Upcoming Events

Feb. 11	Feb. 12	Feb. 13	Feb. 14	Feb. 15	Feb. 16	Feb. 17
10:00am Worship Service Youth Group - Coffee at Hendri & Deanna H.	7:00pm Friendship	Office: Cheri-Lynn NO Coffee break 7:30 pm Deacon's Meeting		12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 9:30 am Ladies Craft Group 7:30pm Men's Bible Study		
Sunday School Story Card #114						
February 18	February 19	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24
10:00am Worship Service First Sunday of Lent Youth Group - Coffee night at Mark & Esther L. Sunday School Story Card #96	Happy Family Day! NO Friendship	Office: Josephine NO Coffee break	7:00 pm GEMS 7:00 pm Cadets	12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 7:30pm Men's Bible Study		

All bulletins can be found online www.firstcrcrocky.ca

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

Н	Thank you, for all you do!	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	February 25	
E		Pastor Ken D.	Pastor Ken D.	Pastor Ken D.	
L	Serving Elder	Dave S.	Karl H.	John O.	
P	Serving Deacon	Daug D.	Justin D.	Ken B.	
Ι	Music Team	Mosaic	Six Track	Lifted Hearts	
N	Children's Message	Corinne S.	Pastor Ken	Elroy L.	
G	Nursery	Karl & Krystal H.	Marie A., Kelsey O.	Justin & Mikala D.,	
H		Margo D., Lucas H.	Colleen T., Travis A.	Janelle V., Teslynn A.	
A N	Coffee Host	Alan & Kelsey O.	Ernie & Jeanette S.	Glen & Anneleen D.	
D	Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Dick & Rose W.	Richard & Marlene O.	Neels & Dina H.	
S		John & Rina V.	Harold & Bevin S.	Karl & Krystal H.	



FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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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.

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Church Office: Tuesday — Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm office@rockycrc.ca



Morning Worship Service

Welcome

Call to Confession and Prayer
Assurance of Pardon

More Precious than Silver

Children's Message - Corinne S. (Sunday School for Ages 3 to Grade 5)

Announcements and Congregational Prayer

Offering for Local Church Ministries
Offertory

Scripture: Psalm 73

Message: Kingdom Living: The Sermon on the Mount:

Questions of the Narrow Road

Parting 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.firstcrcrocky.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 **New Life Church**.
- 🕆 Birthday congratulations to **Jim T.** who is celebrating on February 11. May God grant you a blessed year ahead!
- † Pray for former Pastor Len B.'s, wife **Nienke**. She was diagnosed with SCA6 (Ataxia) several years ago. She is now facing serious challenges with coordination, mobility and is now confined to a wheelchair. She has also been recently diagnosed with Parkinson disease.
- † 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., Elly O.** 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: Names of God: I Am Who I Am - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God identifies himself as "I AM WHO I AM" (Exodus 3:14). God shows that he will forever keep his promises. He is still the great I AM; because of this, he is everything and gives us everything we need. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Valentine Cards.

<u>Family Fire</u> - 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: Forgiveness - Most people would agree that true forgiveness can be quite difficult and often takes a lot of time and work. Join Groundwork as we study Colossians 3:13, Matthew 6:9-15, Matthew 18:21-22, and Ephesians 4:31-32 to better understand what it means to forgive, why we forgive, the importance of recognizing forgiveness as a process, and useful steps for cultivating the virtue of forgiveness in our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.





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~ Ali Kalkandeen ~ A church leader in Türkiye

TÜRKIYE (Turkey): Gunmen Attack Worship Service Sources: Middle East Concern, Christianity Today, Morning Star News, CNN

On the morning of January 28th, two gunmen entered the Santa Maria Catholic Church in Istanbul, Türkiye. Wearing masks, the men walked into the church, shot into the air, and then killed one person. Security footage shows the gun apparently jamming just before the men left.

The victim has been identified as Tuncer Murat Cihan, a Muslim man who had been attending services for the past several weeks. The priest described him as "a good person." It is uncertain if he was specifically targeted by the attackers.

