

Upcoming Events

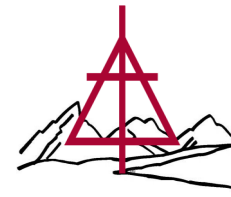
March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30
10:00am Worship Service SS story card #127 No Youth	No Friendship 7:30pm Camp Meeting	<i>Office: Josephine</i> No Coffee break 7:30pm Full Council	7:30pm Membership Class	12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	7:00pm Good Friday Service Celebration of Lord's Supper	
March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6
8:30am Singing at the Rocky Hospital 10:00am Worship Service No Sunday School today	No Friendship	<i>Office: Cheri-Lynn</i> 9:30 am Coffee break 7:30pm Deacons 7:30pm WPC	7:15pm GEMS Grandparents Tea RSVP to Alyssa D. 7:00pm Cadets 7:00pm Catechism	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.

HELPING HANDS

Thank you, for all you do!	March 24 Pastor Ken	March 31 Pastor Ken	April 7 Pastor Ken
Serving Elder	Gary V.	Albert V.	Randy D.
Serving Deacon	Doug D.	Justin D.	Ken B.
Music Team	Six Track	Lifted Hearts	Mosaic
Children's Message	Elroy L.	Pastor Ken	Joel S.
Nursery	Justin & Courtney D. Marlene D., Arieanna V.	Mark & Keanna H. Marisa P., Ruth D.	
Coffee Host	Andrew & Delanea D.	Ken & Cheri-Lynn B.	Gordon & Bettie V.
Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Jim & Margo D. Aaron & Cheryl T.	David & Stephanie C. Steven & Simone B.	Herb & Gertie W. Albert & Sjoukje 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

Pastor Natasha Specht- pastornatasha@rockycrc.ca (Monday -Thursday)

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



Morning Worship Service

Welcome

♪ Hosanna in the Highest

♪ Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Sunday School Children

Call to Worship

God's Greeting and we greet each other

♪ Praise is Rising

Lord's Supper Preparatory

♪ You are My All in All

Children's Message - Elroy L.

(Sunday School for Ages 3 to Grade 5)

Announcements and Congregational Prayer

Offering for Local Church Ministries

Offertory

Scripture - Psalm 23:5b; Hebrews 1:8-9; Mark 11:1-11

Message - Images of Abundance

♪ How Great is Our God

Parting Blessing

♪ Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

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](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**.

† We pray for those at home: **Pearl V., Sylvia D., Gus & Margaret V. and Joe & Lena V.** For those at the local care facilities: **Tonia T., Diane W., Elly O., Dick O., Seenie B.** 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.

Upcoming Services

March 29 - Good Friday (7:00 pm, Lord's Supper) **March 31** - Easter Sunday (10:00 am worship service)

April 21 - Gems & Cadet Sunday

Lent Season Daily Devotional Guide

March 24 - March 31

On this page you will find a Scripture reading and a reflection questions for each day of the week. Consider this material as an individual or around the table with your family. Keep in mind the words from Psalm 23:5 which form the theme for this week. *"You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows"* May God bless us all as we seek to deepen our walk with Him.

Sunday, March 24 - Hebrews 1:6-7

Q: As you once again read this passage, what have you learned today about the reality of "anointing"?

Monday, March 25 - Isaiah 26:1-9

Q: As you read this extended passage about God's work, what are some of the striking aspects of experiencing the "oil of peace"?

Tuesday, March 26 - Psalm 103:1-8

Q: This cherished psalm speaks of the "oil of healing." Identify as many statements as you can that describe God's work of healing in our lives.

Wednesday, March 27 - Ephesians 1:7-14

Q: God anoints us with His Spirit (v 13). What are some of the marks of the "oil of humility" that are assumed and mentioned in this passage?

Thursday, March 28 - Isaiah 61:1-3

Q: How can we live out the anointed lifestyle described in this passage? What particular people can we pray for today who need the "oil of gladness" mentioned in verse 3? (Can we accompany our prayers with an invitation to sit next to us Easter Sunday?)

Friday, March 29 - Revelation 19:6-9

Q: In our Good Friday service tonight, we consider the table that is spread before us by the Good Shepherd (see Psalm 23:5). What do these words in Revelation say about that table?

Saturday, March 30 - Psalm 6

Q: This Psalm is a good one to read between Good Friday and Easter. What words seem appropriate for you to hear and to say during this "in between period?" What words do you need to offer to God in prayer for yourself? What words do you need to offer on behalf of others?

Sunday, March 31 - Matthew 28:1-10; Psalm 23:6; Psalm 16:9-11

Q: These are the passages we use today in our Easter worship. What is it that makes Easter such a great day of celebration?

"Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.
Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
~ Psalm 82:3-4 ESV ~

PAKISTAN: Young Girl Forcibly Converted

Sources: Pakistan Christian Post, Morning Star News

On the night of February 11th, ten-year-old Laiba Suhail was abducted from her home in the Faisalabad District of Punjab. The Christian girl's captor has been identified as Muhammad Mohsin Shah – a man who is well known in the area for abducting and forcibly converting girls from religious minorities.

When Laiba's parents approached Muhammad, he dismissed them by asserting that she had willingly embraced Islam. In response to the incident, court officials ruled to send Laiba to a women's shelter rather than returning her home. The parents were refused any contact with their daughter during the hearing, even though the young girl was present.

The Christian family has since learned that Muhammad managed to take Laiba from the women's shelter. Her parents are now concerned that she may have been sold to sex traffickers. At last report, Laiba's family members were pursuing all efforts to regain custody, but they are extremely poor due to the ill health of Laiba's father. They are endeavouring to obtain a lawyer to file a motion with the Lahore High Court.

