor Cecil V.	Pastor Ken
Serving Elder	Gary V.	Albert V.	Albert V.
Serving Deacon	Peter B.	Ken B.	Jim D.
Music Team	Mosaic	Lifted Hearts	Mosaic
Children's Message	Corinne S.	Joel S.	Pastor Natasha
Nursery	Margo D., Allison B. Cody & Teagan L.	Karl & Krystal H., Colleen T., Lucas H.	Marie A., Travis A. Justin & Mikala D.
Coffee Host	Justin & Mikala D.	Sheldon & Amber B.	Joel & Corinne S.
Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Dirk & Sandra V. Rennie & Tina K.	Jacob & Jennifer L. Elroy & Arlene L.	Brent & Carolyn A. Jerry & Lena F.

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 - Grade 5 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 the **Withrow Gospel Mission**.

† On September 27, George & Corinne V. were blessed with the birth of a beautiful granddaughter, Zoey Anne Margaret, a daughter for Brittany & Dolan, a sister for MacKenzie, Payton and Georgia.

† Congratulations to **Jacob & Courtney L.** on the birth of a son, **Theodore Jacob**, a little brother for Declan and grandson for Dave & Henriett V..

† **From the B.'s:** Nienke had a bad fall at home a week ago and fractured her hip. She was taken by ambulance to the hospital, immobilized for several days and then submitted to surgery. But with her health condition before the fall, especially the Parkinson's Disease, the outlook is poor. She will never be close to mobile again. And the pain is severe. So Nienke has asked that no heroic measures be taken to prolong her life and that she be given comfort care only. We will soon be meeting with a palliative care specialist and, depending on how events unfold, she will go into a hospice facility. She will not come home again. That's where we are as a family at this time. We covet your prayers.

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



"Heartache forces us to embrace God out of desperate, urgent need. God is never closer than when your heart is aching."

~ Joni Eareckson Tada

SUDAN: Military Officers Arrest Christian Refugees

Amid the ongoing civil war in Sudan, a group of over 100 Sudanese men, women and children travelled to the city of Shendi on the banks of the Nile River in search of refuge from the fighting between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the paramilitary group, RSF. There, the refugees – most of whom are members of the Sudanese Church of Christ – sought shelter in an affiliated church building.

Unfortunately, transferring to this location did not protect the displaced individuals from harassment, as military intelligence officers soon entered the church building to interrogate the refugees. Between October 6th and 11th, all the men over 18 years of age were detained for questioning and accused of being associated with the RSF. Of the 26 men who were taken into custody, 14 were released a few days later. At last report, 12 of the refugees presently remain in detention. To date, these men have not been allowed any visits from their families, nor have they been formally charged with any crimes. They are presently being held by the Al-mudada Unit of Military Intelligence – a group of officers who are notorious for their use of violence and torture against detainees.

With deteriorating conditions in Sudan, the situation for those displaced by the violence is deeply concerning. Christians in the country have encountered opposition from both the government and rebel groups. Recently, believers in the village of Al Thora Mobe in Gezira State were forced to convert to Islam by the RSF paramilitary group presently controlling the area. For more reports outlining the difficulties facing Christians in Sudan, go to our [country profile](#).

Pray that the refugees remaining in the custody of the Sudanese military will soon be safely released and allowed to return to their families. Ask God to meet the practical and spiritual needs of these displaced families, provide them a safe place to live, and pour out His love, hope and strength upon each one. Continue to prayerfully remember the people of Sudan who are enduring the ongoing suffering of civil war, praying for an end to the devastating conflict.

Church Announcements Cont.

Attention Seniors- You are all invited to a Seniors Luncheon on Thursday, November 7 at the Cow Lake Restaurant at 12 noon. To finalize the reservation we will need to know how many will be coming! There is a signup sheet on the table in the social hall or you can call or text Ella . Hope to see you all there.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation (May 27 - June 8, 2025)

Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff W., professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. W. at weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Christmas at Sea is fast approaching here in the Port of Vancouver, and the Ministry to Seafarers is once again preparing Christmas gifts for seafarers who come here at that time. Please send donations for this project either by cheque to Ministry to Seafarers, 401 E Waterfront Rd, Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9. Or you can donate online through our website, ministrytoseafarers.com. Either way, be sure to designate your gift for the Christmas at Sea fund. Thank you!

