Weekly Calendar of Events

November 1	November 2	November 3	November 4	November 5	November 6	November 7
10:00am Worship Service 7:00pm Psalms Study 8:15pm Youth @ ERE - hosted by Joel & Corinne S.	4:00pm Grief Share 7:00pm Friendship	Office: Cheri-Lynn 9:30am CoffeeBreak 7:30pm Deacons	8:30a.m Prayer Meeting 10:00am Isaiah Study 7:00pm GEMS/Cadets/ Catechism	12:00pm Bulletin deadline		1:30pm Hymn Sing at Nazarene Church
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Pastor Ken Douma – on sabbatical
Pastor Natasha Specht - pastornatasha@rockycrc.ca (Monday -Thursday)
Church Office: Tuesday — Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm office@rockycrc.ca

HELPING HANDS

Thank you, for all you do!	November 1 Pastor Natasha	November 8 Pastor Natasha	November 15 Pastor Chad Vandervalk
Serving Elder	Brenda B.	Sheldon B.	Andrew D.
Serving Deacon	Anneleen D.	Mark H.	Jacob L.
Music Team	Lifted Hearts	Six Track	Mosaic
Children's Message	Elroy L.	Pastor Natasha	Joel S.
Sunday School Helpers	3/4:Reid O., K-1:Autumn M., Gr2:Russell D., Gr3:Landon P.	3/4: Aila M., K-1: Cadence B., Gr2: Jace H., Gr3: Debbie S.	3/4: Charley T., K-1: Russell D., Gr2: Jamie D., Gr3: Ryan B.
Nursery	Marlene O., Marie A., Rita B., Lucas H.	Alan H., Keanna H., Annette D., Sophia K.	Josh & Kristen M., Amber B., Jace H.
Coffee Host	Randy & Annette D.	John & Nancy O.	Thomas & Alyssa D.
Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Elroy & Arlene L. Shaun & Maeghan M.	Rennie & Tina K. Justin & Mikala D.	Hank & Betty K. John & Jean B.

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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.*

Morning Worship Service

Welcome
O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name In All The Earth

Call to Worship
God's Greeting and
We Welcome One Another
A Mighty Fortress

Preparation for Lord's Supper
How Blest Are They Whose Trespass

Installation of Elder Dave S.
Grace Alone

Children's Message - Elroy L.
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Announcements & Prayer
Offering for World Renew - World Hunger Sunday
Offertory

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12
Message: Receive, Be Transformed, Live It Out
Blessed Be Your Name

The Blessing
Goodness of God

All bulletins can be found online www.firstcrcrocky.ca

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 to Grade 5 is during the service.
Join us for coffee in the fellowship hall following the service.

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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.**

Happy birthday this week to **Chris T.** on Nov. 5th and to **Peter D.** on Nov. 7th!

We pray for our members at the local care facilities: **Joan S.** and **Tonia T.** For those at home: **Sylvia D., Joe V.** and **Frank & Gloria D.** We pray for all caregivers who are able to assist those who require a little extra help and care.

Today is **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**. Churches across the country will be participating, joining their hearts in prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world.

Please keep all **missionaries** in God's care, wherever they may be serving. Pray That God's Word Will Spread. "Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you. — 2 Thessalonians 3:1 Obstacles must be removed to allow God's Word to spread rapidly and freely, and missionaries need the strength to continue on in the face of opposition or difficulties. Just as Aaron and Hur supported Moses' arms in the battle against the Amalekites (Exodus 17:12), you can strengthen the arms of missionaries by supporting them through your prayers. Pray …

- For strength and stamina as missionaries encounter antagonistic spiritual forces (Eph. 6:10-18).
- That people will resist Satan's plans to obstruct the spread of the gospel (James 4:7).
- That God's Word will indeed spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes.

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 Natasha, an elder or a deacon.
Elders are: Brenda B., Sheldon B., Andrew D., Cody L., John M., Nancy O.,
Richard O., Ernie S., Dave S., Joel S., and Aaron T.
Deacons are: Anneleen D., Jim D., Mark H., Jacob L., Tanya P., and Harold S.

Voice of the Martyrs CANADA — Persecution & Prayer Alert

"Persecution is simply the clash between two irreconcilable value systems."
~ John Stott

JORDAN: Mass Shooting Attack at Funeral Service
Sources: International Christian Concern, Al Jazeera, The Associated Press, Deutsche Welle, France 24, CBS News

On October 23rd, nine people were killed and dozens more injured when gunmen opened fire during a Christian funeral service in Hamoud, a village located within the Karak governorate of Jordan. Video footage verifies that at least three assailants began shooting as they approached the church building. At the time of publishing this report, no group has claimed responsibility for the widely condemned attack. Jordan's national political leader, King Abdullah II, promised that those responsible for committing these crimes will face the "harshest penalties."

