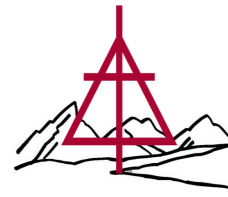


## Upcoming Events

Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4
10:00am Worship Service  Sunday School Story Card # 89	7:00pm Friendship	<i>Office: Josephine</i> 9:30am Coffee Break	7:00pm GEMS/CADETS 7:00 pm Catechism	9:30am Ladies Craft Group 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline		
Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 11
10:00am Worship Service Lord's Supper  Sunday School Story Card #95	7:00pm Friendship	<i>Office: Keanna</i> 9:30am Coffee Break 7:30pm Deacons 7:30pm WPC		7:30pm Second Staff Congregational Meeting 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline		

All bulletins can be found online [www.firstcrocky.ca](http://www.firstcrocky.ca)

Check out our Facebook page (@FirstCRC.RockyMtnHouse) or website ([firstcrocky.ca](http://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](mailto: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



*Sunday, October 29*

**Kingdom Living: The Sermon on the Mount,  
The Question About Divorce**

**Matthew 5:31-32; Matthew 19:1-12**

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H E L P I N G H A N D S	Thank you, for all you do!	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12
		Pastor Ken D.	Pastor Ken D.	Pastor Ken D.
<b>Serving Elder</b>		Anthony B.	Randy D.	Alan H.
<b>Serving Deacon</b>		Tanya P.	Lowell S.	Lorraine A.
<b>Music Team</b>		Lifted Hearts	The Experience	Mosaic
<b>Children's Message</b>		Corinne S.	Joel S.	Pastor Ken
<b>Nursery</b>		Annette D., Janelle V., Rita B., Teslynn A.	Cody & Teagan L., Brenda B., Arieanna V.	Justin & Courtney D., Stephanie C., Jonah D.
<b>Coffee Host</b>		Cody & Teagan L.	Edward & Janelle V.	Aaron & Cheryl T.
<b>Greeters/Coffee Cleanup</b>		Rocky & Nancy K. Kelly & Shantelle B.	Ella V., Emmy V., Bryan & Cheryl D.	Ernie & Jeannette S. Shaun & Maeghan M.

### Morning Worship Service

Welcome

- ♪ Step By Step
- ♪ Shout To The Lord

Call to Worship

- ♪ A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God's Greeting and We Welcome One Another

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

- ♪ I Surrender All
- ♪ Cornerstone

Assurance of Pardon

- ♪ Power Of Your Love

Children's Message - Corinne S.

Sunday School for Ages 3 to Grade 5

Announcements and Congregational Prayer

Offering - Local Church Ministries

Offertory

Scripture: Matthew 5:31-32; Matthew 19:1-12

Message: Kingdom Living: The Sermon on the Mount,  
The Question About Divorce

- ♪ Come To The Saviour Now

Parting Blessing

- ♪ Go, My Children, With My Blessing

## 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.firstcrocky.ca](http://www.firstcrocky.ca) or [FirstCRC.RockyMtnHouse on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FirstCRC.RockyMtnHouse)

### 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 **Partners in Christ (Holy Trinity/Rocky Mountain Evangelical Lutheran Church)**.

† There will be **Lord's Supper on Sunday, November 5.**

† 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., 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., Justin D. and Lowell S.

There are times in life when everything seems overwhelming- times when you can't find answers or you don't

### Prayer Ministry

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](http://www.firstcrocky.ca) (via the CONTACT link or Prayer Ministries link)

## Church Announcements

**Ministry to Seafarers** - With the Fall season comes preparations for **Christmas at Sea**. This year the **Ministry to Seafarers** will again be delivering Christmas gifts for seafarers. Your donations for this project can be made by cheque payable to **Ministry to Seafarers**, and mailed to 401 E Waterfront Rd, Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9. You can also make donations online via our website, [ministrytoseafarers.com](http://ministrytoseafarers.com). Please designate gifts for "Christmas at Sea." Thank You! The fall newsletter is also available on the bulletin board in the social hall.

## Reframe Ministries

**Kids Corner: Learning Like Us** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Jesus was twelve once too. When he grew up, people knew him as a carpenter, skills he probably learned from his father, Joseph. This week is all about the ability to learn and having strength and courage to try new things and grow. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Bible story podcast "The Boy Jesus At the Temple."

**Groundwork: Our New Life in Christ** - Gain a better understanding of the Christian doctrines of justification and sanctification. Join Groundwork as we study Romans 4-7 to remember the good news of salvation, hear what Paul teaches about how we live now because of Jesus Christ, and glean his wisdom for the struggles we sometimes experience while we are in the process of becoming more Christ-like. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



*"Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.  
Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." ~ Psalm 82:3-4 ESV*

### CHINA: Christian Tutor Reported by Her Husband/Source: ChinaAid

Liu Cui is a member of the Lishi Christian Church in China, which operates a co-op school group for children, despite ongoing harassment from government agencies that want to restrict the religious education of minors. On October 11th, Liu went to the school to help tutor six students from four different families.

Unfortunately, Liu's husband, who is not a believer, objects to his wife's Christian faith. After following Liu to the school and discovering her work with the students, he issued a report to various governmental agencies. Authorities rushed to the church, confiscated school supplies and Bibles, and recorded the information of parents who were present at the time. Police took Liu into custody and, that evening, members of the church learned that she had been sentenced to ten days of administrative detention.

