

Weekly Calendar of Events

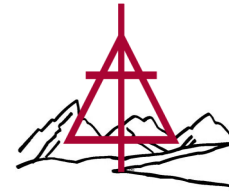
April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2
10:00am Worship Service GEMS/Cadet Sunday 7:00pm Nehemiah Study	3:30pm Youth Bible study at Copper Creek 7:00pm Friendship	Office: Fran 9:30am Coffeebreak (last one) 1:30pm WPC Meeting	8:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Revelation Study (last one) 7:30pm Men's Bible Study (last one)	12:00pm Bulletin deadline 9:15 - 3:00pm Crafting	7:30pm Men's Bowling & Pizza	12:00-4:00pm Social Hall Private Booking
May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9
10:00am Worship Service 1:15pm Service at Clearwater Centre 2:30pm Service at Westview Lodge 7:00pm Nehemiah Study	7:00pm Friendship	Office: Cheri-Lynn 7:30pm Deacons	8:30am Prayer Meeting	12:00pm Bulletin deadline		9:00am - 12:00pm CRC Spring 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.

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Thank you, for all you do!	April 26 Pastor Ken	May 3 Wycliffe	May 10 Pastor Ken
Serving Elder	Alan H.	Nancy D.	Richard D.
Serving Deacon	Jacob L.	Lorraine A.	Ken B.
Music Team	Youth Band	Lifted Hearts	Six Track
Children's Message	Pastor Natasha	Corinne S.	Pastor Ken
Sunday School Helpers	Reid D., Cadence B., Debbie S.	Jamie D., Jace H., Ryan B.	Lindsey B., Russell D., Charley T.
Nursery	Jacob & Jennifer L. Alyssa D., Miyah B.	Kelsey D., Annette D., Marie A., Jonah D.	Justin & Courtney D. Alissa L., Jamie D.
Coffee Host	Dave & Sandra S.	Ernie & Jeannette S.	Alan & Jacqueline H.
Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Dirk & Sandra V. Aaron & Cheryl T.	Larry & Debbie S. Geoff & Kendra S.	Richard & Marlene D. John & Nancy D.



FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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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

Children's Message - Pastor Natasha
(Sunday School for age 3 - Grade 5)

Responsive Call to Worship

Opening prayer
🎵 Come Thou Fount

Announcements & Congregational Prayer
Offering for GEMS & Cadets
Offertory - Seek Ye First

God's Greeting & We Welcome One Another

🎵 Cornerstone

Scripture - Matthew 14:22-36
Message - Walking on Water

Call to Confession & Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

🎵 Living Hope

Blessing
🎵 Everywhere I Go

GEMS - memory verse & sharing
Slideshow of year

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 age 3 through Grade 5 during the service.
Join us for coffee in the fellowship hall following the service.

www.firstcrocky.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 **Living Branches Community Church**.

† Birthday congratulations to **Jo-Ann O.** celebrating a birthday on May 1!

† We pray for our members at the local care facilities: **Joan S.** and **Tonia T.**
For those at home: **Sylvia D.** and **Joe V.** We pray for all 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. *“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” — John 15:5 (NLT)* It’s important to rely on God for all aspects of ministry — especially during times of great difficulty, so that efforts will produce fruit and ultimately a harvest will be gathered. Pray ...

- **That God will provide strength and perseverance to missionaries when their ministries seem to be fruitless.**
- **That seeds will be planted and that missionaries would be able to see the fruits of their labor.**
- **That an abundant harvest will be produced as more people learn about the love of Christ.**

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 a deacon.

Elders are: Brenda B., Sheldon B., Alan H., Karl H., Cody L., John M., Nancy O., Richard O., Ernie S., Joel S. and Gary V.

Deacons are: Lorraine A., Ken B., Anneleen D., Jim D., Mark H. and Jacob L.



“Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation.

Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

~ Revelation 2:10 ESV ~

INDONESIA: Prayer House Forcibly Closed

Sources: AsiaNews, VOM Australia, International Christian Concern, BBC

For the second time in two years, the Tesalonika Christians Oikumene congregation in Teluknaga, Tangerang Regency, has encountered community opposition during Easter celebrations at their prayer house. The previous year, local officials sealed the building the day after Good Friday, forcing the believers to rent an alternative location in order to hold their Easter Sunday services.

This year, the authorities arrived in the middle of the Good Friday services, evicting everyone prior to sealing off the facility. This action was the result of protests from local villagers who opposed the church's activities. Some protesters are even demanding the permanent closure of the facility, claiming that the Christians do not have a valid permit.

While policies restricting "prayer houses" are generally less stringent than those required for formal church buildings, the congregation had applied for a building permit in 2023. Unfortunately, the outcome of the application remains unresolved. In the interim, however, governing officials have thankfully intervened in the situation by providing the congregants a temporary facility. The mayor has also promised to find them a suitable location where they can peaceably meet for the long term.

In various other areas of the country, protests revolving around permit-related disputes continue to pose significant challenges for many Indonesian congregations.

- ***Pray for the members of this congregation as they continue to seek God's help amid opposition in their community, asking Him to grant them patience, guidance, endurance and steadfast faith.***
- ***As in their case, may the Lord likewise intervene in the hearts and minds of governing officials in other parts of the country, also guiding them towards just and lasting resolutions that will both honour Him and uphold the dignity of Indonesia's faith communities.***
- ***In general, may the Lord work in the hearts of the country's overall population – not only making it possible for religious tolerance and understanding to take place, but also creating opportunities for believers to share His love and the "Good News" of His salvation.***

Calvin Theological Seminary

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation - October 9-19
visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616.328.3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions - How Do We Care for God's World? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "How Do We Care for God's World?" at www.kidscorner.net. Discover how amazing God's world is and why it matters how we treat it. Learn simple ways you can enjoy the outdoors, care for nature, and help keep our world clean and beautiful! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Earth Day collection.

Groundwork - Understanding the Purpose of God's Law - After emphatically teaching that salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, Paul explores the contrasting paths of legalism and freedom in faith. Join Groundwork as we study Galatians 3-4 to hear Paul's encouragement to stay focused on Christ, to embrace our identity as God's children, and to find our unity as believers in Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Groundwork 15th Anniversary - Groundwork is celebrating its 15th anniversary! For more than 15 years now, this radio show and podcast has been digging into the richness of God's Word as the foundation for our lives. Come celebrate God's faithfulness with us! Register online at reframeministries.org/events

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Abuse often thrives in silence and secrecy. This week educate yourself on what healthy relationships and safe church practices look like. Share a resource with a friend or ministry leader. Awareness is one step toward healing, justice, and prevention. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Deacon's Corner ~ Lorraine A., Ken B., Anneleen D., Jim D., Mark H., Jacob L.

Upcoming Offerings

April 26 - GEMS & Cadets

GEMS is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour. Our vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others—girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living out their faith. Our mission is to bring girls everywhere into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Through club programs and one-on-one mentoring resources, moms, mentors, and ministry leaders can help guide girls into a relationship with Jesus.

Cadets is a weeknight program that meets bi-weekly and helps boys become more Christlike in all areas of life. Each meeting includes assembling with the entire club for the landmarks, breaking up into small groups (called "cadres") for Bible study and working on badges, and a time of games or other physical activity.

May 3 - Wycliffe

Wycliffe Bible Translators has helped people around the world translate the Bible into their own languages. What started as one young man's vision that every man, woman and child would be able to understand God's Word in their own language has grown into a global movement. But Bible translation does not stop after Scripture is printed, recorded or dedicated. People need to engage with Scripture and apply it to their lives in order to experience sustained growth and transformation. Every person who makes up the global Church should be equipped for evangelism, discipleship and church planting, and that starts by having full access to God's Word in a language and format that captures their hearts. At Wycliffe, we want to leave a legacy of faith — where people continue to be transformed through the Bible for generations to come. So our work is not done yet!

