

Upcoming Events

January 5	January 6	January 7	January 8	January 9	January 10	January 11
10:00am Worship service Sunday School card #13 Youth Gym Night	7:00pm Friendship	<i>Office: Cheri-Lynn</i> 8:30am prayer meeting 7:30pm Deacons	10:00am Prayer meeting 7:00pm GEMS & Cadets 7:00pm Catechism	12:00pm Bulletin deadline		8:-10 pm Men's Bowling Night
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
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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!	January 5	January 12, 2025	January 19
	Pastor Ken	Pastor Ken	Pastor Ken
Serving Elder	Joel S.	Anthony B.	Sheldon B.
Serving Deacon	Mark H.	Ken B.	Jim D.
Music Team	Mosaic	Six Track	Lifted Hearts
Children's Message	Pastor Natasha	Joel S.	Corinne S.
Nursery	Kelsey O., Karl & Krystal O. Allison B.	Amber B., Lucas H. Justin & Mikala D.	Cody & Teagan L. Colleen T., Travis A.
Coffee Host	Andrew & Delanea D.	John & Nancy D.	Ryan & Alissa L.
Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Kyle & Trina A. Bryan & Cheryl D.	Bruce & Joanne T. Cheryl T., Rhonda T.	Doug & Penny B. Mark & Jessica H.



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

♪ Your Will Be Done

Responsive Call to Worship

God's Greeting/We welcome One Another

♪ Open the Eyes/Holy Holy Holy

Call to Confession

♪ Faithful One

Assurance of Pardon

♪ Jesus Strong and Kind

Offering for Local Church Ministries

Offertory - Year End Review

Children's Message - Pastor Natasha

Sunday School for ages 3 - Grade 5

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Scripture - John 1:6-12, 19-35

Message - One Who Stands Among You

♪ Lord, I Want to Know You More

Blessing

♪ Hope of the Nations

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 **Withrow Gospel Mission**.

† Congratulations to **Joan S.** (9) as she celebrates her birthday this week.

† Pray for **Marilyn H.** and **Cheryl T.** as they recuperate from their surgeries and **Pearl V.** who are currently in the Rocky Hospital.

† We will be praying for **Aaron T.** as his back surgery was postponed.

† We pray for those at home: **Sylvia D, Marvin W., 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. Missionaries are regular people who fear pain and rejection as much as anyone else. When faced with opposition, they need God's strength to help them stand firm. Pray ...That the Holy Spirit will provide missionaries with words that communicate effectively in other cultures and languages.....That they will have boldness to overcome the fear of embarrassment or failure.....Against evil forces that would seek to hinder the spread of the gospel.

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.

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OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE BOOKS

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Church Announcements Cont.

Men's Bowling Night- Come test your skills at Rocky Bowling Lanes this Saturday, January 11th from 8-10pm. All men High School age and up are welcome. The cost is \$25.00 which will include 2 hours of bowling plus pizza and drinks! Friends are welcome!

Men' Video/Book Study- On January 16th, a 6 week men's Video/Book Study will be starting at church on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. We will be watching and discussing videos based on John Eldridge's book, Wild at Heart. Reading the book won't be required but may be helpful for discussions so if you'd like a copy, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall or let Pastor Ken know.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: God's Guidance - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Ask yourself, "How can you tell what God wants you to do?" Spoiler Alert: the key is to remember who God is. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: Learning from the Sins of King David - Complacency and desperation lead David to compound sin upon sin as he unsuccessfully relies on his own power and abilities to right his wrongs. Join Groundwork as we explore 2 Samuel 11 to study David's fall from grace, the consequences of his actions, and how his journey can illuminate our own path toward honesty, repentance, and a life that pleases the Lord. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Psalms 119:11 – Coded Word Challenge

To the teacher: To make this activity more challenging, students can be timed; the fastest time wins!

Each number in the box stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct number in the blank to put the word into the code.

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

Upcoming Offerings

January 5 - 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.

January 12- ReFrame Ministries

ReFrame Ministries exists to **tell God's Story using today's media**. As part of our mission to share the gospel, disciple believers, and strengthen the church at home and abroad, we have made these useful resources available for everyone.