The plight facing Christian women and girls in Pakistan is deeply concerning. Despite court rulings that have been established to protect females of minority groups, many authorities throughout the country frequently disregard these laws. As a result, on February 28th, the Lahore High Court ordered the government to implement stricter enforcement of anti-child marriage laws. Pressure has also been applied to enact tighter regulations relating to forced conversions.

Please uphold this distraught family in your prayers, asking the Lord to mightily intervene in the situation and ensure Laiba is safely returned to the custody of her loving parents. May God grant this young girl divine protection, healing and comfort, meeting her every need now and in the future. Pray that the laws designed to protect vulnerable minorities in Pakistan will be tightened and more strictly enforced by the country's authorities so that such incidents can be prevented from happening in the lives of other innocent victims and their families.

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

Upcoming Offerings

March 24 - 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.

March 31 - Resonate Global Mission

Has Jesus ever met you all of the sudden? Suddenly, you realize you are in a special moment. Suddenly, you realize he is going ahead of you, just as the angel promised on that first Easter! Our calling as Christians, when it comes down to it, is to be ready for those sudden moments—the opportunities God places in our lives to be involved in mission. Resonate Global Mission is privileged to walk with you, wherever God is leading. We love to see the way God invites his church into mission through callings to go around the world and callings to be present in the every day.

Your Gift Doubled! Resonate Global Mission has a great opportunity for your giving to God's mission through the Christian Reformed Church! Now through April 30, any amount you give for our special campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a generous donor!

The Deacons are supporting, through prayer, Coleton & Ira with their work through YWAM. We encourage you to keep them in prayer and check out their newsletter on the Deacons bulletin board in the social hall.

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.

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

Assistance required with the parsonage, in preparation of Natasha moving there, we are looking for some volunteer help with clean-up, painting, kitchen cabinets and other upgrades. If you can help out sometime in the next 4-6 weeks please contact Peter B.

Looking to join other **couples** in a **Bible study**? Look no further! If you are interested in joining or want further information, contact Sjoukje V.

Come make a joyful noise and **sing of the great news** that Christ has Risen to the patients & staff at the Rocky hospital. We will meet **Sunday, March 31 at 8:30 am** at the hospital, followed with a potluck breakfast at the church. ***** **Please note that this ministry needs a new coordinator to organize Easter & Christmas singing times at the Rocky Hospital, if you would like more information or would like to volunteer to fill this role contact John & Jean B.*******

GEMS are hosting a **grandparents (friends) tea** on **April 3rd at 7:15pm** at the church! If you didn't receive an invite, still feel free to come for an evening of fellowship, entertainment, and fun. **RSVP** to Alyssa D.

Summer Ministries (July 7-12, July 14-19 & July 22-25) has several opportunities to volunteer! Check out the bulletin board in the hallway to sign up. Any questions contact the camp committee members Albert V., Kelly B., Marie A., Sheldon B., Zachary B., Lydia B., Cody L., or Cheri-Lynn B. Vacation Bible Camp contact Cailyn B.

Looking for a rental in town - Hello, my name is Chantale and I've been in this church for a few months now. I live out of town but need a place in town because I don't have a vehicle. If you are able to help me even for a short time, please contact the **church office** for my phone number. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars - Word is getting around that we plan to have a Mother's Day Market/Bazaar to raise funds for our church's 75th anniversary next year. The bazaar will be on **Saturday, May 4, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** A list of suggested items is on posters in the social hall and hallway. We really hope to make this a big success and a great get-together as we haven't done something like this since before Covid. For further information or patterns for crafts call Marilyn H. (Please **DO NOT** drop any items off at the church beforehand due to lack of storage)

Church Announcements

Life Changing! That's what **Rehoboth Camp Ministry** can be! RCM provides a one-week summer camp experience for persons with developmental disabilities, and we need volunteers. Come and be a friend to someone with a developmental disability and show them the love of Christ, and at the same time enjoy our beautiful camp facility. We are looking for all kinds of volunteers, especially nurses/LPNs, cooks, and counsellors for all of our weeks: **R&R** (a more relaxed week from June 23 – 28), **Adult 1** (June 29 -July 5), **Adult 2** (July 6 -12), **Independent** (July 13-19), and **Youth** (July 20 - 26). Check out our website at www.rcmflourish.ca/camps for descriptions of the weeks and more information. Anyone age 14 and up is welcome to apply. No experience is necessary and full training and support is provided. Bring a friend! For more information, please e-mail camp@rcmflourish.ca. With your help we can flourish in the land. See you at camp!

Living in color - Healing from a past abortion (support and education). Are you carrying the secret of having had abortion? Are you struggling with shame and guilt? Are you ready to find healing, restoration and forgiveness? Please join us as we start a Living In Color Support Group, April 8th from 5:30-7:00 pm. (Course runs for 10-12 weeks. Day of week to be determined.) At the Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Centre- Rocky Mtn House. Confidential and facilitator led. For more information, please call 403-871-5111 or email: rmhdirector@pregnancycares.ca. Please register by April 1.

Igniting Revival in the Power of the Holy Spirit (April 10 -13) at Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton. Come join us at this event which aims to equip individuals and small team to cooperate with Jesus to see an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which could lead to revival and the Next Great Awakening.



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ReFrame Ministries

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.

Kids Corner: Called By Name - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Mary was alone at the tomb. Then she met Jesus but didn't recognize him. All he had to do was say her name, and then she knew she was loved and not alone anymore. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ - Examining the story of Jesus' crucifixion in each of the four gospels reveals a beautiful tapestry of perspectives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 27:45-53, Mark 15:40-41, Luke 23:13-25, and John 19:28-37 to witness the fulfillment of Scripture and remember the significance of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.