Gratefully Received April 12 & 19

Local Church Ministries \$11,200

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's following the service.

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.

Prayer Ministry

Would you like prayer, but are unsure how or who to ask?

In the pews there are Prayer Request envelopes.

On the outside of the envelope - you can select who you would like to pray for you.

Inside - there is a card for more details and contact information if needed.

In the foyer is a prayer request box for submitting these prayer requests.

Whatever you are going through - times of beauty or ones of trouble - we would love to pray with you. Visit www.firstcrcrocky.ca (via the CONTACT link or Prayer Ministries link) to submit a request online.

Upcoming Services

Sunday, May 3

Worship services at Clearwater Centre (1:15pm) and Westview Lodge (2:30pm)

August 21-23

Church Campout at The Ranch

April 21 Admin Council Meeting Highlights

- The financial future of the church, and how to be stewardly in our planning for the future was discussed.
- The idea of an event to display church programs in order to help fill volunteer positions was presented and will go on to the Education Committee for consideration.
- We support different missionary causes. Admin would like to have one person be the designated correspondent for each missionary cause. This person would keep in contact with them and pass it on to the congregation.
- A few sabbatical details were discussed.
- A few committee updates and minutes were received.

Joel S., Clerk

Church Announcements

Old Testament Bible study on Nehemiah, Sunday evenings at **7:00 pm** here at First CRC. If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to speak with Pastor Natasha or John M.

Attention all youth (Grades 9-12) We are having a Small Group meeting at Copper Creek on **Monday, April 27 from 3:45-4:45 pm.**

Men's Bowling Night - On **Friday, May 1**, all men and boys (grades 7 and up) are invited to Krazy Lanes for an evening of pizza and bowling from **7:30 - 9:00pm**. The cost is \$20/person.

Church Spring Workbee will be held on **Saturday, May 9, 9-12pm**. There are a few items (inside and out) that need to be spruced up. If you can lend a hand, see you on May 9.

Men's Campout - All men and boys (grade 9 and up) are invited to the Men's Campout from **May 29-30** at Kelly's campground. Mark the date and plan to attend! Friends welcome! More info to come!

Sonrise Camps (July 5 -10 and July 12-17) and **Vacation Bible Camp** (VBC) (July 20 -23) - The planning has begun and there are several opportunities to serve: Cooks, cook helpers, counselors, worship band, games person, craft person, bus drivers and laundry. If you are interested (sign up sheet on the bulletin board) or if you want more information please talk to Marie A., Zachary B., Lydia B., Sheldon B., Albert V., Kelly B. or Cody L.

March for Life at the Edmonton Legislature grounds on **Thursday, May 14, 12-2:30 pm**. Human life is sacred, from conception to natural death. Speak for those who cannot speak for themselves: the preborn, aged, infirmed. If you can't make it to the march, please join us in prayer that God will soften the hearts of expecting parents, those in authority and people who provide medical services.

Please join **Rocky Christian School for Grandparent's Day 2026** on **April 30th**. You are invited to come to the school from **1:00 pm - 3:00 pm** for a tour of your grandchild(ren)'s classroom, 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. As you may be aware, we are currently operating out of École Rocky Elementary School (please come through the front doors and we will direct you to the appropriate classrooms). If you don't have grandchildren in our school, but would like to be a grandfriend 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.

Rehoboth Christian Ministries - The April "Flourish" newsletter is now available either by hardcopy or online and can be accessed at www.Rcmflourish.ca <https://rcmflourish.ca/who-we-are/flourish-newsletter/> Keep yourself up to date with the upcoming 50th Anniversary celebrations for Rehoboth Christian Ministries. Read our success stories and learn about our services.