

# Newsletter

May 4, 2017

# NEW HOPE HILLSIDE

## **This Sunday**

Join us as at our regular service time (**10:10 am**) as we serve our city in a variety of ways! Afterwards we will enjoy a potluck lunch at **12 pm**. Soup, cold cuts, veggie & fruit trays will be provided. If you can bring 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.** The group that has signed up for this will be cleaning the paths in Upper North Haven, near Nose Hill Park. Contact Cindy [vclecocq@hotmail.com](mailto:vclecocq@hotmail.com) for more details.

**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 gloves, rakes and push brooms if you can!

*\*Please note there will be no Sunday School or Nursery programs this Sunday*

### **World Renew in South Sudan**

Message from WR Director Kenneth Kim:

South Sudan, the youngest nation in the world, is in the headlines today for the wrong reasons. Torn apart by conflict, severe hunger and famine are the words being used to describe the current reality there.

Five million people are going to bed hungry and it is the weakest - the young children and the elderly - who are suffering most. The increasing number of deaths is proof of the severity of the crisis. Millions of South Sudanese families have left their homes in search of safety with little more than the clothes on their back. In so doing, one problem is traded for another. Hunger stares them in the face.

For the South Sudanese who have fled to Uganda, World Renew has built 770 communal latrines. Now World Renew is supporting a program in Koch county to prevent deaths from malnutrition. Mothers who have walked for miles with their malnourished children are able to receive assistance and therapeutic feeding for their children.

This is a beginning. But the crisis is only growing and we must expand our efforts quickly. [Please give generously\\*](#) to support families in crisis in South Sudan!

### **Book for Pastor John & Fran**

You can write a farewell message to John and Fran in the book at the info table until the end of May.

### **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](mailto: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 about Pastor John's release from ministry at NHH.

## **Happenings in Our Community at Large**

### **King's Fold Urban Contemplative Prayer Evenings**

For the next two Contemplative Prayer Evenings (May and June) King's Fold Urban will be leading an experience of Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina (divine or sacred reading) is a way of reading and praying the scripture that reminds us it is God's living word. It is an invitation to listen with the ears of our heart. We read the Scripture not to analyze it or because we want more knowledge, but from a desire for communion with God. Lectio Divina invites us to enter into the Scripture and to allow it to enter into us, to experience how God might be touching our lives through it in a personal way.

Location: Crossroads Community Church (912 - 19 St NE, Calgary)

Date: Thursday, May 4th and June 1st

Time: 7:00 pm (Sanctuary open at 6:30 for silence)

Cost: By Donation

### **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.