

Upcoming Events

June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29
10:00am Worship Service Lord's Supper/Profession of Faith Youth coffee @ Bob & Marie A.		<i>Office: Cheri-Lynn</i> 7:30 pm Full Council	7:00am-8:30am Prayer Meeting 12:00pm Sr luncheon at Pine Hills - RSVP to Ella	12:00pm Bulletin deadline		
June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6
10:00am Worship Service Youth Bible study @ Trevor & Sharlea's		<i>Office: Josephine</i> 7:30pm WPC meeting	7:00am Prayer walk with Pastor Natasha meet at tennis courts	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.

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Thank you, for all you do!	June 23	June 30	July 7
	Pastor Natasha	Pastor Ken	Pastor Ken
Serving Elder	Randy D.	Alan H.	Karl H.
Serving Deacon	Justin D.	Ken B.	Lowell S.
Music Team	Six Track	Lifted Hearts	Mosaic
Children's Message	Elroy L.	Pastor Ken	Corinne S.
Nursery	Colleen T., Janelle V., Annette D., Shanelle T.	Justin & Mikala D., Isabelle D., Lucas H.	Corinne V., Marie A., Rita B., Jonah D.
Summer Sunday School	TEACHER/HELPER NEEDED	Esme D, Zoe/Jazmin D.	TEACHER/HELPER NEEDED
Coffee Host	Robert & Brenda B.	Bob & Marie A.	Rob & Fran D.
Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Rocky & Nancy K. Bill & Marilyn S.	Pierre & Ria J. Erika W. & Rita B.	Andrew & Delanea D. Justin & Courtney 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



Morning Worship Service

Welcome

♪ You Are Worthy of My Praise
Responsive Call to Worship

God's Greeting /We Welcome One Another

♪ Shout to the North and South

Profession of Faiths - Jazmin D & Lane H.

♪ O Praise the Name of the Lord

Lord's Supper

Children's Message - Elroy L.
(Sunday School for ages 3 & 4)

Announcements & Congregational Prayer
Offering for Brazil Flooding Relief
Offertory -

Scripture - Hebrews 8
Message - Names of Jesus - High Priest
♪ I Lift Your Name

Blessing
♪ Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

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

*"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 **St. Matthew's Roman Catholic 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., 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.

Upcoming Services

June 23 - Lord's Supper & Profession of Faith (Jazmin D. & Lane H.)

July 21 - Profession of Faith & Baptisms

"Only in the cross of Christ will we receive power when we are powerless...strength when we are weak... hope when our situation is hopeless. Only in the cross is there peace for our troubled hearts."

~ Dr. Michael Youssef ~

NIGERIA: Christians Slain After Being Forced from Bus
Sources: Morning Star News, Daily Post, Leadership

On June 5th, a bus was travelling along the Damaturu-Biu Highway when a group of armed men forced it to stop near the village of Kamuya, which is located on the border between the states of Yobe and Borno. The terrorists, believed to be members of Boko Haram, pulled aside four passengers who were Christians and then allowed the rest of the travellers to leave.

The bodies of three young Christian men were later found, providing evidence that they had been shot by the attackers. At the time of publishing this report, the condition and whereabouts of the fourth passenger remain unknown. Photos of the killings have been circulating on social media. Unsubstantiated reports indicate that the abductors had apparently contacted the parents of the victims in advance to announce their intentions, suggesting that this was a planned targeted attack.

Incidents of Christians being kidnapped and killed are common in Nigeria. Reverend Ibrahim Abako from the Christian Association of Nigeria in Yobe State recently expressed his sorrow over the recurring attacks: "[These incidents have] been happening frequently. We call on the government, especially the military and police, to take proactive measures by protecting the citizens regardless of their religious background."
Pray for the families and friends of the slain young men as they grieve over the tragic loss of these precious lives. May all those who are mourning tangibly sense the Lord's comforting presence with them and the assurance that their loved ones are eternally saved. Pray also that the abducted believer who is still missing will be divinely protected, released soon from captivity, and safety reunited with their desperately concerned family members. Continue to pray for the rescue of the many other innocent Nigerians who have been kidnapped by Islamic militants and remain missing today. As the abducted victims expectantly await their deliverance from captivity, may they be protected, strengthened and wonderfully encouraged by the Lord.