During a subsequent raid by the Jordanian military on October 26th, three suspected perpetrators of the funeral service shooting were consequently arrested. All three suspects were wounded during the operation; one of them sustaining critical injuries. The assailants, identified as two brothers and a relative by marriage, were referred to by governing officials as "Islamic extremists."

That same night, Jordanian forces carried out retaliatory strikes in southern Syria, specifically targeting locations they claimed were linked to Islamic State terrorists. While the military reports that more than 20 militants were killed in the strikes, it acknowledges the loss of civilian lives as well. Tragically, three children were among the list of casualties.

The Karak region is home to a significant community of professing followers of Christ. Although Islam is the official religion of Jordan, the country has generally been considered a safe place for its Christian minority.

- Please uphold all those who have tragically lost loved ones in both recent attacks, praying that they will experience God's comfort, strength, peace and hope in the days ahead through the reassuring presence of the Holy Spirit.
- Ask the Lord to also provide needed healing to the innocent civilians who were wounded during the attacks, restoring them both physically and emotionally as they recover from the traumatic incidents.
- May the Lord also minister to the terrorists who were responsible for instigating the attacks by softening their hearts, drawing them to repentance, and eternally changing the trajectory of their lives.
- Pray that the tensions resulting from these violent incidents will not escalate further and that God will ultimately bring about lasting peace and stability throughout the region.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions - **Jesus' Backwards Kingdom -** Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Jesus' Backwards Kingdom" at www.kidscorner.net. How do we become great in God's kingdom? Jesus taught His disciples that following Him means loving and serving others with a humble heart. Being humble means using our words, talents, and possessions to lift others up. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

Groundwork - Prayer and Thanksgiving - The apostle Paul instructs us to rejoice and pray with thanksgiving, but in the realities of daily life, it doesn't always feel that easy. Join Groundwork as we study Philippians 4:4-7, 1 Chronicles 29:10-20, Exodus 15:1-2, 20-21, and Luke 1:46-55 to see why including gratitude in our prayers matters and how it benefits our relationship with God and enriches our prayer life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Examen is a helpful daily prayer tool that Christians have used for hundreds of years to review their day in a godly way. This is a great bedtime practice for people of all ages. Try this simplified Examen this week: First, pray that God will give you insight. Then ask yourself two questions: "What was I most grateful for today?" and "What was I least grateful for today?" Close in prayer, thanking God for the blessings of the day, and asking God's help with your shortcomings. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Youth Calendar of Events (Grades 8-12)

November 1 - Youth at 8 pm at ERE for Reformation video and games in the gym. Joel S. will be there to answer questions about the Mexico Mission trip
November 8 - Youth at Albert & Sjoukje V. (8:00pm)
November 14 - Bottle Drive Fundraiser
November 15 - Youth at Jos & Janneke S. (8:15pm)
November 22 - Youth Bible Study (7:00pm)
November 27 - Mall Madness
November 29 - No Youth meeting
Mexicali (March 24-April 3, 2027) information/sign up sheets are on the youth bulletin board (between the washrooms) this is for youth in grade 10-12.

Deacons' Corner ~ Anneleen D., Jim D., Mark H., Jacob L., Tanya P., Harold S.

Upcoming Offerings

November 1 - World Hunger Sunday - World Renew

Today, hunger is a harsh reality for many families worldwide. World Renew equips families with tools and training to end hunger in their homes and communities, and our church can make a difference with them. Our gift to World Renew helps ensure there is enough for every table - enough food, enough hope, and enough of God's goodness shared with everyone. Please give at worldrenew.org/worldhunger or in today's offering.

November 8 - ReFrame Ministries

When one part of the body of Christ suffers, we all suffer; when they rejoice, we all rejoice. This International Day of Prayer we stand with our persecuted brothers and sisters.

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. Denominations of $2, $5 and $10 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.

From the Finance Committee

Third quarter financial statements are available on the tables in the foyer or 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

November 1 - Installation of Elder Dave S.

November 22 - Friendship Service

November 29 - Worship services at Clearwater Centre (1:15pm) and Westview Lodge (2:30pm)

Highlights from the October 27 Full Council Meeting

- The Future Needs Committee went dormant during Covid. That committee work is being looked at and the committee will be starting up again.
- The Sabbatical Policy was reviewed and changes were proposed.
- A letter was received from Clearwater Regional Housing Foundation asking for help in finding a place to house a warming shelter for this winter.
- Pastor Natasha's report was received. Her request to attend the conference, "Laying Pathways for Leaders", in January was approved.
- The Classis representatives gave an overview of the Classis meeting.
- The Finance Committee reported that Zachary B. has given notice that he will resign as the church bookkeeper. We thank Zach for his service and trust that the Lord will fill this need from within the body. The Finance Committee also reported that their life-long member-at-large, Tom Smid, has indicated that his 20+ year term will expire in 2027. We thank the Lord for equipping Tom to serve faithfully in this capacity.
- Occasionally the church is blessed with a budget surplus. Full Council passed a motion to allocate any future surpluses as follows: 50% towards giving and 50% to be retained by the church. The Deacons are to direct the giving. The retained funds to be directed by the Finance Committee.
- After some discussion Full Council voted to hold a New Year's Day service.

