Weekly Calendar of Events

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 12:30pm Sr's Luncheon @ George's Kitchen (Cow Lake)	12:00pm Bulletin deadline 9:15am Crafting		
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@ Joel & Corinne S.	4:00pm Grief Share 7:00pm Friendship	Office: Cheri-Lynn 9:30am CoffeeBreak 7:30pm Deacons	8:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Isaiah Study 7:00pm GEMS/Cadets/ Catechism	12:00pm Bulletin deadline		1:30pm Hymn Sing at Nazarene Church

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 25 Pastor Natasha	November 1 Pastor Natasha	November 8 Pastor Natasha
Serving Elder	Aaron T.	Brenda B.	Sheldon B.
Serving Deacon	Jim D.	Anneleen D.	Mark H.
Music Team	Six Track	Lifted Hearts	Mosaic
Children's Message	Pastor Natasha	Elroy L.	Pastor Natasha
Sunday School Helpers	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.	3/4: Aila M., K-1: Cadence B., Gr2: Jace H., Gr3: Debbie S.
Nursery	Mark & Jessica H., Janelle V., Lindsey B.	Marlene O., Marie A., Rita B., Lucas H.	Alan H., Keanna H., Annette D., Sophia K.
Coffee Host	Glen & Anneleen D.	Randy & Annette D.	John & Nancy O.
Greeters/Coffee Cleanup	Tom & Kathy S. Mark & Keanna H.	Elroy & Arlene L. Shaun & Maeghan M.	Rennie & Tina K. Justin & Mikala D.

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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
How Great is Our God

Call to Worship
God's Greeting/We Greet One Another
Shout to the Lord

Call to Confession and Prayer
Create in Me a Clean Heart

Assurance of Pardon
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Baptism of Claire L.
Baptism Song

Children's Blessing - Pastor Natasha
Sunday School for Age 3 to Grade 5

Announcements & Congregational Prayer
Offering for Local Church Ministries
Offertory

Scripture: Acts 2:38-39
Message: The Promise is for You and Your Children
How Deep the Father's Love

Blessing
All My Hope

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 **Immanuel Lutheran Church.**

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.

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

*"Remember those who are inprison, as though in prison with them,
and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body."
~ Hebrews 13:3 ESV ~*

PAKISTAN: Blasphemy Allegation Sparks Mob Attack
Sources: CLAAS, Pakistan Christian Post, UCA News

An angered mob recently set fire to the home and medical clinic of a Pakistani Christian man the day after police arrested him on allegations that he had shared blasphemous content on social media. Kamran Gill, a father of three, operates a pharmacy and clinic in the village of Gharial Kalan, Punjab Province.

The targeted believer was arrested on October 8th for allegedly sharing a previously posted video (reportedly containing offensive material) that he received from another Facebook user. Due to the threat of possible violence following his arrest, Kamran's family and several other Christian residents were forced to flee the village. The next day, after Friday's Islamic prayers, a mob of enraged activists gathered outside his clinic and the family's adjoining residence. After breaking into the premises, frenzied members of the mob proceeded to damage the property and set fire to the building.

Although emergency personnel were able to extinguish the flames, those responsible for the attack fled the scene before they could be arrested. In the days that followed, police detained five suspects in connection with the incident. Prior to the apprehension of the suspected perpetrators, Kamran's family and neighbouring friends had thankfully found protection in a temporary shelter outside of their village community and were able to return to their homes the next day. Despite this, Kamran's wife, children, mother and three brothers continue to face uncertainty and concerns for their security.

Vigilante violence is common in cases involving allegations of blasphemy. Speeches by opposing Islamic leaders regularly call for retribution, and anger over such accusations is often directed not only at the accused but also towards their family members and other innocent Christians within the community.

- ***Pray that the truth surrounding the blasphemy allegations against Kamran and other accused believers in Pakistan will be brought to light, so that justice can prevail in each of their cases.***
- ***In the process, may God's perfect peace and love for His beloved humankind take precedence in areas of the country where anger and hostility presently exist.***
- ***Ask the Lord to minister in tangible ways to Kamran's threatened family – and others facing similar challenges – ensuring they receive His divine strength, protection and daily provisions.***
- ***Pray that Pakistan's governing authorities and judicial officials will act courageously and impartially, providing effective advocacy and legal safeguards for all those who are at risk of injustice and life-threatening danger due to the country's blasphemy laws.***

