

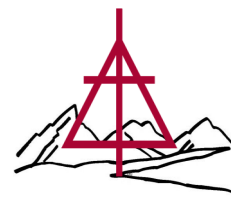
Upcoming Events

May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
10:00am Worship Service S.S. story card # 139 1:15pm Clearwater Centre 2:30pm Westview Lodge 7pm "From Inside Out" Course @ Church Youth - Jam session with Cheryl D. location TBD	5:30pm Last Friendship Potluck	<i>Office: Cheri-Lynn</i> 9:30am Coffee Break - last one 7:30pm Deacons 1:00-3:00pm Grand Parents Day @ RCS		12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 12:00-2:00pm March for Life in Edmonton @ Alberta Legislature Building		
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
10:00am Worship Service Lord's Supper S.S. story card # 149 7pm "From Inside Out" Course @ Church Youth - Tea/Talent Show for Mother's at Hendri/Deanna H.		<i>Office: Josephine</i> 7:30pm Admin			Sonrise Camp workbee	8:30am coffee is on at the Sonrise Camp workbee

All bulletins can be found online www.firstcrocky.ca

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

HELPS	Thank you, for all you do!	May 5	May 12	May 19
		Pastor Ken	Pastor Natasha	Pastor Ken
	Serving Elder	Alan D.	John D.	Chris T.
	Serving Deacon	Doug D.	Justin D.	Ken B.
	Music Team	Mosaic	Six Track	The Experience
	Children's Message	Pastor Ken	Corinne S.	Elroy L.
	Nursery	Janelle V., Rita B., Marion R., Chelsey B.	Annette D., Jonah D., Justin & Courtney D.	Brenda B., Stephanie C., Marlene D., Arieanna V.
	Coffee Host	Ernie & Jeannette S.	Don & Marion R.	Devon & Marisa P.
	Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Cody & Teagan L. Rennie & Tina K.	Hank & Betty K. Tom & Alyssa D.	Randy & Annette D. Peter & Trudy D.



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

Sunday, May 5

1 Corinthians 11:7-34

Sacramental Series #4:

Eating Together as One - Discerning the Body

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Morning Worship Service

Welcome

Gathering Songs

♪ Creation Calls

♪ As We Gather

Call to Worship

God's Greeting & We Welcome one another

♪ Christ is Mine Forevermore

Lord's Supper Preparatory

♪ Sanctuary

♪ Amen, Listen to Our Prayer

Children's Message - Pastor Ken

Sunday School for Ages 3 - Grade 5

Announcements and Congregational Prayer

Offering for Diaconal Ministries Canada (NewGround)

Scripture - 1 Corinthians 11:7-34

Message - Sacramental Series #4 - Eating Together as One - Discerning the Body

♪ We Are One Body

The Blessing

♪ Hear the Call of the Kingdom

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

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."
Ephesians 6:18*

† As a ministerial church, each church has been asked to pray for our brothers and sisters in our community,
today we are praying for **Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran 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. and 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.



*"Suffering in life can uncover untold depths of character and unknown strength for service....
Only deeply plowed earth can yield bountiful harvests."
~ Evangelist Billy Graham (1918-2018) ~*

EGYPT: Christian Homes and Businesses Burned

Sources: Mission Network News, International Christian Concern, Christian Solidarity Worldwide

Late into the evening of April 23rd, Islamic militants set fire to several homes and shops owned by Coptic Orthodox Christians in the village of Al-Fawakher, which is located in Egypt's southern Minya province. Although the attackers attempted to prevent the occupants from leaving their burning homes, thankfully there were no reported fatalities.

It is believed that the attack may have been triggered by plans to build a new church building in the village. The local Christians had received a permit to build the new place of worship, but they then began receiving threats from opposing community members. Even though the threats were reported to the authorities (who promised to provide protection), no assistance was given to the Christians during the attack, and security forces arrived only after it occurred. Arrests were made in connection with the incident but, at last report, no official statement has been issued by the police.

Rev. Riadh Jaballah, VP of International Ministry for The Voice of the Martyrs Canada, believes that the attack was intended "to create sedition and division between the community's Muslims and Christians." He adds that the persecution of those practising Christianity is not new, especially leading up to the Orthodox observance of Easter. In the aftermath of the violence, Rev. Riadh urges us as fellow believers to respond in four ways: 1) encourage one another, 2) be aware of the situation, 3) share that information, and 4) pray. "We are [all] believers," he further explains. "It doesn't matter about [our] denominations. We need to stand up together."

Prayerfully remember the many Christians in this village who are now homeless and/or without a source of income, asking God to fill them with His peace and provide for their daily needs – including those such as protection and encouragement. May His Holy Spirit convict the militants responsible for perpetrating this violent attack, stirring their hearts to the point of repentance and the surrender of their lives in faith to Jesus. Further, pray that our Christian brothers and sisters in Egypt will respond to the opposition in a Christ-like manner – serving as testimonies of His love, mercy and grace to the community members who stand against them – resulting in an easing of tensions and the cultivating of harmonious relationships among all the villagers.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: The Unhurried Jesus - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus knew that quiet time with God is special in a busy world. Sometimes, when all the activity stops and our bodies slow down, we feel bored. Instead of searching for a way to fill the quiet with extra activities, try this: Talk to God! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC Bible Story Podcasts.

