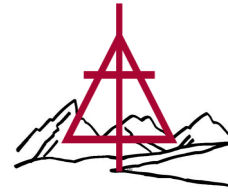


Upcoming Events

Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 21	Sept. 22	Sept. 23
10:00am Worship Service Sunday School Story Card #69		<i>Office: Josephine</i> 7:30pm Elders	12:00pm Senior's Luncheon at Pine Hills Golf Course	12:00pm Bulletin deadline		
Sept. 24	Sept. 25	Sept. 26	Sept. 27	Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30
10:00am Worship Service Lord's Supper 1:15pm Clearwater Center 2:30pm Westview Lodge Sunday School Story Card #70		<i>Office: Keanna</i> 7:30pm Full Council	7:30pm WPC	12:00pm Bulletin deadline		

All bulletins can be found online www.firstcrcrocky.ca

Check out our Facebook page (@FirstCRC.RockyMtnHouse) or website (firstcrcrocky.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

Church Office: Josephine: Tuesday — Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm

Keanna: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm; Thursday 12:45pm to 2:45pm



	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1
Thank you, for all you do!	Pastor Ron D.	Pastor Ken D.	Pastor Ken D.
Serving Elder	Alan D.	John D.	Jeannette S.
Serving Deacon	Justin D.	Tanya P.	Lowell S.
Music Team	Lifted Hearts	Six Track	Mosaic
Children's Message	Elroy L.	Joel S.	Corinne S.
Nursery	Mark & Keanna H., Cailyn B., Miyah B.	Shi V., Marlene D., Kayley T., Ruth D.	Anita M., Margo D., Sjoukje V., Lucas H.
Coffee Host	Zach & Cailyn B.	Gary & Shirley V.	Henry & Lorraine A.
Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Dave & Sandra S. Lowell & Chris S.	John & Jean B. Jerry & Lena F.	Rita B. & Debbie S. Mark & Jessica H.

Morning Worship Service

<p style="text-align: center;">♪ For the Music of Creation</p> <p>Welcome Call to Worship</p> <p>God's Greeting and We Welcome One Another ♪ I Lift Your Name</p> <p>Lord's Supper Preparation ♪ I Lift My Eyes Up</p> <p>God's Will for Our Lives ♪ Trust and Obey</p>	<p>Children's Message— Elroy L. Sunday School for Ages 3 to Grade 5</p> <p>Announcements and Congregational Prayer</p> <p>Offering - Mountain Rose Women's Shelter Offertory</p> <p>Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-9 Message: What Are You Running From? ♪ Faithful One</p> <p>Parting Blessing ♪ Salvation Belongs To Our God</p>
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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 to 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

*"...Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16 ~

† 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 **Immanuel Lutheran Church**.

† Birthday congratulations go out to **Henry A.** who will celebrate his birthday on **Sept. 20th**. May God bless you in the coming year.

† We pray for those at home: **Pearl V., Elly O., Anneke O., Sylvia D.** and **Joe & Lena V.**. For those at care facilities: **Tonia T.** (Westview Lodge), **Diane W.**, and **Dick O.** (Clearwater Centre); **Seenie B.** and **Dick O.** (Park Avenue), and 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., Jessica H., Alan O., John O., Jeannette S., Chris T., Dave S. Albert V. and Janelle V. Your *Deacons* are Peter B., Doug D., Justin D., Tanya P., Lowell S. and Nic V.



*"It is impossible for that man to despair who
Remembers his Helper is omnipotent."*

~ Jeremy Taylor

NIGERIA: Seminary Student Dies in Fire

Sources: ACN International, Catholic News Agency, Daily Post

In what appears to have been a failed kidnapping attempt, a Catholic seminary student died of smoke inhalation on September 7th after the parish rectory was set on fire. The priest and his ministry assistant were able to escape the fire, but 25-year-old Na'aman Danlami was unable to get out of the building in time.

According to news reports, Fulani bandits attempted to enter the rectory of the St. Raphael parish in Fadan Kamantan, a town located in southern Kaduna State. It is believed that they intended to kidnap the parish priest, Emmanuel Okolo. Unable to gain access into the building, the assailants set the residence on fire. The assault lasted for more than an hour, even though a military checkpoint is situated only a kilometre away. The attackers eventually fled the area.

