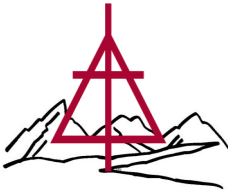


Upcoming Events						
Jan 21	Jan. 22	Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 25	Jan. 26	Jan. 27
10:00am Worship Service          Sunday School Story Card # 112	7:00 pm Friendship	Office:: Keanna 9:30am Coffee Break 7:30pm Full Council	7:00pm GENS/ Cadets/Catechism	12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 7:30pm Men's Bible Study		6-7:00 pm Family Skate, Arena #1
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All bulletins can be found online [www.firstcrcrocky.ca](http://www.firstcrcrocky.ca)

Check out our Facebook page (@FirstCRC.RockyMtnHouse) or website ([firstcrcrocky.ca](http://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. 21	Jan. 28	Feb. 4
		Pastor Ken Douma	Pastor Ken Douma	Pastor Ken Douma
	Serving Elder	Randy D.	Alan H.	Anthony B.
	Serving Deacon	Lowell S.	Lorraine A.	Peter B.
	Music Team	Six Track	Lifted Hearts	The Experience
	Children’s Message	Pastor Ken	Elroy L.	Joel S.
	Nursery	Cody & Teagan L., Alyssa., Brenda B.	Mark & Keanna H. Marlene D., Ruth D.	Isabelle D., Sjoukje V. Amber B., Shanelle T.
	Coffee Host	Devon & Marisa P.	Rob & Fran D.	Don & Marion R.
	Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Dirk & Sandy V., Ray & Audrey B.	Zach & Cailyn B., Dave & Henriette V.	Kyle & Trina A. John & Jean B.



***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



**Morning Worship Service**

♪ I Lift Your Name	Announcements and Congregational Prayer
Welcome	Offering for Local Church Ministries
God’s Greeting/ We Welcome One Another	Offertory
♪ Goodness of God	Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34
Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession	Message: Kingdom Living: The Sermon on the Mount;
Assurance of Pardon	Kingdom Living: Do Not Worry
♪ Jesus Strong and Kind/Jesus Loves Me	♪ Lord I Need You
Children’s Message - Pastor Ken	Parting Blessing
Sunday School for Ages 3 to Grade 5	♪ How Great Thou Art

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](http://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 **Living Branches Community Church**.

† John and Jean B. niece **Janet S.** (formerly R.), daughter of Jim and Pearl R., passed away suddenly Tuesday morning in Medicine Hat. Please remember the **B.** and **A.** families in your prayers

† We pray for **Marilyn S., Cheryl T.** and **Gus V.** who are all recovering from recent surgeries. Pray for patience as they go through the healing process.

† Congratulations to **Lena F.(27)**who will celebrate her birthday this week. May God bless you with a wonderful year ahead!

† We pray for those at home: **Pearl V., Sylvia D.** and **Joe & Lena V..** For those at care facilities: **Tonia T.** (Westview Lodge), **Diane W. , Dick O. and Elly 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: Feeling Like Enough** - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). It’s easy to compare ourselves to others and end up feeling disappointed. Especially today, when people post so many photos of their lives online, it can be hard to feel good enough. Here’s the good news: as a child of God, you are always enough! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC’s The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Groundwork: Thankfulness and Gratitude** - Why are thanksgiving and gratitude important virtues for Jesus' followers to cultivate? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Luke 17:11-19, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Philipians 4:4-9, and Colossians 2:6-7 to discover why grateful hearts and expressing thankfulness are essential virtues and to discuss the difference these virtues can make in our thoughts and our lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



***"God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken.  
And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart."***

~ Charles Spurgeon

PAKISTAN: Blasphemy Charges Dropped

In April 2023, two school workers in Pakistan were given the tasks of cleaning a storeroom and burning any garbage they found. However, as both of these workers are illiterate, they did not realize that some of the papers they had burned contained verses from the Quran. When this was discovered, they were reported to the police and charged with blasphemy for allegedly desecrating the Quran. The two accused workers have been identified as Musarrat Bibi, a Christian widow, and Muhammad Sarmad, a young Muslim man. Although the workers were released on bail as of May 12th, they finally had their day in court on December 8th. After hearing the evidence, Judge Tariz Mahmood dismissed all the charges against them.

Following the announcement of the verdict, Musarrat expressed her relief, saying, "I feel like I have got my life back again." Unfortunately, despite being released, the Christian widow has experienced further challenges. After being granted bail in May, the school administration refused to restore her job. Also, due to receiving subsequent death threats, she was forced to flee the village with her daughter. They have since had to move frequently to avoid being found by Islamic militants who want to cause them harm. Musarrat hopes to eventually find a similar position in another area where she is unknown. Such dilemmas are frequently experienced by Christians in Pakistan who have been falsely accused of blasphemy. Even when these believers are acquitted by the courts, they often find themselves convicted by public opinion. To review more reports on the persecution of Christians in Pakistan, go to our [country report](#).

***Please pray that Musarrat and her daughter will find a home in a safe location where they will be protected from mob violence and other forms of persecution. May this Christian woman also be granted a new job that will provide for their practical needs. Additionally, pray that Muhammad will not suffer any further consequences because of these false accusations. In fact, as a result of this ordeal, may his heart be stirred towards Christ and receptive to His loving kindness – to the point of acknowledging Him as Saviour and Lord. Finally, may God work by His Holy Spirit in and through the legal and political systems of Pakistan so that the frequently abused blasphemy laws would no longer be used to persecute the country's Christians and so many other innocent victims.***

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.

**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.

**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. See bulletin board for prayer request.

**Funeral Fund Annual General Meeting**- will be held at First CRC- Tuesday **January 30 at 7:30 pm**. Discussion on increase of fees. Come and be part of the decision.

**Rocky First Cadet Club** is hosting a counselor training course this coming Saturday, Jan. 27, 8:30am at our church. Breakfast will be provided and it is expected to run until about 12ish. We invite men who are thinking about helping out with cadets to come and join us. The training gives an overview of the cadet program and helps counselors feel more comfortable in their role as mentors to the boys. The training is not over the top with no final exam but fairly informal with time for discussion. As men move in and out of their role as counselors we would like to see some new blood join us as counselors in the fall of 2024 and this is a good opportunity to access some training before you step in. For more information please contact John .

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.

Jean B., Anita M.  
Visit [www.firstcrocky.ca](http://www.firstcrocky.ca) (via the CONTACT link or Prayer Ministries link)

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

Upcoming Offerings

**January 21 - 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.

**January 28- Medical Equipment Lending Society**  
We lend medical equipment to anyone in need, regardless of age, income or place of residence.

**Gratefully Received January 7- 14**  
**Therefore Go Ministries** \$570, **Reframe Ministries** \$820, **Local Budget** \$9800

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](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.