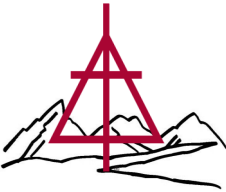


Upcoming Events						
February 18	February 19	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24
10:00am Worship Service First Sunday of Lent Youth Group - Coffee night at Mark & Esther L. Sunday School Story Card #96	Happy Family Day! NO Friendship	Office: Josephine NO Coffeebreak	7:00 pm Catechism	12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 7:30pm Men's Bible Study		
February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	February 29	March 1	March 2
10:00am Worship Service Youth Group - Wiener roast & skidoing after church @ Jos & Janneke S. Sunday School Story Card #92	7:00 pm Friendship	Office: Josephine 9:30 am Coffeebreak 7:30 pm WPC	7:00 pm GEMS 7:00 pm Cadets 7:00 pm Catechism	12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 9:30 am Craft Group		

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!	February 18	February 25	March 3
		Pastor Ken D.	Pastor Ken D.	Pastor Ken D.
	Serving Elder	Karl H.	John D.	Jessica H.
	Serving Deacon	Justin D.	Ken B.	Lowell S.
	Music Team	Six Track	Lifted Hearts	The Experience
	Children’s Message	Pastor Ken	Elroy L.	Pastor Ken
	Nursery	Marie A., Kelsey D. Colleen T., Travis A.	Justin & Mikala D., Janelle V., Teslynn A.	Corinne V., Rita B., Marion R., Chelsey B.
	Coffee Host	Ernie & Jeanette S.	Glen & Anneleen D.	Robert & Brenda B.
	Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Richard & Marlene D. Harold & Bevin S.	Neels & Dina H. Karl & Krystal H.	Dustin D. & Jeffrey D. Henry & Lorraine A.



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



Morning Worship Service

Welcome 🎵 I Lift My Eyes	Announcements and Congregational Prayer
Call to Worship God’s Greeting & We Welcome One Another 🎵 The Lord is My Shepherd	Offering for Canadian Foodgrains Bank - Speaker Ian D. Offertory
Call to Confession and Prayer Assurance of Pardon 🎵 O Praise the Name of the Lord Our God	Scripture: Psalm 23; John 10:11-30 Message: The Lord is My Shepherd 🎵 Christ is Mine Forevermore
Children’s Message - Pastor Ken (Sunday School for Ages 3 to Grade 5)	Parting Blessing 🎵 The 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.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 **Nordegg Community Church**.

† Congratulations to **Dirk & Sandy V.** celebrating 40 years on marriage on February 24 and **Frank & Gloria D.**
celebrating 65 years of marriage! May God grant you all a blessed year ahead!

† Our condolences to **Richard & Marlene, Elmer & Joanne O.** and extended families with the passing of their
father, Johan, this past week.

† 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: The Lord Is My Peace - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net.
Can you think of a time when you did not feel worthy enough to do something? Maybe you thought, "Why did
they pick me?" or "There's someone else better than me." If so, you know exactly how Gideon felt in
Judges 6:11- 24. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: Why Jesus Had To Die On A Cross - We begin the season of Lent by slowing down and
remembering why Jesus Christ's awful death was necessary. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 3:14-15,
Romans 5:12-17, Isaiah 10:1-3, Habakkuk 1:2-4, and Jeremiah 31:31-34 to reflect on scriptures that answer the
question: "Why did Jesus have to die on a cross?" Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to
Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



*"Faith is the 'yes' of the heart, a conviction on which one stakes one's life."
~ Martin Luther ~*

PAKISTAN: Gunman Kills Christian Youth

Sources: Pakistan Christian Post, Pak Christian News, Morning Star News

On February 5th, Sunil Masih and three other Christian youth were standing in a market of Punjab's
Gujranwala District when six men arrived on motorcycles. One of the men shouted, "Kill all the Christians." At
that point, a different man, Zaman Butt, opened fire, killing a 14-year-old boy named Sunil. During the attack,
another Christian youth was grazed with a bullet. The assailants then fled the scene. Sunil was rushed to a local
hospital but pronounced dead on arrival.

Apparently, the altercation began days prior when Zaman Butt, along with a group of intoxicated individuals,
arrived at the local Christian colony and attempted to kidnap a boy named Sharoon. While this targeted victim
was able to fend off his attackers, he was badly beaten.

The perpetrators are reportedly members of a pedophile criminal gang known for targeting followers of
Jesus. According to a local pastor, the gang is well known to police, but their criminal activities have often been
ignored. "Their vile depredations target the weak Christian community because authorities ignore our pleas for
help," Pastor Asif lamented.
While a police report has been filed, and the identities of those involved in the incident are known, at last report,
the perpetrators were still at large. For more reports on the persecution of Christians in Pakistan, go to
our country report.

***Please prayerfully uphold the family members and friends of Sunil as they mourn the tragic loss of his young
life, asking God to provide them greatly needed comfort and healing. In the meantime, may His Holy Spirit also
be actively working to transform the hearts and minds of those involved in this case, prompting the authorities
to bring all members of the criminal gang to justice and ultimately hopeful repentance. Further, ask our
Heavenly Father to ensure divine protection, safety and peace are provided to the vulnerable members of this
Christian community, as well as to the many other followers of Jesus whose lives are at risk in this South Asian
country.***

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)

Church Announcements

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

District lists are in your mailbox today. If you have been missed or would like to added be in a district, please contact Pastor Ken or an elder.

Welcome Potluck - We are looking forward to our new associate pastor, Natasha Specht, 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 their family into our congregation!

Sonrise Camp - 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.

Funeral Fund Fees - 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.

Getting tired of Netflix? Maybe it's time for something different. - 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.

Christian Stewardship Services - So you think a joint account is the easy answer to minimizing probate? Do you know there are new rules in place for joint accounts? Learn the pros and cons of joint accounts, ownerships, and more. Co-ordination with your will and other named beneficiaries while understanding tax implications is an ongoing process. Throughout this winter, Christian Stewardship Services will be hosting complimentary open Q&A sessions every other week to answer all of your question and more. See the poster on the bulletin board for class dates & topics. Next session is February 29. For more information info@csservices.ca.

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

Upcoming Offerings

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.

February 25 - Raise Up Global Ministries

Raise Up Global Ministries is committed to Educating Christian Leaders in Communities around the world. The three programs of Raise Up equip the global church by (1) *DEVELOPING* biblically based interactive materials and (2) *TRAINING* facilitators to lead reproducible change in their communities. Our vision is to see healthy churches worldwide flourish and transform their communities under the leadership of those who have been equipped through accessible, high-quality materials and training.

Gratefully Received February 4 & 11

Local Church Ministries \$6261 Tribal Trails \$1693

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.