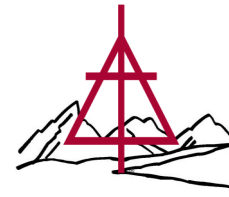


Upcoming Events

December 29	December 30	December 31	January 1	January 2	January 3	January 4
10:00am Worship service 1:15pm Worship at Clearwater Center 2:30pm Worship at Westview Lodge Youth at Arnold & Alida V.	No Friendship	Office: Josephine	10:00am Worship service	12:00pm Bulletin deadline 1:30pm WPC		
January 5	January 6	January 7	January 8	January 9	January 10	January 11
10:00am Worship service Sunday School card #13 Youth Gym night	7:00pm Friendship	Office: Cheri-Lynn 7:30pm Deacons	8:30am Prayer meeting 7:00pm GEMS & 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.



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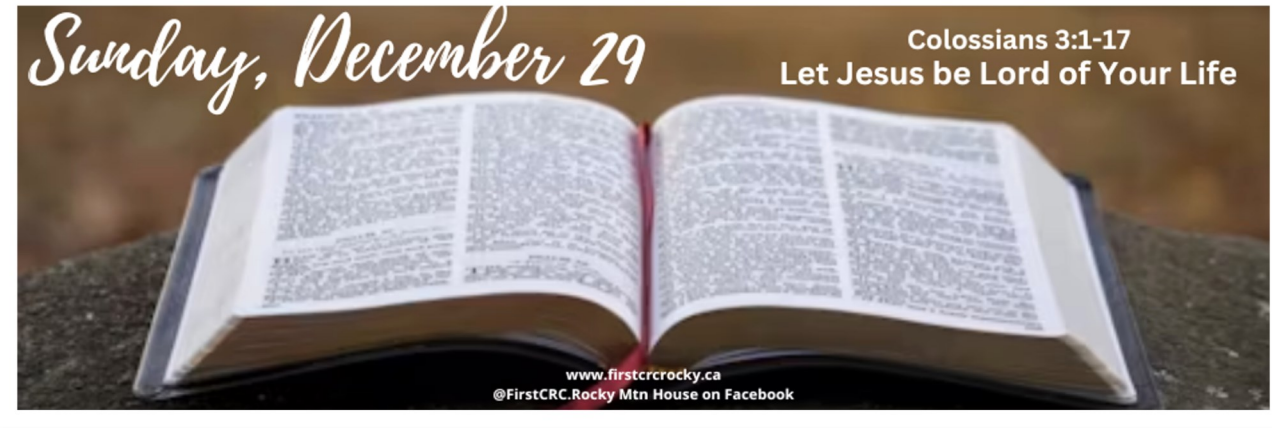
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Our **MISSION** is to worship God faithfully, nurture one another to grow in Christ, joyfully tell others about Jesus, develop our gifts to serve and pursue stewardship, justice and peace in every area of life.

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

♪ Joy to the World

Call to Worship

God's Greeting/We welcome One Another

♪ Let All Things Now Living

Call to Confession & prayer

♪ In Christ Alone

Assurance of Pardon

♪ Give Thanks

♪ Sanctuary

Children's Message - Pastor Ken

Sunday School for ages 3 - Grade 5

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Offering for Local Church Ministries

Offertory

Scripture - Colossians 3:1-17

Message - Let Jesus Be Lord of Your Life

♪ I Surrender All

Blessing

♪ To God Be the Glory

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Thank you, for all you do!	December 29	January 1, 2025	January 5
	Pastor Natasha	Pastor Ken	Pastor Ken
Serving Elder	Gary V.	Chris T.	Joel S.
Serving Deacon	Mark H.	Lorraine A.	Peter B.
Music Team	Lifted Hearts	Six Track	Mosaic
Children's Message	Pastor Ken	N/A	Pastor Natasha
Nursery	Mark & Keanna H. Margo D., Ruth D.	N/A	Karl & Krystal H., Kelsey D., Chelsey B.
Coffee Host	Dick & Rose W.	Anthony & Lydia B.	Andrew & Delanea D.
Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	John & Jean B. Rocky & Nancy K.	Jeffrey D, Dustin D. Henry & Lorraine A.	Kyle & Trina A. Bryan & Cheryl D.

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 - Grade 5 during the service.

Join us for coffee in the fellowship hall following the service.

For more Information view: www.firstcrocky.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 **Withrow Gospel Mission**.

† Pray for **Marilyn H.** (recuperating following leg surgery) and **Pearl V.** who are currently in the Rocky Hospital.

† We will be praying for **Aaron T.** as he undergoes back surgery on January 2.

† We pray for those at home: **Sylvia D., Marvin W., Gus & Margaret V.** and **Joe & Lena V.** For those at the local care facilities: **Tonia T., Joan S., 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. Missionaries are regular people who fear pain and rejection as much as anyone else. When faced with opposition, they need God's strength to help them stand firm. Pray ...That the Holy Spirit will provide missionaries with words that communicate effectively in other cultures and languages.....That they will have boldness to overcome the fear of embarrassment or failure.....Against evil forces that would seek to hinder the spread of the gospel.

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, Pastor Natasha, an elder or deacon.

Elders are

Anthony B., Sheldon B., Alan H., Karl H., Jessica H., Cody L., John M., Alan O., Joel S., Chris T. and Gary V.

Deacons are

Lorraine A., Peter B., Ken B., Jim D., Justin D., and Mark H.