Joel S., Clerk

Church Announcements

Sunday School is looking for another Sunday School teacher for Grade 2 and Grade 4/5 for the Winter session (beginning January 2027). Any questions contact Marisa P. or Pastor Natasha.

The **GEMS** group has been blessed with more girls than we anticipated. We are looking for a HELPER for our large grade 5 group. This is the perfect opportunity to learn wht our GEMS group is about and how to come alongside the girls to maybe lead your own group in the future. Contact Alyssa D.

Let's Do - In our series of *"Let's Do"*events, our November event will be "*Let's Do Lunch*" on **Sunday, November 8**. By participating you will have opportunity to meet folks in our church family in an informal setting over lunch. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the social hall. You may indicate if you are able to host 2 or more persons over a light lunch or if you and your family would prefer to be the guests.

Anniversary Book Has Arrived! If you have not already picked up a copy of the 75th anniversary book which you prepaid and ordered, please come to the Seniors' table in the social hall after the service or see Marilyn H. before the service and pick it up. Thanks.

Comforts of Home Craft Group is having a **Christmas Sale** on **Friday, November 13 (10-4pm)** in the social hall. Items for sale include quilts, sewn & knitted items, homemade baking & canning. If you have items to donate, contact Trudy D. All proceeds go towards purchasing supplies to create items for charities, like quilts for cancer patients.

Burden Bearers Fall Banquet - Friday, November 6 from 6pm - 9pm at the Sundre Community Centre. We need your help to support those unable to afford counselling and for continued outreach and growth. We look forward to you joining us for a complimentary evening including a delicious homemade dinner, silent & live Auction, live Entertainment and guest speakers.
RSVP to Mari Lee - 403.804.8589 or Christie - 403.507.5462 burdenbearerssundre@gmail.com

Young Adults (18+): Nacho Night! On Sunday, Nov. 15, Sonrise CRC in Ponoka would like to invite you to a night of nachos and fellowship! We will be starting the night off with a potluck style nacho meal at 5:00pm at the church. We will provide the chips, cheese, salsa, and sour cream. We would love for you to bring your favourite nacho topping to share! After our meal we will have a short service with a few songs and a message, and then have time for fellowship and games. We hope you can make it! If you have any questions contact: Sydnie de Gier: 403-704-3444; Dakota Anderson: 403-783-1156; or Jaelyn Lubach: 403-704-3264

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Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-12

1. **A Different Kind of Blessing:** How does Jesus' description of a blessed life differ from the way our world defines success and happiness?

2. **Our Need For God:** What does it mean to be "poor in spirit", and where do you need to depend more fully on God's grace?

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Highlights of the Classis Alberta North Meeting - October 16 & 17, 2026

We thank you for your prayers for the delegates who gathered at Woody Nook CRC, near Lacombe, on October 16 & 17 for the fall meeting of Classis Alberta North. A special thank you to our hosts for welcoming us and taking such good care of everyone through two very full days.

It was a long meeting, with a great day of material to work through in two days. Even so, there was a strong sense that we had done something worthwhile. We heard encouraging reports, faced some difficult matters and spent meaningful time thinking about our future together.

The largest part of our time was devoted to Classis Alberta North's strategic plan. Roshani Morton, from the CRC Canada Development Office, did an excellent job guiding us through the process. Building on the conversations we began in March and that continued through the summer, delegates spent time listening, discussing and helping shape the priorities and direction of Classis. This all provided the framework for the 2027 budget.

What stood out to me was the engagement in the room. Delegates had the opportunity to speak honestly about our churches, our ministries and how we can better support one another. I believe people left feeling that their voices had been heard and that we had accomplished something significant together. There is still work ahead, but this was an important step forward.

One of the highlights was the successful examination of Curtis Meliefste, who has been called to serve as Minister of the Word at Sonrise CRC in Ponoka. We celebrate with Curtis, his family and the congregation. We pray for God's blessing as they prepare for ministry together.

We also spent time exploring the next steps toward affiliation with ON Church , a Korean congregation in Edmonton, led by Pastor Seong In Chin. It was encouraging to consider this new relationship and we look forward to seeing where God leads us as the conversations continue.

Throughout the meeting, we heard from many of our Classis Ministries, including Cuba Connection, Campus Minsitry, Student Support (CMLT), Safe Church and Home Missions. We heard about the work of Synod 2026 and a couple of denominational ministries serving our churches and communities.

Saturday included church visitor reports, pastoral transitions and other important matters. Some of these conversations were difficult. We ask you to keep the churches and leaders involved in your prayers as they navigate change and seek God's guidance.

Our two days also included worship, prayer and time to encourage one another. So much more happened than can fit into a brief summary! Please ask your congregations delegates about their time at Classis, particularly the strategic planning work and the steps that lie ahead.

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