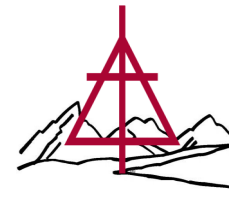


Upcoming Events

Nov. 26	Nov. 27	Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30	Dec. 1	Dec. 2
10:00am Worship Service Sunday School Story Card #101	7:00pm Friendship Christmas Craft & Refreshments	<i>Office: Josephine</i> 9:30am Coffee Break 7:30pm Elders	7:00pm Cadets/GEMS 7:00pm Catechism	9:30am Ladies Craft Group 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline		8:30-10:00am Men's Breakfast at the Church
Dec. 3	Dec. 4	Dec. 5	Dec. 6	Dec. 7	Dec. 8	Dec. 9
10:00am Worship Service 6:00pm Community Christmas Service Sunday School Story Card #116	7:00pm Friendship	<i>Office: Keanna</i> 9:30am Coffee Break 7:30pm WPC		12:00pm Bulletin Deadline		

All bulletins can be found online www.firstcrocky.ca

Check out our Facebook page (@FirstCRC.RockyMtnHouse) or website (firstcrocky.ca) for links to sermons.



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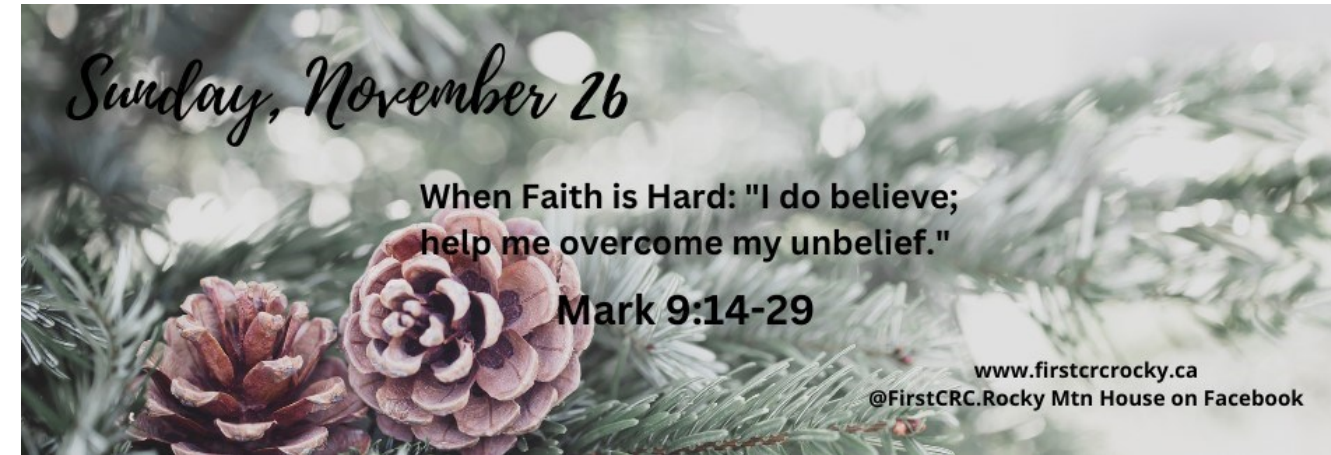
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*Our **MISSION** is to worship God faithfully, nurture one another to grow in Christ, joyfully tell others about Jesus, develop our gifts to serve and pursue stewardship, justice and peace in every area of life.*

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



	Nov. 26	Dec. 3	Dec. 10
	Pastor Karen N.	Pastor Ken D.	Pastor Ken D.
H E L P I N G H A N D S	Thank you, for all you do!		
	Serving Elder	Jessica H.	Alan D.
	Serving Deacon	Doug D.	Justin D.
	Music Team	Lifted Hearts	Friendship Band
	Children's Message	Elroy L.	Joel S.
	Nursery	Marion R., Marlene D., Anita M., Ruth D.	Isabelle D., Sjoukje V., Margo D., Lucas H.
	Coffee Host	Peter & Trudy D.	Case & Marlene K.
	Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Dieneke S. & Erika W. Trevor & Sharlea L.	Hank & Betty K. Joel & Corinne S.
			Karl & Krystal H., Amber B., Shanelle T.
			Dave & Sandra S.
			Frank & Gloria D.
			Aaron & Colleen T.

Morning Worship Service

Welcome

♪ Protector Of My Soul

Call to Worship

God's Greeting/ We Welcome One Another

♪ I Lift Your Name

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

♪ Lord, Have Mercy

Assurance of Pardon

♪ Speak, O Lord

Children's Message - Elroy L.

Sunday School for Ages 3 to Grade 5

Announcements and Congregational Prayer

Offering - Chaplaincy and Care Ministry
Offertory

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Mark 9:14-29

Message: When Faith is Hard: "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief."

♪ In Christ Alone

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 to 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](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 **Bethel Union Evangelical Free Church**.

† Birthday congratulations to **Bill B.** who will celebrate his birthday on November 29th. May God bless you in the coming year!

† We continue to pray for **Elly O.** as she recovers from hip surgery.

† 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.

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)

Reframe Ministries

Groundwork: Love God By Loving One Another - Differences and disagreements are inevitable, even among Christians, because the gospel calls people of many ages, backgrounds, and experiences. Join Groundwork as we study Paul's instructions for Christian living in Romans 14-16 to discover what it looks like to live in a community and to hear the heart of Paul's message—love for God and love for each other. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner: When We All Work Together - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know that Nehemiah convinced everyone to help build a wall around Jerusalem? Together they finished the work in 52 days! This week's devotion is all about how when we trust God and work together, he can accomplish some pretty amazing things through us. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Story of Nehemiah."

Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.



"I weep for my people! O Lord, arise and let our enemies be scattered!"

~ Nigerian survivor Mercy Waziri, quoting from Psalm 68:1

BELARUS: Church Appeals Liquidation Orders/Source: Forum18

On October 6th, the court proceedings to determine the future of the New Life Church in Minsk, Belarus, officially began. After years of harassment by various government departments, legal action was taken to liquidate the church organization.

On October 17th, a ruling was made ordering the liquidation of the church, even though the religious organization had previously been approved by the government. In the aftermath of this verdict, which has ruled to revoke the church's registration, any activity conducted by the Christians could now lead to prosecution and imprisonment.

The church has appealed this ruling to the country's Supreme Court. Consequently, the liquidation decision does not take effect until after the appeal has been heard. In the meantime, the New Life Church continues to meet online and in borrowed facilities.

May God give wisdom to Pastor Vyacheslav Goncharenko and the other leaders of this persevering church community as they determine the best approach for the continuance of their ministry activities in the days to come. In the meantime, pray that a favourable decision will be made by the Supreme Court concerning their church organization. Whatever the outcome, may the Gospel message continue to spread exponentially throughout this Eastern European nation, leading many more spiritually seeking souls to faith in Christ.

Church Announcements

Thank You From the Cadets - After last Saturday's firewood bonanza cadets were tired and possibly their arms were a bit longer after carrying firewood all day but it went really well and nice weather made it that much more enjoyable. Thank you to those who bought firewood, those who helped out on Saturday and to Dick O. for finding the wood for us and allowing us to buck it up an split it at V and O lumber. With all the effort on Friday and Saturday we were able to do 24 trailer loads. We thank God for blessing us with a good day of work and fellowship.

Seniors Lunch - A big Thank You to those who organized and served the seniors lunch on Thursday. An enjoyable time for all who attended. Much appreciated!

Sunday School Parents - The Sunday School children are practicing for Christmas. They are learning a new song, Glory (Let There Be Peace) by Matt Maher. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/QW4c6DcxgGc?si=6SKWWEDqeiT7nOkX>. Please play this in your homes to help familiarize your children. Thank you!

Men's Breakfast - All men (high school youth included) are invited to come to the church for a delicious breakfast on **Saturday, December 2nd at 8:30am**. Pastor Ken will share and we will talk about plans for men's ministry in the church. Plan on staying until 10:00 or feel free to eat and run if you have to. We hope you will be able to join us. If you have dietary restrictions, please let Pastor Ken know.

Community Wide Christmas Candlelight Service - Everyone is invited to come to the Community Christmas Service to be held on **Sunday, December 3rd at 6:00pm at the Rocky First Christian Reformed Church**. There will be something for all ages as members of various churches share their gifts and lead us in songs to praise our Saviour and celebrate the joy of the season. You are invited to bring snacks to share during a refreshment time afterward. There will be an opportunity to support the Lord's Foodbank with gifts of non-perishable food items and through an offering that will be taken. Come and join with members of many different churches as we celebrate the coming of our Saviour!

Advent - Are you looking for a simple Advent devotion to do with your family? There are a few copies on the foyer tables from the Sunday School Program available for you to take home.

World Renew

Christian Leaders Tour Guatemala!

Tour Dates April 20-28, 2024.

Calling all pastors, deacons, church leaders, and World Renew ambassadors and board members! Join a tour to Guatemala where you will expand your understanding of poverty and justice, giving you a new perspective to lead your church particularly on global issues. You'll visit programs in education, preventative health, agriculture, diaconal training, community planning, and livelihoods training while witnessing the varied geography of Guatemala. **Check the Bulletin Board for more information.**

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

Upcoming Offerings

November 26 - Chaplaincy and Care Ministry

Churches throughout the CRCNA are taking time to pray for and encourage the frontline work of chaplains. The Chaplaincy and Care Ministry endorses, trains, advocates and provides care for these specialized ministers and pastors as they serve in institutional settings.

December 3 - The Lord's Foodbank

The Lord's Food Bank is a Christian ministry for those who are facing hunger, providing relief through our food pantry and hot meals. We provide spiritual care through messages given by local pastors, and prayer for clients' personal needs. God has a heart of compassion for those who are in need and provides for them through ministries like this one; we want to show that love to all who come in.

Gratefully Received November 12 & 19

Mission Aviation Fellowship \$1,055 Local Church Ministries \$14,198

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.

Classis

A note from Classis - Classis is looking for qualified individuals to serve on two different committees. The first is the Classis Interim Committee (CIC). The mandate of the CIC is: To do all things entrusted to it by Classis, and all things that require the action of Classis prior to its next session. Carry out, or arrange to be carried out, Classis assignments for which no agent was designated at the time of the Classis meeting and to act as Directors of the Association of Classis Alberta North. The CIC meets in Edmonton once every month except December and July. The second is the Classical Abuse Response Team (CART). CART offers an advisory panel process to councils in Classis Alberta North when allegations of abuse are brought by an adult against a church leader. Panel members should have a heart for safe church and ideally have corresponding professional experience. All panel members will be trained in the advisory panel process and be required to sign confidentiality agreements. If these are areas in which you feel called to serve or would like more information, please contact Jessica H.