Church Announcements

75th ANNIVERSARY Event - Tentative date for a January anniversary event is **Sunday, January 26th** - possibly at 4:00 pm - and we are planning a program of singing and special music, which will include the organ as well as other instruments, We hope to have special guests and sharing of memories. Please keep the date and think about how you might participate! We will keep you posted on further details.

A Couples Bible study - will be starting in January on Friday evenings (date to be determined). If you are interested or need more information contact Sjoukje V.

Christian Stewardship Services is hosting open Q & A sessions every week this winter to answer all your questions on charitable giving and estate planning. Each session will have a 10 minute introduction, an interactive Q&A on any charitable giving and estate planning questions. The first four topics are: *Multiplied your Gift, Pets, Life Insurance, adding a Charity child and Cryptocurrency*. Explore the topics and register at cssservice.ca/winter-conversations-2025/ More information is on the bulletin board.

Warming Shelter - In Response to a Town Council initiative, a Group of organizations including the local churches, are working to start a Warming Shelter for the homeless in our community. Sadly, there are a significant number in our area who do not have the protection of a warm home. The Shelter will operate from 10pm to 7am each night and will be located at the Foodbank. It will require 2 volunteer staff each night along with one paid staff. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving as a volunteer with this ministry, please contact Lindsay Hunt at lhunt@mrwsa.net Pray that sufficient funding will be made available and that staff and volunteers can be found so that we can provide a warm and safe place for people in our community this winter.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Home is a Blessing - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God is our rock and our foundation. The home is the place where your family chooses to make a commitment to serve God. What a blessing! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders.

Groundwork: Your Questions about Scripture and Hope - Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 11:13-16, Revelation 20:1-6, John 15:18-25, and Psalm 46 to look at some of the questions you asked this year in response to our discussions on the Lord's Prayer, Joshua, and Revelation; then we'll talk about the issues that feel most pressing for our faith right now and where we can find the hope and encouragement to keep living faithfully each day. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - As we come to the end of a calendar year, this is a fitting time to look back. At a mealtime this week, share with someone else one thing that you're grateful for, one thing you're sad about, and one way you've seen God working in the past year. Read Psalm 90 together as a reminder that God directs our days, months, and years. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

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)

Memories leading up to our 75th Anniversary

The Hunger Winter caused much suffering and was the last year of the war. The oldest boy in each family was required to join the army but if he was in university the duty fell to the second son. George told our Seniors' group that babies could be claimed by a family which felt they could keep the baby alive rather than leave it with its mother where food was so scarce. Gus told how a large farm dog had died and been left in the field and when someone came by looking for a piece of bread, they were told of the dog. It soon disappeared and became a meal for someone. John told how the sheep in the field disappeared one by one as people resorted to theft to keep from starving. Gus mentioned that their house was attached to the barn. People could live there without worrying about the ammonia from the horses (John). Anneke told how her father was in the barn feeding the animals on a Sunday morning when her mother called him in to help her. Before he even got to the house a bomb fell on that barn. "The Lord saved my dad's life!" Anneke herself was caught in a shower of bullets on the way to the bakery and took shelter in a neighbor's house. She lay on the floor with them and was very scared afterward.

Church Announcements

The start of the New Year we are starting of the New Year with a worship service at 10:00am and will have a time of coffee & fellowship following the service. If olliebollen making is a part of your New Years tradition we encourage you to make a few more and take them along to church to share at coffee time. If you have any extra baking you want to get rid of, feel free to take it along.

A BIG THANK YOU to Pastor Ken and Pastor Natasha and all the gifted volunteers who made all the special Christmas events possible. We are so blessed to have you!
Ella V.

Friendship has been blessed with several new friends and is **REALLY** in need of more teachers. It would be wonderful if each friend had their own teacher. Please prayerfully consider helping in this outreach for our community. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, contact Corinne S. or Sjoukje V.

Griefshare is a support group that helps and encourages people after the death of a loved one. This 13 week group provides valuable guidance and tips that can lead to relief, comfort, and peace of mind. We are beginning a new session on **Monday, January 13th, at 7:00 pm**. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Natasha or Jeannette S.

Deacon's Corner ~ Lorraine A., Peter B., Ken B., Jim D., Justin D., Mark H.

Upcoming Offerings

December 29 - 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.

January 1, 2025 - The Lord's Foodbank

The Lord's Food Bank is a Christian ministry for those who are facing hunger, providing relief through our food pantry, Little Reds and hot meals. We provide spiritual care through messages given by local pastors, and prayer for clients' personal needs. God has a heart of compassion for those who are in need and provides for them through ministries like this one; we want to show that love to all who come in.

Program Centre (4923 52 St) - Hot Meals served every Tuesday and Thursday (11:30am-1:30pm)

Food Choice Pantry (4911 52 St) - **FREE** Grocery style service. Call today to book an appointment (Monday to Friday 403.845.7546)

Deacons will have **coupons available for purchase** in denominations of \$2, 5, 10, following the service on January 1, 2025 and each Sunday following.

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. Coupons can be directly purchased from a Deacon, in the Council room on Sunday mornings.

Cheque - 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 Events

December 29 - Worship at Clearwater Center (1:15pm) and Westview Lodge (2:30pm)

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - New Year's Day Worship at 10:00am.

Bring Oliebollen & baking for coffeetime after the service.

Tuesday, February 25 - Congregational Meeting