

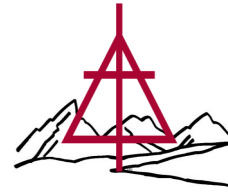
Upcoming Events

Sept. 3	Sept. 4	Sept. 5	Sept. 6	Sept. 7	Sept. 8	Sept. 9
10:00am Worship Service		<i>Office: Josephine</i> 7:30pm Deacons	7:30pm Education	12:00 pm Bulletin deadline		
Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16
8:30am Pancake Breakfast 10:00am Worship Service 1:15pm Clearwater Center 2:30pm Westview Lodge		<i>Office: Keanna</i> 7:30pm Admin		12:00pm Bulletin deadline		10:00am - 4:00pm Come Alive Event on Main Street

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!	Sept. 3 Pastor Terence V.	Sept. 10 Pastor Ken D.	Sept. 17 Pastor Ron D.
Serving Elder	Randy D.	Jessica H.	Alan D.
Serving Deacon	Peter B.	Doug D.	Justin D.
Music Team	Mosaic	The Experience	Lifted Hearts
Children's Message	Elroy L.	Pastor Ken	Elroy L.
Sunday School ages 3 & 4	Teacher/helper needed	Corinne S.	N/A
Nursery	Rita B., Stephanie C., Brenda B., Teslynn A.	Marion R., Isabelle D., Alyssa D., Jonah D.	Mark & Keanna H., Cailyn B., Miyah B.
Coffee Host	Mark & Keanna H.	Art & Karen T.	Zach & Cailyn Boodt
Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Pierre & Ria J. Chris & Regan T.	Justin & Mikala D. Tom & Kathy S.	Dave & Sandra S. Lowell & Chris S.



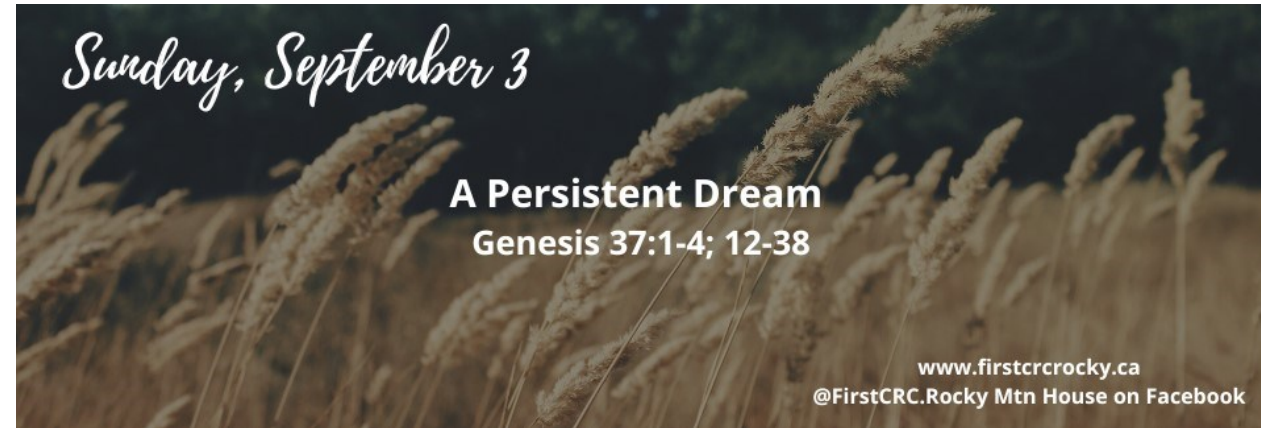
FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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 & Keanna) Tuesday — Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm office@rockycrc.ca



Morning Worship Service

Welcome

🎵 Jesus Messiah

Announcements and Congregational Prayer

Call to Worship

God's Greeting and We Welcome One Another

🎵 I Believe In Jesus

Offering - Local Church Ministries

Offertory

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

🎵 Faithful One

Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4; 12-38

Message: A Persistent Dream

🎵 Cornerstone

Children's Message— Elroy L.

No Sunday School for 3&4 year olds

Parting Blessing

🎵 Salvation Belongs To Our God

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 & 4 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 **Cowboy Church**.

† We pray for **Rita B.** and her family as they mourn the passing of her brother Richard S.. We extend our deepest condolences to the family.

† 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.



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~ Acts 5:29 ESV**

INDONESIA: Church Opponent Sentenced to Three Months in Jail

Sources: UCA News, Morning Star News

On February 19th, the members of the Tabernacle of David Christian Church were gathered for worship when an angry village leader, Wawan Kurniawan, stormed into the building. Pushing the pastor aside, he demanded that the service end immediately. Ten other villagers joined him, resulting in turmoil, as well as injuries to the pastor.

Because of the violent nature of the confrontation, the matter was referred to police officials. In May, a settlement had been reached in which the church members agreed to leave any prosecution to the authorities in exchange for a public apology from Wawan, along with a temporary permit to continue worshipping.

When the case went to court, the prosecutor asked that the village leader be sentenced to four years in prison. However, the judge reasoned that because Wawan had sought peace with the church, he would instead be sentenced to only three months in jail. Since the perpetrator had already been detained for nearly two months by that point, he was ordered to just serve the remaining 34 days.

The reactions of Christian leaders and those who provide leadership to human rights organizations have been mixed. While some speculate that a Christian would receive a much harsher sentence, others view this verdict as "a wake-up call for intolerant people." This is seen as the first case in Indonesia where perpetrators have not simply walked free. Andreas Harsono from Human Rights Watch calls the decision "a small step," but also praised the judge for "showing courage."