PRAISE REPORT FROM KYRGYZSTAN: Proposed Religion Law Amendments Rejected
Source: Forum18

In October 2023, a bill that would put significant restrictions on religious organizations in Kyrgyzstan passed its first reading. Of particular concern to human rights experts were the legislation's vague wording (which could potentially be subjected to abuse) and the strict new requirements for financial reporting. Previously published details on the proposed restrictions are available here.

On June 6th, the Kyrgyz parliament rejected the bill. However, as supporters of the legislation are presently working on other amendments that will be introduced to parliament, any reprieve may be short lived.

Praise God that the legislation of concern has been rejected by Kyrgyzstan's parliamentary officials and that further religious restrictions are not immediately forthcoming, bringing a sense of relief to many of our Christian brothers and sisters. Pray that the governing leaders of this Central Asian nation will be guided by a desire to provide fairness and justice to all residing citizens. In addition, ask the Lord to spiritually guide, empower and equip the country's church leaders as they encourage and train congregation members to be faithful "servants of Christ" in the midst of hostility.

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: Persistent Prayers - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Just like Jesus, you can pray persistently about the big, scary things in the world and how they make you feel. Big feelings do not scare God. He welcomes you to talk to him about them and to keep talking about them. He wants you to trust him. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Groundwork: Christian Engagement in Societal Issues - Together, let's delve into the complexities of Christian engagement in societal issues. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Romans 13:1-7, 1 Peter 2:13-17, Romans 3:10-12, and James 2:1-9 to discover practical insights and biblical wisdom to help us discern what it means to faithfully engage and embrace our role in shaping a more just and God-honoring society. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thriving Essentials 1-Hour Overview (June 27th) - Thriving Essentials is a training course for elders, deacons, church staff, and any volunteer ministry leader. This one-hour webinar will give you an overview of what the full course involves including discussions on four key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Attend this online preview **June 27** (1pm EDT) to see if the full course is right for your church. Register now at crcna.org/essentials

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Take a strong magnifying glass with you on a walk, and look at how the tiniest details of nature point to the Creator of the universe. You'll be amazed by what you see! Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Resonate Global Mission

Thank you for your generous gift to Resonate Global Mission! Your church's giving helps people all over the world—people who need discipleship and care as they discover their identity in Christ.

In over 40 countries, your Christian Reformed missionaries, church planters, and campus ministers are walking alongside people who have yet to experience the all-knowing embrace of Christ. That's why your gift means so much—it helps to send more people who can live and share the Good News!

It's mission-minded churches like yours that help others discover the truth and fullness of who God created them to be. Thank you for using your gifts to join hand in hand with your missionaries as they walk alongside others and share about a Savior who loves them.

Your partnership is a vital way that you help others experience God's restorative love. Together, we are responding to our call to bring others to Christ. Thank you for using your gifts to help people feel seen by God's church. We couldn't do it without your support!

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

Upcoming Offerings

June 23 - Brazil Flooding Relief

Brazil has been severely impacted by the floods in Rio Grande Do Sul (southern Brazil). More than 141 people missing, 806 were injured, 538,241 persons were displaced, 81,826 are living in shelters, and a death toll of 147 that keeps climbing, 2,115,703 were affected and lost almost everything. From a state/provincial population of 11M people, it is estimated that 90% of the 446 municipalities have been affected by floods & overflowed rivers. Once the water subsides, reconstruction should take year/s and involve Billions of dollars. Centrepointe/Ponto Central (Edmonton) is deeply tied to Brazil, most of their member are from Brazil. To that effect, the church is connecting with established organizations in Canada and Brazil to provide donations and fulfill God's mission to feed the hungry, the homeless, and the affected ones by this disaster. This is a great opportunity to show God's love and we want to be there for this community. The offering will go to help support this effort.

