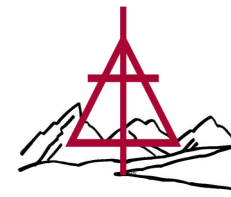


Upcoming Events

November 17	November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21	November 22	November 23
10:00am Worship service We celebrate Lord's Supper Sunday School card # 11 Youth lunch @ Covenant CRC and singing at the Ravine's at 3pm 7:00pm Bible study @ Church	7:00pm Friendship	<i>Office: Josephine</i> 9:30am Coffeekbreak 1:00pm Senior's Bible Study 7:30pm Elders	8:30am Prayer meeting in prayer room 1-2:30pm Griefshare	12:00pm Bulletin deadline	5-7pm GEMS Chili Supper Fundraiser	
November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30
10:00am Worship service Sunday School card #12 Youth at Natalie & Lorraine H. 7:00pm Bible study @ Church	7:00pm Friendship	<i>Office: Cheri-Lynn</i> 9:30am Coffeekbreak 7:30pm Full Council	8:30am Prayer meeting in prayer room 1-2:30pm Griefshare 7:00pm GEMS & Cadets 7:00pm Catechism	12:00pm Bulletin deadline 9:30am Crafting group 1:30pm WPC meeting	7-9pm Youth Mall Madness (Bower Mall)	

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

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

♪ Come Thou Fount

Call to Worship

God's Greeting/We welcome one another

♪ Boldly I Approach

Lord's Supper

♪ Cornerstone

♪ Living Hope

Children's Message - Elroy L.

Sunday School for ages 3 - Grade 5

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Offering - Refugee Sponsorship

Offertory

Scripture - Hebrews 10:19-39; 12:1-3

Message - A Serving of Salad - Lots of Let Us!

♪ In Christ Alone

Blessing

♪ Blessed Be Your Name

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Thank you, for all you do!	November 17	November 24	December 1
	Pastor Ken	Pastor Ken	Pastor Ken
Serving Elder	Sheldon B.	Alan H.	Karl H.
Serving Deacon	Justin D.	Mark H.	Lorraine A.
Music Team	The Experience	Six Track	The Experience
Children's Message	Elroy L.	Joel S.	Pastor Ken
Nursery	Marion R., Corinne V. Annette D., Jonah D.	Janelle V., Brenda B. Marisa P., Teslynn A.	Sara D., Rita B., Marlene D., Shanelle T.
Coffee Host	Ken & Cheri-Lynn B.	Albert & Sjoukje V.	Hank & Betty K.
Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Thomas & Alyssa D. Don & Marion R.	Jamie & Rhianna M. Cody & Teagan L.	Robert & Brenda B. Pierre & Ria J.

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.firstcrocky.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 **Memorial Presbyterian Church**.

† 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. Pray that God's Word will spread. Obstacles must be removed to allow God's Word to be spread rapidly and freely and missionaries need strength to continue on in the face of opposition or difficulties. Just as Aaron & Hur supported Moses' arms in battle against the Amalekites (Ex. 17:12), you can strengthen the arms of missionaries by supporting them through your prayers; for strength and stamina as they encounter antagonistic spiritual forces (Eph. 6:10-18), that people will resist Satan's plans to obstruct the spread of the gospel (James 4:7) and that God's Word will indeed spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes.

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, Pastor Natasha, an elder or deacon.

Elders are

Anthony B., Sheldon B., Alan H., Karl H., Jessica H., Cody L., John M., Alan O., Joel S., Chris T. and Gary V.

Deacons are

Lorraine A., Peter B., Ken B., Jim D., Justin D., and Mark H.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 1 (6:00 pm) Community Christmas Service

Sunday, December 22 - Lord's Supper



"Our ministry of intercession is made possible only because of Christ's continuing ministry of intercession."

~ Richard Foster ~

SUDAN: Displaced Christians Driven From Their Homes

Sources: Morning Star News, SPLM-N

Residents of the Al-Makniya area of Sudan's River Nile state drove 34 displaced Christians from their homes on October 19th. Those responsible for the displacement explained that they did not want any Christians nor black people in the area.

The recently expelled Christians had previously fled conflict in Omdurman, a city located near the capital of Khartoum, before seeking shelter in the Al-Makniya area. According to one of the affected believers, some of the local residents falsely accused the Christian refugees of stealing livestock and "violating public morals." However, police later confirmed that the hostility towards the believers was religiously motivated and had nothing to do with those accusations.