Groundwork: Spiritual Priorities in Haggai and Zechariah - In good times and bad, life is full of struggles and challenges. Even when God answers our prayers, the way forward isn't always straight. Join Groundwork as we study Haggai 1-2 and Zechariah 1-14 to glean biblical wisdom for navigating and enduring our own spiritual and physical challenges today and find courage to continue trusting God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

CRC Communications

Please pray for Synod 2024! - We need everyone to be involved. The theme for synod worship and prayer is *God With Us*. You can sign up to pray on your own, with your church or small group, or at Calvin University in June. Check out the many opportunities at crcna.org/synod/prayer and join us in humble prayer for God's will to be done in the CRC. Email SynodPrayer@crcna.org with your questions or comments.

The Banner

The Banner's Counting On You! - Please support the award-winning, journalistic ministry of the CRC by donating online today. \$500,000 is needed every year to keep The Banner going. The more funds we are able to raise, the less we need to draw on ministry shares, releasing money to other ministries of the CRCNA. Give now at: TheBanner.org/Give

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In Whistling in the Dark, Frederick Buechner writes, "Thy kingdom come . . . on earth' is what we are saying. . . . To speak those words is to invite the tiger out of the cage, to unleash a power that makes atomic power look like a warm breeze." What are we asking when we pray for God's kingdom to come on earth? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

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

Upcoming Offerings

May 5 - Diaconal Ministries Canada - NewGround Sunday

NewGround is a program that helps Canadian churches start or grow ministries at the ground level, with discovering where God is at work in their community and then providing coaching and resources to help them get a new community ministry started. They also aim to develop both current and future leaders through Deacon Scholarships and the Youth Justice Project. NewGround is primarily funded through this annual offering taken by Christian Reformed Churches across Canada. Thank you for your support!

May 12 - Local Church Ministries

Local Church Ministries goes to cover all our budget commitments: staff, office expenses, power, heat, insurance, children's programs, mission support and ministry shares.

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.

Upcoming Services

May 5 - Worship services at Clearwater Centre (1:15pm) & Westview Lodge (2:30pm)

May 12 - Lord's Supper

June 9 - Worship services at Clearwater Centre (1:15pm) & Westview Lodge (2:30pm)

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

We will be **offering the course** *From the Inside Out* tonight, **Sunday, May 5 (at the church) 7:00pm**. It is six sessions. *From the Inside Out* is intended to help people develop an understanding of Christian Spiritual Formation, the lifelong process by which Christlikeness is established in the depths of our being. We will learn how our picture of God, self and the gospel shape how we think and live. Please talk to Pastor Natasha or Brenda B. to sign up.

An organizer is needed to coordinate the 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.

Sonrise Camps (July 7-12, July 14-19) have *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.

Registration forms for both weeks of Sonrise Camp and Vacation Bible Camp are on the table in the foyer and on the church website.

Sonrise Camp Workbee will take place on the May long weekend. The amphitheater is getting a revamp, cleaning out and tearing down a shed, tree clean up and the cleaning of the kitchen & buildings. Many hands will make light work. Coffee will be on at **8:30 am Saturday, May 18** and the work will commence after that, lunch will be provided.

It is amazing what creations Gems and Cadets can shape out of 1 block of wood, 4 nails and 4 plastic donuts shaped like wheels. On Sunday April 23 at the **GEMS and Cadets Cub Car rally** there was a racing shoe, paint brush, 1 tonne dually hauling sheep, corvette, minion and a banana, to mention a few. Congratulations to the following winners:

- Taking first prize for fastest car is Stirling D., 2nd goes to Miyah B.
- First place for best looking goes to Cadence B. and 2nd to Chelsey B.
- Most unique was awarded to Hannah V. and 2nd to Chelsey B.

On behalf of GEMS and Cadets *thank you* for the support of these ministries and we look forward to reengaging this coming fall!

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Youth May Events - **May 5:** Jam session with Cheryl D; **May 12:** Tea/Talent Show for Mother's at Hendri & Deanna H., **May 19:** Coffee night at Jos & Janneke S., **May 26:** Activity at Sonrise Camp. Mark your calendars for the upcoming service project at the **Medicine Hat Gleaners August 22-24.**

Mark your calendars for a **Men's Campout!** - All men (High School and up) are invited to come to Kelly & Shantelle's campground on **May 24 and 25.** We will have a late supper at 7:30 followed by a Skeet Shooting/Sharpshooter competition. On Saturday morning we will have breakfast/brunch from 9 -10am followed by a worship time and a Yard Game Olympics (no skill required!) Events will wrap up by 2:30pm although you are welcome to stay longer if you'd like. Come and participate in as much or as little as you want. Everyone is welcome to camp or to head home for the night and then come again in the morning! Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Grandparents Day - Please join us for Grandparent's Day 2024 at **Rocky Christian School on Tuesday, May 7th.** You are invited to come to the school from **1:00 pm - 3:00 pm** for a tour of your grand child(ren)'s classroom, to participate in some fun activities with them, and then enjoy a light snack and tea while the students present a short program for your entertainment. If you don't have grandchildren in our school, but would like to be a grand-friend for a student whose grandparents aren't able to attend, please contact the school office at 403.845.3516 and we will pair you up with a student.

March for Life - the Priest and the Levite saw the man lying along the road. They chose not to get involved. But the Samaritan stopped to help. If you saw a child lying on the road to Jericho what would you do? Would you stop and help? Would you speak up? Alvita King, niece of Human rights leader Martin Luther king Jr. is speaking at the March for Life in Edmonton. The March for Life is scheduled for **May 9, 12-2:00 at the AB Legislature Building.** Please join us in person or in prayer.

Community Prayer Breakfast- Rocky & District Ministerial Association invite you to the 5th annual Community Prayer Breakfast on **Wednesday, May 15th** at the Lou Soppit Community Centre from **7:00am-8:30am.** Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the church office until May 8.