Addressing concerns over this recent incident, the chair for the Kaduna Chapter of the Christian Association of Nigeria, Rev. John Joseph Hayab, stated: "Security is everyone's business; it is disappointing that this kind of unholy activity could be recorded at the heart of [the] Fadan Kamantan community, and [that] the criminals operate unchallenged. It is a slap to the security forces within that jurisdiction. It is a slap to the religious leaders, [as well as to the] traditional and community leaders." For more information on the violence being encountered by Nigerian Christians.

Pray for all those who are now mourning the loss of this young Christian man. May each one of these grieving believers be filled with God's love, comfort and perfect peace through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. In the midst of ongoing attacks perpetrated by the members of various militant groups, please continue to prayerfully uphold our persecuted Nigerian brothers and sisters in Christ, asking the Lord to provide greatly needed protection to those in Kaduna and other areas of this troubled African nation.

Reframe Ministries

Kids Corner: God Gives Relief - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. STRESS! This is a word you might hear a lot. It seems like everyone is stressed about something. What can you do about the stress in your life? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "Homework Alert."

Groundwork: God is Sovereign Over All - We will find ourselves in many different situations throughout our lives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study the dreams of King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 2 and 4 to remember that in all things, no matter the situation, God is sovereign and in control. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



NEPAL: Church Attacked as Part of Growing Trend

Source: International Christian Concern

Two churches in the same town of Nepal's Lumbini Province were attacked during the first four days of September. Reports describing the incident indicate that damage was done to the facilities of both churches, as well as to a motorbike. In one photograph, two men identified as pastors are shown being assaulted on the street. A sticky black substance was smeared on their faces in an act considered a cultural sign of disrespect and hatred.

These attacks are only the latest in a series of at least seven incidents of violence against churches in Nepal over a two-week period. While addressing the recent wave of attacks, a Nepalese human rights leader stated that the lack of response from authorities has encouraged perpetrators to increase their persecution of the Christian community. "It's spreading like wildfire," he said.

Nepal has strict anti-conversion laws, which have been an impetus for opposition against the country's Christian population. Anyone convicted of participating in proselytization of any kind faces a sentence of up to six years in prison. For more information on the persecution facing followers of Jesus in Nepal.

On behalf of the Christians in Nepal who are experiencing increased persecution, please pray for their needed protection, guidance and encouragement as they faithfully seek to fulfill Christ's mandate to share the Gospel message. May the Lord provide the members of these recently attacked churches with the resources required to repair the damages inflicted by hostile community members. Additionally, pray that the authorities would take action to prevent further violence against our Nepalese brothers and sisters in Christ, bringing to justice those who are responsible for these attacks.

Deacon's Corner ~ Peter B., Doug D., Justin D., Tanya P., Lowell S., Nic V.

Upcoming Offerings

September 17 - Mountain Rose Women's Shelter

Our mission is to build on our abilities to meet individual, family, & the changing needs of those impacted by gender-based violence by providing trauma-informed services, increase community engagement, and championing the voices of all survivors by creating safe spaces for help, hope, and healing.

September 24 - Local Church Ministries

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

Gratefully Received September 3 & 10

Local Ministries \$3,121 Resonate Global Mission \$741

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.

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

From the Office - With the start of programs, meetings and other bookings, please contact the office to set up your meetings and times, so there is no conflict with scheduling. Thank you!

Senior's Luncheon - We are planning to have another SENIORS LUNCHEON on **Wednesday, September 20th at the Pine Hills Golf Course at 12:00 noon**. We'll need to know how many are coming - there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Social Hall or you contact Ella V.. All seniors are welcome and if you need a ride please let us know.

Hello Men! - You are invited to a **Men's Retreat at Frontier Lodge** from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon (**Oct 27-29**). Last year, those who attended were truly blessed and we look forward to another great weekend of deepening friendship, adventure, growth and great food! For more information or to register, please go to www.frontierlodge.ca/sons-and-brothers.

Clearwater Center & Westview Lodge - our church will be putting on the service at the care facilities on **September 24th**. The service at the **Clearwater Center will begin at 1:15pm** and the service at the **Westview Lodge will begin at 2:30pm**. Everyone is welcome to join!

Found - a Starkey remote on a lanyard was found in the church parking lot on August 27th. Please see the office if it is yours.