Leaders of the Chinese government demand total loyalty of the country's citizens and, in their attempts to target truths in the Bible, they have been distorting passages of Scripture to reflect Communist ideologies. During a recent episode of the *Closer to the Fire* podcast, program host Greg Musselman interviewed Dr. Eric Foley from VOM Korea to discuss the government's latest attempts to promote socialist values.

***Please prayerfully join us by asking the Lord to watch over the members of the Lishi Christian Church, including Liu Cui, and to provide them peace, direction and wisdom as they endeavour to continue raising their children in the ways of the Lord amid intense opposition. Pray that Liu will not encounter any additional legal problems, but instead would be free to resume her tutoring activities without further interference. Throughout the legal process, may the response of this accused believer be a testimony of Christ's love and grace to her husband, despite his open hostility towards the Gospel, as well as to the others in her community who are opposing her judicially.***

## Church Announcements

**Classis Meeting Update** - We thank you for your prayers for the delegates who attended the meeting of Classis Alberta North (our regional assembly of Christian Reformed Churches) on October 13 and 14. We learned about a number of our ministries and how they support the work of the churches, including our classical youth ministry and our denominational THRIVE agency. We heard from our delegates to Synod as they reflected on their experiences and the discussions and decisions at that gathering in June. We also examined three candidates for the Ministry of the Word. Two of them were admitted to the Ministry and one will be given the opportunity to complete the examination at our next meeting in March. As is often the case, there was much cause for celebration and anticipation, as well as moments of pain, as we reflected about the Lord's work among us. In all of that we were supported and encouraged through the prayers led by our Chaplain for the day, Rev. Rebecca H. and by the gentle and wise leadership of the classis chair, Rev. Ken D.. A special thank you to the people at First CRC in Red Deer who hosted us with their well-prepared facilities and amazing meals, augmented with Korean dishes contributed by the Red Deer Korean Church. For more information, talk to the delegates from your congregation.

**A DIAKONIA CIRCLE - Tuesday, November 7 from 7-9 pm, at Ebenezer CRC in Leduc.** Shout out to all deacons past, present and future, whether you have a formal title or not -- Come to an evening of sharing and community with likeminded-individuals for inspiration for serving our communities and meet your DMC area coach!

**CADETS** - Winter is coming so it is time to **stock up on firewood**. Once again cadets are selling firewood for a fundraiser. We hope to be delivering it **Saturday, November 18**. The firewood will be a mixture of spruce and pine and cut to 16" lengths. We are selling it for \$300 for a trailer load, which is approximately 1 cord. To book it please contact Mark H., Bob A., Jordan P., Alan O. or John M..

**Burden Bearers- 32nd Fall Banquet-** Friday November 3rd, 2023, 6:00-9:00 pm, at the Sundre Community Centre Burden Bearers is a non-profit agency providing confidential, professional counselling, regardless of age, stage in life or income. Since 1947 Burden Bearers has offered real help and real hope to the people of our communities. We Look forward to you joining us for a complimentary evening including: Roast Beef dinner, a silent & Live auction, live entertainment and guest speakers. Please RSVP by October 30, 2023. Just let us know you're coming. By email: marilee-a@live.com

**October is Rehoboth's Annual Donation Drive!** We invite you to become a **Friend of** Rehoboth and support our ministry of supporting persons with developmental disabilities to *flourish*. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and help us to grow our reach. You can donate to Rehoboth online. You can also download the fall newsletter, view it on Rehoboth's website or have it sent directly to your inbox. Visit [www.rcmflourish.ca](http://www.rcmflourish.ca) to donate, subscribe or learn more. There are a few copies of the newsletter as well as some donation forms on the back tables in the foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Marie A..

**Red Deer Pro Life** - There is a knock on the Back Door. A young woman is there. She is confused, afraid, and looking for help. She has come to **The Back Porch**, located across the street from Edmonton's abortion clinic. She is looking for someone who will listen, help her, and speak the truth about what her choices are for her unborn child. Would you like to listen too? Get a group together and join us to hear **The Back Porch Director, Gabrielle Johnson, speaking at the Red Deer Pro Life Banquet on November 23rd**. Admission is free, but you must pre-register at [reddeerprolife.com](http://reddeerprolife.com). or contact Joel S.

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

### Upcoming Offerings

#### October 29 - Local Church Ministries

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

#### November 5 - World Hunger Sunday (World Renew)

No child should know the pain of hunger. No parent should have to watch their children grow weak due to malnutrition. Hunger for good; hunger for a world where hunger does not exist! Through our gifts we can help World Renew equip communities with the knowledge and resources they need to change the story of hunger.

#### Gratefully Received October 1-9

Coyote Creek Chapel \$1,262 Canadian Food Grains Bank \$2,250 Local Church Ministries \$588  
Lord's Food Bank \$600 World Renew \$100 Voice of the Martyr \$500

Third Quarter Financial Statements are available on the foyer tables.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Church Announcements

**2nd Staff Update** - Council, along with the members of the Second Staff Calling Committee, are pleased to extend an invitation to the congregation to attend a **meeting on November 9th @ 7:30pm** where there will be opportunity to have conversation regarding the calling of Natasha S. for the position of Associate Pastor/Ministry Facilitator. Please see your church mailbox for more information. On **Sunday, November 12, after the worship service, we will hold a vote**. We do not intend to have a time of discussion on this day so please be sure to attend the meeting or speak to a member of the calling committee to have any questions or concerns addressed before the 12th.