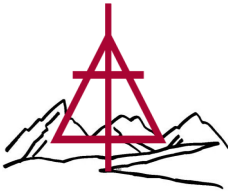


Upcoming Events						
Jan 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Jan. 17	Jan. 18	Jan. 19	Jan. 20
10:00am Worship Service Sunday School Story Card # 111	7:00 pm Friendship	<i>Office:: Josephine</i> 9:30am Coffeebreak 7:30pm Elders		12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 7:30pm Men's Bible Study		
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All bulletins can be found online www.firstcrcrocky.ca

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

H E L P I N G H A N D S	Thank you, for all you do!	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28
		Pastor Ken D.	Pastor Ken D.	Pastor Ken D.
	Serving Elder	Anthony B.	Randy D.	Alan H.
	Serving Deacon	Ken B.	Lowell S.	Lorraine A.
	Music Team	The Experience	Six Track	Lifted Hearts
	Children's Message	Corinne S.	Pastor Ken	Elroy L.
	Nursery	Justin & Courtney D., Marion R., Jonah D.	Cody & Teagan L. Alyssa D., Brenda B.	Mark & Keanna H. Marlene D., Ruth D.
	Coffee Host	Josephine & Peter B.	Devon & Marisa P.	Rob & Fran D.
	Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Mark & Keanna H. Bob & Marie A.	Dirk & Sandy V. Ray & Audrey B.	Zach & Gailyn B. Dave & Henriett V.



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



Morning Worship Service

Welcome 🎵 Hosanna (Praise is Rising)	Announcements and Congregational Prayer
Call to Worship	Offering for ReFrame Ministries Offertory
God's Greeting/ We Welcome One Another 🎵 Boldly I Approach	Scripture: Matthew 6:19-24 Message: Kingdom Living: The Sermon on the Mount; Treasure Hunters 🎵 You Are My All In All
Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession Assurance of Pardon 🎵 What a Friend We Have in Jesus	Parting Blessing 🎵 What a Beautiful Name
Children's Message - Corinne S. Sunday School for Ages 3 to Grade 5	

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**.

✝ We pray for **Cheryl T.** as she had hip surgery on **January 12th**.

✝ We pray for **Marilyn S.** who is waiting to have her knee surgery in Mexico.

✝ Congratulations to **Wilma T. (18th) and Dirk V. (20th)** who will celebrate their birthdays this week. May God
bless you with a wonderful year ahead!

✝ We pray for those at home: **Pearl V., Elly 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.** (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.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: God's Love Brings People Together - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net.
This week, we remember the work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a preacher who followed the example
of Christ and brought all kinds of people together. This week’s devotion and parent blog gives instructions for a
science experiment with an emulsifier, some oil, and water. How can this experiment be compared to the power
of God’s love? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC’s The Bible in One Year Plan.

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.

Groundwork: Humility - If we look closely, the Christlike virtue of humility is a root virtue from which many of the
other virtues flow. Join Groundwork as we explore Romans 12:3, Philippians 2:3-4, John 13:3-17, and Colossians
3:1-17 to discuss what it means to be humble, to witness Christ’s own humility, and to learn how humility influ-
ences our thoughts and our actions. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly
emails for future episodes.



***"As long as this church is still proclaiming the Gospel, as long as God's Word is still in the mouths
and hearts of our brothers and sisters, this church cannot be destroyed."***
~ Pastor Wang Yi, Early Rain Covenant Church

CHINA: Police Question Church Elder and Confiscate His Computer/Source: ChinaAid

For the past five years, Elder Li Yingqiang has been repeatedly subjected to questioning and detention since the
Chinese Communist Party began targeting the Early Rain Covenant Church.

In the most recent incident, Elder Li was taken by Deyang police officers for interrogation on December 15th.
They questioned him about a pre-recorded message that was played on December 9th as part of an online event
commemorating the fifth anniversary of the government's crackdown on the church. After being summoned again
on December 19th, the church elder was detained for another eight hours for further questioning. In addition to
warning him against participating in any future online church activities, the authorities confiscated his computer.

In a public letter issued that day, Elder Li expressed his concern over the various challenges being experienced by
members of the Early Rain Covenant Church and requested that followers of Jesus please continue to pray for
them.

***As you 'pray without ceasing,' please remember your Christian brothers and sisters in China who are
undergoing relentless opposition – including Elder Li and the church's pastor, Wang Li, who is presently serving
a nine-year prison term. As they navigate the different challenges, may the Lord provide for their every
physical, emotional and spiritual need. Also continue to uphold Christians throughout China who are reaching
out to others with the message of the Gospel, praying that the church in this Communist nation will continue to
grow exponentially despite intensifying persecution.***

Church Announcements

Membership Class - Anyone interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of our church is welcome to talk to Pastor Ken and attend a membership class beginning on **January 31st at 7:30pm**. The classes will take place **every 2 weeks** and will run for 3 or 4 sessions.

Thank You - Thank you for all the support we received over the last number of weeks. We appreciated all the visits, phone calls and offers of help. It reminded us again of what a wonderful thing it is to be part of a Church community like ours. From Gus and Margaret V.

Family Skate - Families are welcome to join us at the Rocky Arena for some skating fun on **Saturday, January 27th from 6-7pm!** We will be skating in arena #1. We will also have coffee and hot chocolate!! Ask Cailyn, Kelsey or Krystal if you need more info! See you there!

Men’s Bible Study - We will begin this **Thursday, January 18th at 7:30pm**, here at the church. The study will run for 4 or 5 weeks. Please join us.

Clearwater Center & Westview Lodge - our church will be putting on the services at the care facilities on **January 28th**. The service at the **Clearwater Center will begin at 1:15pm** and the service at the **Westview Lodge will begin at 2:30pm**. Please join us as we support those who are no longer able to attend our Sunday morning services.

Christian Stewardship Services - Is there a charity close to your heart that you would love to see thrive for years to come? Christian Stewardship Services is hosting open Q&A sessions every other week this winter to answer all of your questions on charitable giving and estate planning. See the bulletin board in the hallway for more information. Each session will have a 10 minute introduction, and then an interactive Q&A. The first three topics are: adding a Charity Child, estate documents, and donating life insurance. For more information, contact: info@csservices.ca.

Jonathan and Sarah L. and family will be returning to Alberta beginning of April and need accommodation for 4-6 weeks, if anyone has a place or knows of a short term rental, please let the church office know.

FREE - Office desk available to whoever would like it. Contact the Church office ASAP.

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.

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

Upcoming Offerings

January 14 - ReFrame Ministries

Around the world, the CRC is working through ReFrame Ministries (the new name of Back to God Ministries International) to share the gospel. Relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they create contextual media resources that proclaim the gospel, disciple believers, and strengthen the church throughout the world in 10 major languages. Every dollar you give will provide new video recording tools for social media, airtime for television or radio stations, and follow-up discipleship for seekers or new believers.

January 21 - Local Church Ministries

Gratefully Received December 24 -31

Pregnancy Care Centre \$1,523	World Renew \$1,036	Womens Shelter \$100,
Lomavatu’s \$300	The Lord’s Food Bank \$1,000	Local Budget \$24,280

December E-transfers December 19-31

Local \$10,300	First Steps \$100	The Lord’s Foodbank \$200
	World Renew \$1000	Benevolence \$500

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.