Initially, about 30 people from the neighbourhood approached the Christians, asking them to leave. When that did not work, the opposing villagers returned with more supporters. Some days later, when the Christian refugees were approached for a third time, the majority of originating Al-Makniya community members rallied together against them. Given only three days to vacate the area, the refugees were forced to leave on October 19th without any help or protection from the authorities.

Some of the displaced believers have since moved on to the city of Sendi, while others returned to Omdurman, despite the ongoing violence there. "We are currently in a very bad humanitarian situation, as we have lost our shelter," reported one of the exiled Christians. With concerns for the welfare of the children, women and elderly among them, the believer spoke of another major setback to their survival: "We have lost our livelihoods [which helped to] provide for our basic daily needs."

During this time of uncertainty, please pray that the Lord will meet the urgent needs of our displaced Sudanese brothers and sisters in Christ who have once again been forced to uproot their families and restart their lives in a different part of this war-torn nation. Ask God to provide these precious believers divine protection and strength, as well as the wisdom and guidance they need to determine what steps to take next. As they seek His direction, and endeavor to live honorably for Him, may they not only find physical refuge in a safe and welcoming location, but also spiritual refuge and solace in the reassuring presence and provision of their Heavenly Father – powerful reminders of His steadfast love for them.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Advent begins on December 1. How will you celebrate the season of Advent this year? Whether you light an Advent wreath at home each week, use a Jesse Tree devotional guide, or follow a daily Advent calendar—there are lots of ways to prepare your heart for the celebration of Christ's coming at Christmastime. Gather any supplies you'll need, and check out the helpful ideas in this post: bit.ly/ThriveAdventResources. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Chaplaincy Sunday - Today churches throughout the CRCNA take time to pray for and encourage the frontline work of chaplains. Thrive endorses, trains, advocates, and provides care for these specialized ministers and pastors as they serve in institutional settings. Support this essential and exciting ministry focus of Thrive by giving at: crcna.org/Chaplaincy/Donate

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Beatitude 7: Peacemakers - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Matthew 5:9 says, "God blesses those people who make peace. They will be called his children! God wants each of us to do our part to bring peace to the world. When we do that, God's love spreads. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids in Action video Bookmarks for Peace.

Groundwork: The Day of the Lord - Have you ever wondered what will happen when Christ returns? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 2 Peter 3 to reflect on God's divine timing and patience, and learn from Peter what we should expect and how we can live holy, purposeful lives in light of the coming Day of the Lord. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Resonate Global Mission

A Unique Mission Trip for Teenagers - Join a group of teenagers from multiple countries on a trip across three Central American countries (Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Guatemala) to learn more about these countries' histories and learn how local ministry leaders are working to meet the needs of communities in difficult realities. This is a great opportunity to grow in your faith and understanding of mission! Learn more and apply online at www.resonateglobalmission.org/encounter

Thank you for joining together to share the transformative love of Jesus around the world! Your church's generosity echoes across 44 countries, equipping your missionaries and ministry leaders to walk alongside new believers and people who are seeking the love of Christ. Through your prayer, care, and gifts, you are helping shine the light of Christ to the ends of the earth. We couldn't do it without you! Your congregation's support through Resonate equips your missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and ministry leaders to introduce the gospel to new communities and form deep, lasting connections with the people they serve. You play a crucial role in making these ministries possible both at home in your neighborhood and overseas. Mission work unites us—and your belief in God's purpose for the entire Christian Reformed Church is a powerful reminder of the impact we can make when we work as the body of Christ. Thank you for partnering together to join God on mission. During all seasons—and especially during a season of giving—I hope you know how grateful Resonate is for your church's unwavering support!

In Christ, Kevin D., Director

Deacon's Corner ~ Lorraine A., Peter B., Ken B., Jim D., Justin D., Mark H.

Upcoming Offerings

November 17 - Refugee Sponsorship

The Deacons are working with The River Church, in Edmonton, to sponsor the Saydeh family. See the prayer/information card in the bulletin for more information and join us as we assist and pray for the family to immigrate to Canada.

November 24 - Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Working together to end global hunger! Canadian Foodgrains Bank is rooted in the belief that humankind is created in the image of God and that it is God's desire that no person should go hungry.

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.

75th Anniversary

With Remembrance Day just past and thinking ahead to our church's 75th anniversary in 2025, it seemed a good time to be looking at the historical facts and people's anecdotes about life during the forties, the mass exodus of Dutch people to Canada and more specifically to Alberta and Rocky Mountain House.

Watch the bulletin each week where we'll all take a walk down memory lane.