Pray that this situation will lead Wawan and others who oppose Christianity to reconsider their attitudes, bringing about greater religious equality throughout Indonesia. Praise God for the judge's verdict, which appears to demonstrate some progress in recognizing the right for Indonesian followers of Jesus to worship in freedom and safety. While further progress is being made, pray that Christians in this Southeast Asian country will continue to be powerful examples of God's love and grace to all those around them.



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BELARUS: Christian Threatened With Prosecution for Sharing Faith

Source: Forum18

On June 1st, Vladimir Burshtyn was detained because he had been sharing his Christian faith on the streets of Drogichin, Belarus. The elderly man received a \$300 fine for his actions. However, this was not the first time Vladimir was punished for practising his faith. He was previously fined in 2005 for leading an unregistered congregation, and again in 2008 for sharing his faith publicly.

The latest fine is equivalent to more than one month's average pension for a senior citizen like Vladimir. Despite the substantial opposition, the elderly man has determined to walk in the footsteps of the disciples who, in Acts 5, were forbidden from teaching publicly. In response to the persecution they encountered, these first-century believers replied, *"We must obey God rather than men"* (Acts 5:29). As a result of Vladimir's desire to share the eternal hope that's available through Christ, the district prosecutor threatened him on July 27th with criminal prosecution for "incitement of racial, ethnic, religious or other social hatred or discord" if he continues to share his faith in public.

A new and more restrictive religion law is presently being reviewed by the parliament of Belarus. If adopted in its present form, current restrictions would continue and, in some cases, increase. Not only will all churches be required to register with the government, but even those currently registered will be ordered to re-register within one year.

Praise God for the unwavering commitment of this elderly believer, who is determined to spread the Gospel despite personal risks. Pray that Vladimir will receive renewed strength, fortitude and peace in the days to come. May God guide the actions of Belarusian parliament officials as they consider the proposed revisions to the country's religion law, directing their decisions so that our Christian brothers and sisters in this Eastern European nation will be granted religious freedom.

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

Upcoming Offerings

September 3 - Local 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 10 - Resonate Global Mission

Resonate joins with a diverse network of CRCNA congregations and other partners locally and globally. We work to mobilize individuals and communities to participate in God's mission and work for the spiritual and social transformation of the world.

Gratefully Received August 20 & 27

Rocky Christian School \$1,348	Rehoboth \$50
Wycliffe \$1,380	Sonrise Camp \$590

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, before or 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.

Church Announcements

Fall Kickoff Sunday

Sunday, September 10th

Join us in the social hall for a
pancake breakfast, starting at 8:30am.

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.

Sunday School Teachers Needed - we are very grateful for the teachers who have already signed up to make this year's Sunday School program possible. We are **still in need of 2 teachers**; 1 in the Kindergarten to Grade 3 class and 1 in the Grade 4&5 class. This allows for a 3 week rotation. Please prayerfully consider if this is an area you can bless our congregation with. Our plan is **start the program on September 17th**. **Contact Bettie V. or Sandra S. for more information.**

Clearwater Center & Westview Lodge - our church will be putting on the services at the care facilities on **September 10th and September 24th**. The services at the **Clearwater Center will begin at 1:15pm** and the services at the **Westview Lodge will begin at 2:30pm**. Everyone is welcome to join!

Celebrate Recovery - is a biblically based, recovery program that addresses our hurt, hang-ups, and habits using a 12 step approach. Starts **Tuesday, September 5th** from **7-9pm** at **The Church of the Nazarene** in Rocky Mountain House. Call 403-845-3215 for more information.

6th Annual Come Alive Event - **September 16th** from **10am-4pm** on **Main Street (4903 50th Street)**. Come and enjoy some live music, kid activities, youth games, free food & refreshments and fellowship! If you can, bring a food or cash donation for the Foodbank.

A Call To Prayer - **Sunday, September 10** from **3-4pm**, join us as we pray for our community. We will **begin at the town office at 3pm**, then go on to other key locations including: schools, churches and entrances. As we pray we want to ask God to move in our community: bringing protection, healing, unity and His presence. Come be a part of the change. For more information, contact Trevor & Amy Scott 403-845-3840.

Captivating CORE, Ladies' Retreat (September 7-10) - This retreat is led by Stasi Eldredge and her team through video sessions. Captivating CORE is an invitation into what every woman longs for: To be romanced, to play an irreplaceable role in a great adventure, and to unveil her true beauty. God placed these desires in your heart to draw you into discovering the woman he created you to be. The way we handle the heart is everything. Captivating CORE is not a retreat about the "how to behave and become the perfect woman." It is a four-day journey into the recovery of our feminine hearts and seeing the truth of how God sees us. For if we are going to know who we truly are as women, if we are going to find a life worth living, we must first recover what has been lost. We must get our hearts back. Contact Laura for registration information at laura.sandstra@gmail.com.

Resonate Global Mission

Moving to Campus this Fall? - We'd love to help you get connected to a campus ministry community! There are over 35 CRC ministries on 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 resonateglobalmission.org/campus-ministry/partner-campus-ministries. If there's no CRC ministry at your school, you can locate a nearby CRC here: 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.

Reframe Ministries

Kids Corner: Following God's Lead - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Imagine if a neighbor was building a new house, and you decided by yourself the work that needed to be done. Yikes! This week's devotion is all about following what God wants us to do. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the KC eBook "Helping Kids Find Their Role in God's Story."

Groundwork: Stand Firm In The Reality Of Christ's Resurrection. - As Paul responds to false teachings in Corinth, he is adamant that it is necessary to believe in the truth of Christ's bodily resurrection. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 15 to discover why this truth is crucial to the gospel message. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.