Reframe Ministries

Groundwork: How to Live as Christians - In closing his first letter to the early Christians, Peter offers some final advice that remains valuable for us today. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 4-5 to hear Peter's instructions for acting with love and humility, his assurance that God indeed cares, and his encouragement to stand firm in our faith because we are not alone and God makes us strong. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner: Beatitude 4: Filling Up with Obedience - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What does it mean to do what's right and listen to God? God can ask us to do things that might seem hard, like being patient or helping others. Obeying God means knowing and loving God and doing things that improve the world. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Liz and Friend Story Podcast Trust and Obey.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is Reformation Sunday, when churches in a variety of Reformed denominations celebrate the work of Martin Luther and others who influenced generations of Reformed churches like those in the CRCNA. The "five solas" provide a helpful summary of Reformed faith teaching: solo Christus (Christ alone), sola gratia (grace alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola scriptura (Scripture alone), and soli deo gloria (glory to God alone). Spend time reflecting on these solas this week, thinking individually or discussing as a family how important these are in your relationship with Christ. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

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

Upcoming Offerings

October 27 - 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.

November 3 - World Renew

World Renew conducts disaster relief and development programs in *Canada* and throughout the world on behalf of the Christian Reformed Church.

Gratefully Received October 13 - 20

Local Ministries \$3352, Lord's Foodbank \$2460, Thrive \$718, Voice of the Martyrs \$500, Canadian Food Grains Bank \$6100

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.

Cheque - 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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 27 - Installation of Elders & Deacons

Worship services at Clearwater Centre (1:15 pm) and Westview Lodge (2:30 pm)

Sunday, November 3 - Pastor Cecil V. (Pastor Ken & Pastor Natasha are at the Pastor & Spouse Retreat)

Sunday, November 10 - Lord's Supper

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.firstcrcrocky.ca (via the CONTACT link or Prayer Ministries link)

From Council

Council is grateful for those who let their names stand for elders and deacons, the results of last Sundays lot draw are for Deacon Jim d. and Mark H., and for elder Cody L., Joel S., John M. and Sheldon B.. May God bless you all as you serve your terms here at First CRC.

If you know of anyone that we should be keeping in our prayers for various reasons, council asks that you please call Pastor Ken, Pastor Natasha, 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., and Justin D.

Third quarter financial statements are on the table in the foyer or the office

From the Finance Committee

Third quarter financial statements are on the table in the foyer or the office.

Church Announcements

Cadets are going to be doing some woodworking projects and are looking for some items to have in the shop. They are still in [need of a belt sander](#). Thank you to those who have donated items so far, it is greatly appreciated!

Cadets Firewood fundraiser - Yes, once again cadets will be selling split spruce and pine firewood in November. Cost is \$300 per trailer load, approximately 1 cord and will be delivered on Saturday, November 9. To book, please let a cadet know or go higher up the chain and contact Mark H., Bob A., Jordan P., Alan O., Devon P. or John M.

60+ Bible Study will be starting **Monday November 4 @ 2:00pm**. We will be studying a video series called "In the Dust of the Rabbi." If you have any questions, please contact Wilma T. or Pastor N..

Church Announcements

Calling all Men – Nov 1-3, Frontier Lodge is hosting another Sons and Brothers Men's Retreat.

There's great food, engaging teaching, personal time, optional outdoor activities and times to connect with the other men from our church. Arrive between 4 and 6pm on the Friday and it all wraps up at 2pm on Sunday. The cost is \$199. Register online at Frontierlodge.ca/sons-and-brothers. Don't miss it! Let Pastor Ken know if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Noise Getting to You? Tired of Busy? Since January 2005 **InterMission Silent Retreat** has offered time away for prayer and self reflection, and rest. Consider Jesus's invitation, "Come away with me by yourself and get some rest." 2 nights accommodation, 5 meals, private room, up to 3 sessions of spiritual direction, all the amenities of the retreat centre. Nov. 1-3, Star of the North Retreat Centre, St. Albert. \$500. To register email rev.klok@gmail.com

This October, we invite you to be a **friend of Rehoboth** - help us raise to raise \$250,000 to support Rehoboth programs and services in Coaldale/Lethbridge, Calgary/Airdrie, Three Hills, Edmonton/Spruce Grove/Stony Plain and Grande Prairie. Check out www.rcmflourish.ca/donate

Let's Join the Fight to End Global Hunger! - In communities where World Renew works, extreme weather, conflict, and the lingering economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have left families grappling with hunger. We are providing emergency food helps, but World Renew understands that families need long-term solutions to food insecurity. In two weeks, let's join the fight to end global hunger. Your gift can help World Renew provide communities with life-transforming training and resources so they can overcome hunger, not just today, but for generations. For more information, go to: www.worldrenew.ca/worldhunger

Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way. There are some shoeboxes and labels on the table in the foyer. Get yours today! Bring your filled box to Living Branches Community Church the week of November 18-24.