June 30 - 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.

Gratefully Received June 16

World Renew \$1,989 Sonrise Camp \$620 Local Church Ministries \$3,290

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)

From the Finance Committee

Janitor job opportunity - Our janitor, Jaylene, has informed us she would like to step away from the cleaning duties effective Sept. 1. This is an hourly position, with flexible hours and could be split between 2 or 3 people. If anyone is interested please contact Tom Smid or the church office.

Church Announcements

TO ALL SENIORS - To celebrate the beginning of the summer season, you are invited to Pine Hills Golf Course for lunch on **Wednesday, June 26th at 12:00 noon**. We'll have to let them know exactly how many of us to expect so there's a sign-up sheet on the seniors table in the Social Hall or text Ella. Hope to see you all there!

Invitation to anyone 60 years of age and older to join Peter & Trudy on **Thursday, July 11** for an afternoon and evening get together. Events are: 3:00pm Nature hike, 4:30pm Museum Tours, 6:00pm Dinner and campfire. All you need to bring is a lawn chair. Please *RSVP by July 8* so we will be sure to have enough food. Text or call Trudy.

We would like to offer the program **GriefShare**. It is a weekly support group for people who have lost a loved one. We are looking for **co-facilitators** to run the 13 week program sessions (video & curriculum) in the fall. GriefShare provides biblical, Christ-centered hope that will help hurting people rebuild their lives. If this is something that you would like to assist with, please contact Pastor Natasha.

Early Morning Prayer Walk with Pastor Natasha. Come for a time of walking and prayer on **Wednesday, July 3 at 7:00 am**, meet at the tennis courts. All are welcome!

Summer Sunday School teachers & helpers are needed beginning **Sunday, June 23** for the 3 & 4 year olds. There is a sign up sheet outside the classroom. Any questions, contact Bettie V. or Sandra S.

Lost and Found - Have you brought food/baking to church and left your container (s) behind? Sweaters and coats? They may be in the kitchen on the counter or on the table by the mailboxes. Please take a look and take yours home today! Thank you!

Church Announcements

Sonrise Camps (July 7-12, July 14-19) is *needing* 1 adult male counselor and a bus driver (week 1), a sound person (week 2). 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** (*deadline to register is June 28*) and **Vacation Bible Camp** are on the table in the foyer and on the church website.

Youth Coming Events - June 23: Coffee at Bob & Marie A., **June 30:** Bible study @ Trevor & Sharlea L. Mark your calendars for the upcoming service project at the **Medicine Hat Gleaners August 22-24**.

Badlands Passion Play - July 6 -21 - Each summer, in the heart of the Canadian Badlands, a group of actors, crew, and volunteers perform the story of the life of Christ on Canada's largest outdoor stage. Now in its 29th seasons, over 300,000 guests have experienced the Badlands Passion Play. The play is performed on over 6 acres of playing space in the spectacular Badlands Amphitheatre. Check out the poster and coupons that are on the bulletin board in the hallway. Get tickets online or by calling 403.823.2001

World Renew

With Deepest Gratitude from World Renew - We are called to welcome strangers. Through your gift to support the World Renew Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Program, you have done just that. Your gift helps World Renew to walk alongside sponsoring churches as they journey to welcome refugees to Canada. Your gift represents hope for refugees trying to rebuild their lives after the unimaginable hardships of persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations. Thank you for your compassion. If you would like to learn more about how World Renew is answering God's call for justice and mercy in our world, please visit: worldrenew.ca

Make an Impact by Volunteering with World Renew - This fall, World Renew has volunteer openings for individual adults, couples, or church groups to help in areas impacted by disasters. These one-week trips include home repair and cleanup projects that give vulnerable homeowners a chance to rebuild their lives. No matter your skillset, lending your time and talents as a volunteer with World Renew will have lasting reach. Learn more and sign up at worldrenew.net/volunteer.