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions - Just Be With God - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Just Be With God" at www.kidscorner.net. In 1 Kings 19, the prophet Elijah felt scared and alone. He looked for God in a big wind, an earthquake, and a fire, but God wasn't in those loud things. Then Elijah felt a gentle breeze (1 Kings 19:12) and knew God was speaking. God often speaks in the quiet. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

Groundwork - God invites his people to communicate with him through prayer, a foundational discipline in the Christian life. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 16, Philippians 4:4-7, James 5:13-16, Psalm 143:7-10, Psalm 25:4-9, and Matthew 26:36-46 to understand how consistent prayer practice helps us listen to God's voice and discern his will for our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Building Blocks of Faith are four statements that, when they become increasingly true for a person, indicate that his or her faith is growing: I belong to Jesus and to his body, the church. I know and understand the story of God's faithfulness, of which I am a part. I have hope, through Christ, in all of God's promises. I am called to work in God's kingdom, and I am equipped to do that work. What opportunities do the people in your household have to grow in each of these ways? For more on the Building Blocks check out the toolkit at crcna.org/FaithFormation/toolkits. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Youth Calendar of Events (Grades 8-12)

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)

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

Upcoming Offerings

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.

November 1 - World Hunger Sunday - World Renew

In a world where there is more than enough food to feed everyone, millions of people do not have enough to eat. Together, let's work to end world hunger for good. Join World Renew in sharing Christ's hope with families facing hunger by giving through this offering. With your gifts, we can help provide the training and tools families need to journey away from hunger.

Gratefully Received October 11, 12 & 18

Canadian Foodgrains Bank $2,424 Burden Bearers $1,267 Local Church Ministries $10,175

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

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.

November 1 - Installation of Elder Dave S.

November 22 - Friendship Service

Highlights from the October 20 Elders Meeting

- Motion was passed to extend Pastor Ken's Sabbatical for 2 additional weeks. He will be back in the office November 17 and first Sunday back will be November 22.
- After an extended discussion, the decision was made to leave the Children's Message as is.
- Pastor Natasha's report was received and presented.
- A few Elder visits were reported.
- District lists were reviewed and updated.

Joel S., Clerk

Church Announcements

SENIORS LUNCH - We have a reservation at George's Kitchen (Cow Lake) at **12:30pm** (not 12:00) for **Wednesday, October 28** - they suggested doing a lunch buffet with soup, sandwiches, drinks, desserts, etc. to make it easier for them since we are a rather large group. Hope that works for you! See you all there!

Church Announcements Continued

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 D. if you are interested.

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.

Friends of Rehoboth + Building a Well Campaign - Rehoboth Christian Ministries is committed to helping adults with developmental disabilities flourish through safe homes, supportive programs, and meaningful community connections. This year we encourage the congregation to support both the Friends of Rehoboth Campaign and the Building a Well Campaign. By becoming a Friend of Rehoboth and contributing to the Well Campaign, you help create opportunities for individuals to grow socially, emotionally, spiritually, and physically while experiencing the love of Christ through caring community. Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry by donating at www.rcmflourish.ca/donate. One-time and ongoing gifts make a meaningful difference in the lives of those Rehoboth serves. Donations can be made by E-transfers now as well. E-transfers can be sent to: rcmdonations@rcmflourish.ca. **Senders must include their first and last name as well as either their email or mailing address in the message/comments section so that the donation can be applied correctly.

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

October 25 - Sermon Reflection Questions

1. **God's Promise**: Acts 2:39 reminds us that God's promise is for us, our children, and those who are far off. How does this promise encourage you when you think about your own faith journey and the future of the next generation?

2. **The Meaning of Baptism**: Baptism points us to God's grace and the cleansing we receive through Jesus Christ. How can we keep our focus on God's faithfulness rather than on what we must do to earn His love?

3. **Faith Across Generations:** What people helped you learn about Jesus when you were young? How did their words, prayers, or example influence your faith?

4. **Our Responsibility as a Church**: What are some practical ways we can help children and young people in our congregation know Jesus—not only through formal teaching, but also through our everyday words and actions?

5. **A Personal Response**: Whether you are a parent, grandparent, mentor, or fellow church member, what is one way you can intentionally encourage someone else in their faith this week?
Who is one person in the next generation that God may be calling me to encourage in faith?"

"Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off— for all whom the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:38-39)

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 throught 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 thinkging 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 confersations we began in March and that continued throught the summer, delegated 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 delegated about their time at Classis, particularly the strategic planning work and the steps that lie ahead.

Dan W., Stated Clerk of Classis Alberta North