Weekly Calendar of Events

October 18	October 19	October 20	October 21	October 22	October 23	October 24
10:00am Worship Service 7:00pm Psalms Study 8:00pm Youth @ Jan & Johanna H.	4:00pm Grief Share 7:00pm Friendship	Office: Cheri-Lynn 9:30am CoffeeBreak 7:30pm Elders	8:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Isaiah Study 7:00pm GEMS/Cadets/ Catechism	12:00pm Bulletin deadline		
October 25	**October 26**	**October 27**	**October 28**	**October 29**	**October 30**	**October 31**
10:00am Worship Service Baptism of Claire L. 1:15pm Westview Lodge 2:30pm Clearwater Centre 7:00pm Youth Bible Study	4:00pm Grief Share 7:00pm Friendship	Office: Fran 9:30am CoffeeBreak 1:30pm Worship Prep 7:30pm Full Council	8:30am Prayer Meeting	12:00pm Bulletin deadline 9:15am Crafting		

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!	October 18 Pastor Rebecca H.	October 25 Pastor Natasha	November 1 Pastor Natasha
Serving Elder	Joel S.	Aaron T.	Brenda B.
Serving Deacon	Harold S.	Jim D.	Anneleen D.
Music Team	The Experience	Six Track	Lifted Hearts
Children's Message	Joel S.	Pastor Natasha	Elroy L.
Sunday School Helpers	3/4:Charley T., K-1: Elijah B., Gr2: Mckenzie M., Gr3: Debbie S.	3/4: Lindsey B., K-1: Cadence B. Gr2: Miles D., Gr3: Ryan B.	3/4:Reid O., K-1:Autumn M., Gr2:Russell D., Gr3:Landon P.
Nursery	Cody & Teagan L., Marion R., Travis A.	Mark & Jessica H., Janelle V., Lindsey B.	Marlene O., Marie A., Rita B., Lucas H.
Coffee Host	Dave & Henriett V.	Glen & Anneleen D.	Randy & Annette D.
Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Neels & Dina H., Cheryl T.	Tom & Kathy S. Mark & Keanna H.	Elroy & Arlene L. Shaun & Maeghan M.

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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.*

Morning Worship Service

Welcome
Hosanna, Praise is Rising

Call to Worship

God's Greeting/We Greet One Another
I Love You Lord

Call to Confession and Prayer
Lord, You Have My Heart

Assurance of Pardon
You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Children's Message - Joel S.
Sunday School for Age 3 to Grade 5

Announcements & Congregational Prayer
Speaker from Burden Bearers
Offering for Burden Bearers
Offertory

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11
Message: The Building Blocks of Faith:
A Foundation of Belonging
I Am Not My Own

Blessing
The God We Love (Nicene Creed)

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 **Withrow Gospel Mission**.

Today we welcome Pastor Rebecca H. from Woodynook CRC by Lacombe to bring us the Word. Pastor Natasha will be in Woodynook this morning.

Congratulations to **Jack H.** (October 24) who will celebrate his birthday this week!

This week we pray for the **Cadets**. The boys attending our clubs come from varied backgrounds. Some come to Cadets for a sense of security and belonging, others because their parents need a break. For some boys, Cadet meetings may be the only exposure they have to the gospel message. Pray for these boys, that they will be blessed by being part of a Cadet club and by the men investing in their lives.

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. Pray for Openness. *"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message" Colossians 4:2-3* Open doors can't be taken for granted. Many missionaries work within cultures and contexts that are in areas that are resistant to the gospel. But open doors include more than just access to nations and people groups. Individuals' hearts also need to be open and receptive to God's truth. Pray …

- That God will open doors of ministry, blessing partnerships and friendships.
- That those who serve will be led by the Holy Spirit and recognize open-door opportunities.
- That God will lead His people past barriers to hearts ready to receive His Word.

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

"God does nothing but by prayer, and everything with it."
~ John Wesley ~

NIGERIA: Pastor Among Dozens Killed in Plateau State
Sources: International Christian Concern, Morning Star News

A pastor was killed, and his son has been wounded, while travelling to a church in Nigeria's Plateau State on Sunday, September 20. This attack was one of many violent incidents throughout the state that have claimed dozens of lives in recent weeks.

According to available reports, Pastor Samuel Nandi and his son were ambushed while they were on their way to a church service in the town of Maraban Kantoma, which is located in the Barkin Ladi area. Along with this unprovoked attack, numerous other deadly incidents were reported throughout Plateau State, where the violence perpetrated by Fulani herdsmen appears to have intensified during the month of September.

In response to the increased unrest, the Plateau State government imposed a curfew on Sept. 21. The curfew, which runs from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., will remain in effect until further notice. Nigerian authorities hope the measure will enable security forces to restore stability and provide increased protection for residents, particularly within the three regions of the state most affected by the violence.

While numerous factors contribute to the ongoing insecurity in Nigeria – resulting in thousands of fatalities over the years – hostility towards Christianity remains a significant element of the atrocities carried out by Fulani herdsmen and others who are affiliated with militant Islamist groups.