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

Updating the phone directory - if you have had a change in address or phone number (a cell number instead of a land line), or you would like to have a church mailbox, please contact Lena F. or the office.

Tired of cooking? GEMS are hosting a **Chili Dinner November 22, 5:00 -7:00pm**. Drop by anytime throughout the 2 hours. Dinner is by donation. Feel free to contact Alyssa D. with any questions.

Friendship has been blessed with several new friends (5 in the past few weeks) and is **REALLY** in need of more teachers. It would be wonderful if each friend had their own teacher. Please prayerfully consider helping in this outreach for our community. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, contact Corinne S. or Sjoukje V.

Cadets Thank you - It seems fitting after a safe and successful Cadet firewood fundraiser to say thank you: to the parents, grandparents and friends of the cadets who were there Saturday working up a sweat running chainsaws, splitters and a wood processor. Thank you to those who let us use their log splitters, trucks and trailers and to Jo-Ann O. for letting us take over the V & O yard for 2 days. Lastly, we are deeply grateful to Dick O., who before he passed away this spring, made sure that Cadets had free logs to turn into firewood. We thank God for the blessing of community!

Advent is approaching, and this season can be filled with many different emotions ranging from joy and sadness. Pastor Natasha and Bettie would like to invite you to a **4 week Advent Bible Study**. We will be meeting on Monday, **November 25 @ 10:00 am** at Bettie and Gordon's home. Please contact Natasha or Bettie V. if you are interested.

Pregnancy Care Centre Annual Dessert Evening Fundraiser - will be on **Thursday, December 5th**. This is a free event, but please register, (RSVP by November 25 403.871.5111), so we can ensure you and your guests are seated comfortably. For more information check poster on bulletin board in the hallway.

Attention Seniors - we are planning a Christmas Social for **Monday, December 9**, in the social hall. Please save the date! Watch the bulletin for more information in next week's bulletin.

Church Announcements

The Immanuel Lutheran Playschool is looking for someone to fill the position of **Playschool Director** starting Aug 2025. The potential candidate needs to love working with children and families, have a current Child Care Worker certification, and will be able to provide a safe, educational, fun and God praising experience for every child that attends, and be a regularly attending member of a church. If you are interested, please send your resume to office@rockylutherans.com. A job posting is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Collection week - Bring your filled box to Living Branches Community Church November 18 - 24.

Tickets for U of A Chaplains' Festival of Lessons & Carols are available now! Start this Christmas in reverent reflection and anticipation on **Monday, December 2, 7:30 PM**. Join in this festive tradition heralding Advent and Christmas through lessons, anthems and carols! Thrill to the music of the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus and Handbell Ringers. Sing Christmas carols and hear scripture readings alongside hundreds of others - a wholesome night out, a genuine highlight. Tickets are \$25 (plus some admin fees) and can be purchased online from Winspear or by calling the Box Office at 780.428.1414

Dave Ramsey Financial Workshop The Bethel CRC, Lacombe Deacons are excited to offer a 3-part workshop led by a Dave Ramsey presenter. During this workshop, we will learn:

- How to deal with debt
- How to invest wisely for the future
- How to give generously
- How to live our biblical truths regarding money.

If you are interested, please mark your calendars for **January 11, 18 & 25, 2025** from 9 - 3:00pm. Registration is \$80.00 per participant (includes lunch on all three Saturdays, book, and workbook) To register please use the QR code, or email bchurch2@shaw.ca Registration deadline is December 14.

The Interim Committee of Classis Alberta North

Classis Treasurer – to commence July 1, 2025. The treasurer looks after all the financial matters for Classis and should have a basic understanding of book-keeping. The treasurer serves on the Classis Interim Committee (CIC) which meets about 9 times a year in Edmonton to conduct the affairs of Classis between classis meetings. The treasurer is also an ex officio member of the Student Support Team, which meets 3 times a year. The treasurer will be supported by Mike Vos who will continue to serve as alternate treasurer. For more information, contact Mike Vos, Classis Treasurer, at classistreasurer@gmail.com.

Alternate Stated Clerk – to commence in March of 2025. That alternate stated clerk fills in for the Stated Clerk when that person is unable to fulfil the duties of that position. Stated clerk duties include preparing the agenda, support documents and minutes for all Classis meetings and meetings of the Classis Interim Committee, as well as looking after all Classis correspondence. The stated clerk also serves on the Classis Interim Committee (CIC) which meets about 9 times a year in Edmonton to conduct the affairs of Classis between classis meetings. For more information contact Gary Duthler, Stated Clerk, at classisstatedclerk@gmail.com.