Northern Crossing Music and Drama Society's Christmas Concert is **December 6th and 7th**, this year. We are extending an invitation to everyone who has a love of singing Christmas music! Our rehearsals begin **Monday, September 18th, 6:45 – 9:15 pm at Ecole Rocky Elementary** in the McCabe room. Rehearsals run every Monday, same time, same place with the one night weekly commitment till we move into the Centre December 3rd. December 4th, 5th are rehearsals with December 6th and 7th for the shows.

CAPCC Dessert Evening - The **Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Centre** (Rocky Mountain House) will once again be having their **Dessert Evening and Silent Auction on November 30th, 2023**. We are looking for volunteers to help with the planning of the event and to help on the day of. If this is something that you are able and willing to do, please contact Tammy B. by email at tammy@pregnancycares.ca.

Standing for the sanctity of life for the Pre-born - Proverbs 31:8 gives us courage in our convictions to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute." Take part in Christ's great commission! Join us at **Highway 2A at Woodland Dr., Lacombe**, on Saturday, **September 30, 2023 at 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm** or at **32nd St at 57th Ave, Red Deer**, on Sunday, **October 1, at 2:00pm - 3:00pm**, to participate in Life Chain, a peaceful, annual pro-life event praying for an end to the killing of the preborn in Canada. Be a voice for the voiceless! Signs provided. Visit Campaign Life Coalition's website—www.campaignlifecoalition.com—for more information.

Church Announcements

Women's Conference - Come join us for a time of renewal and inspiration at the Rocky Mountain House Church of God of Prophecy Women's Conference on **September 30th. Starts at 9am with a lunch at 12pm**. See the **flyer on the bulletin board** entering into the social hall for more information.

Invitation to all Church Members Within Classis Alberta North - Where do synod's decisions related to the Human Sexuality Report leave us as churches? Where do we go next? In order for us to better understand and evaluate the momentous events and decisions of Synod 2023, the churches of Covenant, Inglewood, and West End CRC have invited our classis delegates to report on their experiences and reflections. We extend an invitation to all of you to join us on **September 26 at 7 p.m. at West End CRC**, to hear from delegates Henry Kranenburg, Peter Rockhold, Michelle Rooker, and Mike Werkman. If you cannot attend in person, you can join on livestream (and later on YouTube) by accessing the links on the home page of www.westendcrc.ca.

ThereforeGo Ministries - Please join us at **5:30pm on Saturday, October 14th** in support of ThereforeGo Ministries (formerly Youth Unlimited). Come on out for a pig roast dinner and to learn more about SERVE and other youth and emerging adult programming that ThereforeGo offers. The event will be held at the Leder Barn. Register for the event at www.thereforego.com/evening-with-tgm/ by September 18th. Contact Ron deVries by email (ron@thereforego.com) for more information.

WORSHIP WEEKEND - to be held **Oct.28 and 29 at Rimbey CRC**. Back in 2019 we held a weekend of Praise and Harmony, with some from that organization leading us. This year we hope to host another event with their materials, using the book 'Faithful God', 25 songs that speak of God's faithfulness in so many ways. Songs old and new: Come, Ye sinners, Poor and Needy / Ancient of Days / Diamonds / Glorious King / Trust in You - to name just a few. The Saturday time will be spent learning songs in 4 part harmony, with some songs chosen to present at the local Valleyview Manor and possibly a late afternoon or evening presentation. On Sunday, some of the songs will be included in the church service at 10AM to which everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a lunch provided on Saturday and the cost will be **\$50.00 for the weekend**. If this is of interest to you, **email Grace Bennik at sygrab@gmail.com for more information**. **Pre-registration is required** so that the music (printed and/or MP3) can be provided ahead of time. Psalm 108 (The Message) I'm ready, God, so ready, ready from head to toe. Ready to sing, ready to raise a God-song: "Wake, soul! Wake, lute! Wake up, you sleepyhead sun!" I'm thanking you, GOD, out in the streets, singing your praises in town and country.

World Renew

Volunteer with World Renew DRS this October! - Come enjoy the sun and service - World Renew DRS needs volunteers and On-Site Managers for our first reconstruction team in Sarasota, Florida! If you or someone you know can volunteer with DRS October 7th-28th, contact Diana at dmarquez@worldrenew.net to sign up or with questions.