- ***Please prayerfully uphold Pastor Samuel's surviving family as they grieve their sudden loss, asking the Lord to provide them greatly needed comfort, strength and peace throughout this difficult time.***
- ***Also pray for the healing of the slain pastor's injured son, who is not only recovering from the tragic loss of his father, but also from the resulting physical wounds and emotional trauma of the targeted attack.***
- ***Ask the Lord to equip Nigeria's authorities and security forces with wisdom and perseverance as they work to restore peace and stability in the area.***
- ***May those responsible for perpetrating such horrific attacks against innocent fellow Nigerians be convicted of their wrongdoings and brought to justice, in hopes that they will ultimately surrender their hearts to Christ and turn from their wicked ways.***
- ***Continue to pray for Christians throughout Nigeria who live under the shadow of violence and uncertainty, asking that they be strengthened in their faith, encouraged by God's presence, and filled with hope as they look to Him each day.***

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions - Keep Things Simple - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Keep Things Simple" at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus teaches us that life isn't about collecting a bunch of stuff or being greedy. Just like God takes wonderful care of the birds and flowers, He promises to always look after you, too! Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

Groundwork - The Pain and Struggle of Unanswered Prayer - A listener wrote to us about childlessness and asked us to talk more about unanswered prayer. Join our Groundwork conversation as we honor his request and study Galatians 6:2, Isaiah 55:8-9, Hebrews 2:17-18, and Hebrews 4:15 to bring compassion, awareness, and biblical insight to the tender, often painful experiences and unanswered prayers in our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Thrive Faith Formation Tip - From Psalm 65:8: "The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy." Make this passage your morning and evening prayer this week. During the day, look for God's "wonders" and point them out to the people you share life with. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Calvin Theological Seminary

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 2 - 12, 2027) - Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616.328.3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

Youth Calendar of Events (Grades 8-12)

October 18 - Jan & Johanna H. (8:15pm)
October 25 - Bible study (The Screwtape Letters) 7:00pm

Mexicali (March24-April 3, 2027) information/sign up sheets are on the youth bulletin board (between the washrooms) this is for youth in grade 10-12.

November 1 - Youth at Joel & Corinne S. (Pro-Life session followed with games) 8:15pm
November 8 - Youth at Albert & Sjoukje V. (8:00pm)
November 14 - Bottle Drive Fundraiser
November 15 - Youth at Jos & Janneke S. (8:15 pm)

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

Upcoming Offerings

October 18 - Burden Bearers

Burden Bearers Counselling of Alberta is a non-profit agency that provides private, professional, and practical counselling for people who are hurting regardless of age or stage or income. Book Online or contact Mari Lee 403.804.8589 www.burdenbearers.ca

October 25 - Local Church Ministries

Local Church Ministries offerings will 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. 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.

Highlights from the October 13 Admin Meeting

- The transition of Pastor Ken back into ministry was discussed and planned.
- The allocation of any future budget surpluses was discussed and suggestions forwarded to Full Council.
- Classis Alberta North distributed 20 questions to be voted on. These were discussed. Our Classis delegates were John M., Anneleen D. & Pastor Natasha.
- The Sabbatical Policy review discussion continued.

Joel S., Clerk

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

October 25
Baptism of Claire L. (Jacob & Courtney)

Worship services at Clearwater Centre (1:15pm) and Westview Lodge (2:30pm)
Pastor Natasha is hosting a light lunch at her house for those helping with the Clearwater and Westview Lodge services. If you are available to join her at these two services to help with singing and would like to join her for lunch, you are welcome to come over to the parsonage after Church. The youth are welcome to come and help with the singing.

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 one helper for our grade five group and one lead counselor for our small grade four group. Please contact Alyssa Duiker if you are interested.

SENIORS LUNCH - we are planning a Seniors lunch for **Wednesday, October 28** at George's Kitchen (Cow Lake) for **12 noon**. Hope you all can come! There is a sign up sheet on the Seniors table in the social hall.

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. You will find 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.

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.

Church Announcements Continued

Red Deer ProLife would like to thank you for coming out, supporting financially and praying for the Walk for Life and the Life Chain. We are truly thankful for your support and commitment to the sanctity of life.

Calling all Young Adults (18-28ish) - Sonrise CRC in Ponoka would like to invite you to join us for a young adults Bible study with fellowship and games to follow. We meet every other Sunday, we will be meeting again this **Sunday, October 18**. We will meet at 6:45 at de Gier's shop (424026 Range Road 264, Ponoka. Look for green barns and a sign that says "Lazy Acres Dairy"). We will be going through the book "Ecclesiastes: Chasing the Wind," which is a 12-week verse-by-verse study of Ecclesiastes. This week we will be going through Ecclesiastes 2. Please bring your own Bible. We would love for you to join us! Questions?

Sons & Brother's Men's Retreat - October 30 to November 1- Building on the strong foundation of past years, men from all over Alberta will return to Frontier Lodge for a weekend packed with inspiring worship, outdoor adventure, fellowship, and great meals. Throughout the weekend, a team of passionate speakers will lead sessions on how Christ demonstrates true sonship and brotherhood, offering an opportunity to experience Jesus in a powerful, renewed way. Come be a part of what God is doing through his community of men. For more information & to register www.frontierlodge.ca/sons-and-brothers

* Who: Men, ages 18+ * Where: Frontier Lodge * Cost: $225 *

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

CRC Communications

Project Antioch Prayer Gathering - The name Project Antioch comes from Acts 13:1-3 where out of a time of prayer, worship, and fasting, Barnabas and Saul were set apart for the work to which the Spirit called them. Prayer and fasting play an essential role in the life and mission of the church. Join the Project Antioch Prayer Gathering (**Mon Nov 2, 6pm - Wed, Nov 4, 12pm**) at Carismah Church in Katy, Texas. This is a multi-ethnic prayer gathering to pray for the church planting and renewal initiatives in the CRC. The focus of this gathering is to worship and praise our great God, submitting and surrendering to the Spirit's leading for the church, to intercede for the CRC ministries, congregations, and mission, and to pray that we would be sent out boldly in the power of the Spirit (Acts 13:1-3). Register soon; space is limited to 150. Learn more and register at network.crcna.org/topic/spiritual-formation/prayer/project-antioch-prayer-gathering-nov-2-4-2026