Authorities quickly detained two men: one from Tajikistan and the other from Russia. They are known to be affiliated with ISIS, a militant Islamic group that has since claimed responsibility for the attack. The perpetrators of the incident appear to have acted in response to a call from ISIS leaders to target Jews and Christians. In response to the attack, church leaders in Türkiye are advising Christians to not succumb to fear. Ali Kalkandeen, who serves as president for the Association of Protestant Churches in Türkiye, reminded Turkish believers that "God has not given us a spirit of fear" (2 Timothy 1:7). He further encouraged them by saying: "Satan will never stop attacking Christians. Do not let this become a stumbling block in our relationship with God." For other reports on the persecution of Christians in Türkiye, go to our country report.

Pray that God will encourage Christians in Türkiye to stand firm in the midst of ongoing oppression, providing them with His divine protection, as well as the wisdom, courage and strength they need to continue leading lives of resilient faith. Pray also that many other people living in this Middle Eastern country will be drawn to the message of the Gospel through the testimonies of His people.

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.firstcrcrocky.ca (via the CONTACT link or Prayer Ministries link)

Church Announcements

<u>Thank you</u> for all the well wishes, prayers, thoughts, visits and calls while we were recuperating from surgeries. It was all very greatly appreciated!

Art & Karen T., Gus & Margaret V. & Cheryl T.

Reminder for the **Children's Prayer Partnership** - Completed forms can go in mailbox 91, or if people want to sign up as a prayer partner contact Jessica H.

<u>Welcome Potluck</u> - We are looking forward to our new associate pastor, Natasha S., starting her position here on February 20th. We will have a potluck following the service on **Sunday, March 3.** We hope you are all able to join us that day as we welcome her into our congregation!

<u>Sonrise Camp</u> - Summer is coming and so are summer camps! Mark your calendars for the following weeks: July 7-12 (ages 10-12 yr olds), July 14-18 (ages 13-15 yr olds) and July 22-25 is Vacation Bible Camp (for ages 5-9 yrs old).

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 March 6 at 7:30pm. The class will take place every 2 weeks and will run for 3 or 4 sessions.

<u>Funeral Fund Fees</u> - It was decided to raise the annual fee to \$60 this year and to \$70 next year. Cheques can made out to *CRC Funeral Fund* and place in mailbox 79. If you have questions or want a financial statement call Marlene K.

<u>Getting tired of Netflix? Maybe it's time for something different.</u> - InterMission Silent Retreat is coming up May 31-June 2 at King's Fold Retreat Centre in St. Albert, a lovely and cozy retreat house on the ridge of the Ghost River overlooking the Rockies. 2 nights accommodation, 4 meals, 2-3 spiritual direction sessions, silence, rest, peace, quiet, spirit, soul. Single private room. "Be still and know that I am God."

Registration is \$500/person. Contact rev.klok@gmail.com to register.

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

Upcoming Offerings

February 11 - 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.

February 18 - Canadian Foodgrains Bank

As one of the founding members of Canadian Foodgrains Bank, World Renew multiplies your impact through food security programs like their early response project in Madagascar. Around the world, floods have washed away crops and droughts have left farmlands barren. But together we can end global hunger! With the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, World Renew's capacity to provide disaster response and food security programs on a global scale has grown over the years.

Around the world, extreme weather has robbed farmers of their crops, families of their livelihoods, and communities of hope. In Madagascar, drought has claimed thousands of lives and left hundreds of thousands facing famine. You can help renew hope for families in food crisis. Your offering will help World Renew respond to the food needs of vulnerable Madagascans and people impacted by extreme weather, and other crises, in countries where we work around the world. Your gifts will be matched up to 4X by Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

From the Deacons & Treasurer

There are several ways to give to the church:

<u>Coupons</u> 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.

<u>Budget/Local Church Ministries</u> - 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.

<u>E-transfers</u> - 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.