Gratefully Received December 22, 25, and 29th

Local Church Ministries 19,468, Pregnancy Care Centre 1981, World Renew 1323
Tribal Trails 250, The Lord's Foodbank 1000

E-transfers Received December 2024

Local \$44,050 Lords Foodbank 1,350.00 Wycliffe 350
Pregnancy Care Centre 300 World Renew 500

Deacons will have **coupons available for purchase** in denominations of \$2, 5, 10, following the service on each Sunday following.

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. Coupons can be directly purchased from a Deacon, in the Council room on Sunday mornings.

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 January 26 - 75th Anniversary Music Event

Tuesday, February 25 - Congregational Meeting

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.

Memories leading up to our 75th Anniversary

From the Canadian War Museum

Canadians played an important role in the liberation of the German occupied Netherlands during the Second World War, forging lasting bonds between the two nations.

Canadians landed in France on D- Day -June 6, 1944 - fighting through the summer in the Normandy campaign. Afterwards they advanced northeast through France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

In October and November 1944, Canadian and Allied forces defeated the Germans blocking the Scheldt Estuary. This allowed the liberation of southern parts of the Netherlands and gave Allied ships access to the vital port of Antwerp, Belgium. The First Canadian Army had to clear the Germans out. They used bombers to destroy dikes and flood the heavily fortified Island of Walcheren. In five weeks of fighting, the First Canadian Army suffered nearly 13,000 dead, wounded or missing, including 6367 Canadians.

After pushing into Germany in early 1945, Canadian and Allied forces liberated large parts of the Netherlands in April and May.

75th Anniversary Musical Celebration

75th ANNIVERSARY Event- to be held on **Sunday, January 26th at 4:00pm.** We are planning a program of singing and special music, which will include the organ as well as other instruments. We hope to have special guest and sharing of memories. Save the date and think about how you might participate. We will keep you posted on further details.

We also hope to have a choir start for this event- practices will be every Sunday after church until January 26th. Please stay after church TODAY if you would like to sing with us! Everyone is welcome!

75th Anniversary Upcoming Event

Mark your calendars, we are planning a church campout to celebrate our **75th anniversary on August 22-24th.** We look forward to hosting this campout to enjoy God's creation together as a church family!

Church Announcements

Happy New Years! I will be away for holidays from January 6-12 and on a study week from 13th -17th.
Pastor Natasha

Beginning January 19th @ 7:00 pm, here at Church in the council room, Pastor Natasha will be starting a new Bible Study on Romans. If you are interested, please let Natasha or the office know.

A BIG THANK YOU to Pastor Ken and Pastor Natasha and all the gifted volunteers who made all the special Christmas events possible. We are so blessed to have you! *Ella V.*

Friendship has been blessed with several new friends 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.

Griefshare is a support group that helps and encourages people after the death of a loved one. This 13 week group provides valuable guidance and tips that can lead to relief, comfort, and peace of mind. We are beginning a new session on **Monday, January 13th, at 7:00 pm.** If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Natasha or Jeannette S.

A Couples Bible study - will be starting in January on Friday evenings (date to be determined). If you are interested or need more information contact Sjoukje V.

Thankyou for the prayers and phone calls, I am slowly getting better. Your visits are welcome! Cheryl T.

What a wonderful group of people came out on Christmas morning to bring joy to everyone in the Rocky hospital! We enjoyed you all while you were here and for many hours after throughout the day. Thank you to each of you who came, putting your Christianity into action. Bless you all. Marilyn

Christian Stewardship Services is hosting open Q & A sessions every week this winter to answer all your questions on charitable giving and estate planning. Each session will have a 10 minute introduction, an interactive Q&A on any charitable giving and estate planning questions. The first four topics are: *Multiplying your Gift, Pets, Life Insurance, adding a Charity child and Cryptocurrency.* Explore the topics and register at cssservice.ca/winter-conversations-2025/ More information is on the bulletin board.

Warming Shelter - In Response to a Town Council initiative, a Group of organizations including the local churches, are working to start a Warming Shelter for the homeless in our community. Sadly, there are a significant number in our area who do not have the protection of a warm home. The Shelter will operate from 10pm to 7am each night and will be located at the Foodbank. It will require 2 volunteer staff each night along with one paid staff. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving as a volunteer with this ministry, please contact Lindsay Hunt at lhunt@mrwsa.net Pray that sufficient funding will be made available and that staff and volunteers can be found so that we can provide a warm and safe place for people in our community this winter.