

Newsletter

April 27, 2017

NEW HOPE HILLSIDE

This Sunday

Pastor John will be preaching (his last sermon at NHH) on The Parable of the Prodigal Son. You can pre-read the parable [here](#).

Farewell to Pastor John & Fran

Please join us after the service on Sunday for coffee & cake and to say goodbye to John and Fran Van Sloten. There will also be a book available that you can write a message in. We will keep the book at the info table until the end of May so everyone who would like to has a chance to write in it.

Men's Group Breakfast

The men's group will be meeting for breakfast on **Saturday, May 6th, 8-10 AM** at the home of Rich & Sheri Braaksma (3 Gateway Drive SW). There is no formal subject of discussion but we do expect at least one topic of interest to emerge while enjoying our fill of bacon, eggs & coffee.

All men are invited but please be sure to confirm your attendance with Rich at richlymade@gmail.com or [403-770-2945](tel:403-770-2945).

NHH Service Sunday

On **May 7th** join us as we serve our city in a variety of ways and enjoy a potluck lunch afterwards at **12 pm**. Soup, cold cuts, veggie & fruit trays will be provided. If you can bring some buns, chips, or a dessert to add that would be great! And don't forget to

pack your dishes!

There will be different opportunities to serve including:

City of Calgary's 50th Annual Pathway and River Clean-Up. Consider joining our team to help keep Calgary clean and beautiful, while making a positive impact in our community! Last year over 2500 volunteers collected more than 5000 kg of garbage. The event happens 9 am-12 pm. Our church will be cleaning up the paths in Upper North Haven, near Nose Hill Park. *Volunteers must be a minimum of 12 years of age.* For more info, contact Cindy LeCocq at vclecocq@hotmail.com. *Please sign up at the information table.

Bag Lunches for the Mustard Seed – we will make sandwiches and assemble the lunches at The Village. A family friendly opportunity with all ages welcome to help. *We will be accepting donations to cover the cost of the bag lunches.

General clean up around the Village & Brentwood. *Please bring bring rakes and push brooms if you can!

Intro to Simplicity Parenting

Monday, May 15th from 6:30-8:30 pm

At The Village, in the church nursery/multi-purpose room

- Learn strategies to simplify your family life and reduce discipline struggles
- Develop family values
- Create connection with your “quirky” kid
- Establish doable change to move forward today!

(This approach can be integrated into most parenting styles)

Led by Trina Maclean, Family Life Coach

Register by emailing Trina at simple.mindful@icloud.com

Pay what you can starting at \$10, tea and snacks provided.

Ephesians Enrichment

We will be revisiting Ephesians as a community in a few weeks. In your personal devotion time, try reading through the whole book of Ephesians and see what sticks out for you! There are also study guides available at the info table, and here's a [link](#) to the first Ephesians sermon.

Leadership Team Pastoral Release Message

Here's a [Link](#) to the announcement made in church two weeks ago about Pastor John's release from ministry at NHH.

Happenings in Our Community at Large

River Park Church's Anniversary Celebration

River Park Church (formerly known as First Christian Reformed Church Calgary) invites everyone on **Sunday, May 7th** to celebrate with us our 65th anniversary. Please join us for a special service starting at 10:00 am, followed by coffee and cake.

Justice Film Fest Presents "Seed: The Untold Story"

Location: River Park Church Auditorium (3818 14A St. SW)

Date: Tuesday May 9, 2017

Time: 7-9 PM

Cost: Free

Each year the Marda Loop Justice Film Festival strives to present innovative and meaningful documentaries that encourage Calgarians to take positive action in their communities, this nation, and the world.

Synopsis: Few things on Earth are as miraculous and vital as seeds. Worshipped and treasured since the dawn of humankind. SEED: The Untold Story follows passionate

seed keepers protecting our 12,000 year-old food legacy. In the last century, 94% of our seed varieties have disappeared. As biotech chemical companies control the majority of our seeds, farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight a David and Goliath battle to defend the future of our food. In a harrowing and heartening story, these reluctant heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds.

Nursery	Alyda S, Maureen H & TBD	Welcome Team	1 - Christine & Martin L
KiDZ PS/K	Alisha E & TBD	Set Up Team	1 - Tim B, Paul S, Ed & Sharon K
KiDZ Grades 1-3	Cory B & Lauren W	Info Table	Rosalind W
KiDZ Grades 4-6	Juliette W	Tech Team	Phil B, Jason D & Michelle F