

# Nobleford Christian Reformed Church

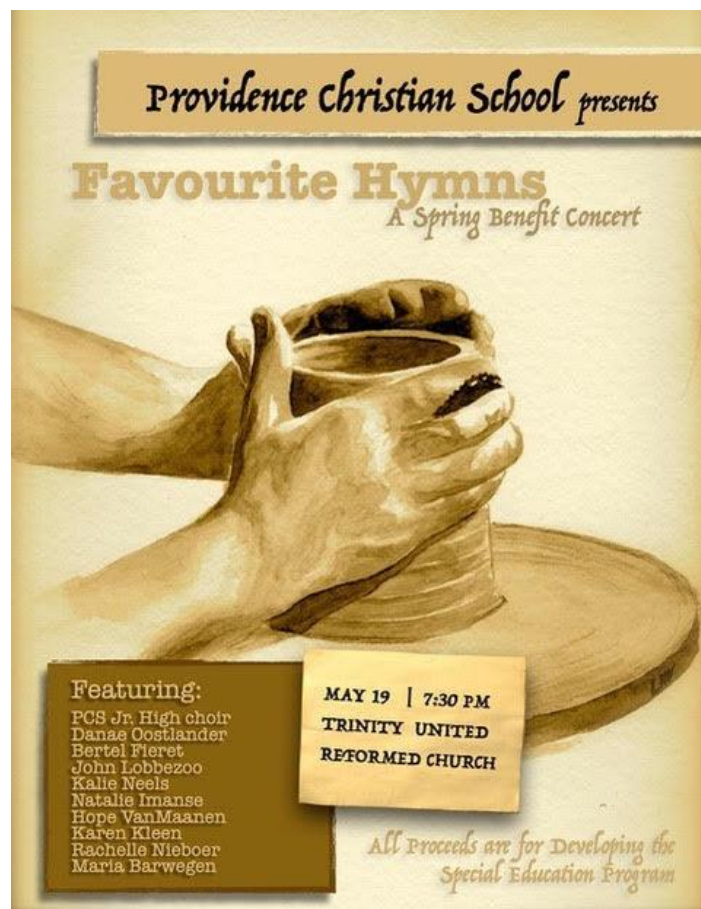
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**Groundwork: Crucified and Raise to Life with Christ** - Good Friday and Easter mark the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we study Philippians 3:10-11, Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:1-14, and 1 Corinthians 15:12-23 to examine what the Apostle Paul teaches us about this gift of salvation by faith and our participate in both Christ's death and resurrection. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Earth Day: God's Gift of Trees** - Check out the new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Let's think about trees. How many types of trees can you name in 30 seconds? Trees fill an important role in keeping God's creation clean and bright. In Psalms 65:9, God reminds us how he takes care of the land and all things that grow. Have you thought about how you can help God care for trees? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

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Calvin University

**Scriptoria: An Interfaith Writing Workshop** - Morning workshops. Afternoon instruction. One-on-ones with editors. Deep faith conversations. Think boot camp for your writing—whether it's fiction, nonfiction, or poetry—on June 20-24, 2022 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Scriptoria: An Interfaith Writing Workshop with Gary Schmidt, Hugh Cook, Patrice Gopo, L. S. Klatt, Robert Hudson, Nikki Grimes, Vinita Hampton Wright, and more. Visit [scriptoriaworkshop.org](http://scriptoriaworkshop.org)

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece** - (October 6 - 18, 2022) Travel by motor coach (8 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](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu)

Diaconal Ministries Canada

**Diaconal Ministries Canada** - NewGround is a program of Diaconal Ministries that empowers churches to be courageous and creative with ministry opportunities in their community. Our partners are stretched across Canada and they are showing and sharing the love of Christ and growing God's Kingdom in beautiful ways! Sunday, May 1st is NewGround Sunday. Whether your church is holding an offering or not, please prayerfully consider how you can support other Canadian CRCs and ministries by giving generously to NewGround. Visit our website ([diaconalministries.com/newground](http://diaconalministries.com/newground)) or our Facebook page (@[@diaconalministries](https://www.facebook.com/diaconalministries)) for more information. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

**Refugee Support: Month 13 & Beyond Workshop** - What should refugee sponsorship teams and deacons consider when the 12-month sponsorship period is coming to an end? When and how do we prepare the newcomer for this period? What services are available to support both newcomers and church members when moving towards self-sufficiency? Join Dena Nicolai, Classis BC Chaplain & Refugee Support Mobilizer, and Rachel Vroege of Diaconal Ministries Canada as they lead this informative workshop to all Alberta churches on May 10th (via Zoom). This workshop will equip deacons, sponsorship teams, pastors, and friends of newcomers to navigate the transition beyond the 12-month sponsorship period. We will look at healthy diaconal principles and apply them to the refugee context. Find out more and/or register today at: <https://diaconalministries.com/events/#refugee-workshop-month13>. **BRING YOUR WHOLE TEAM!**

Faith Formation Ministries

**Faith Practice Reflection Tip** - Read Revelation 7:9-13 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Easter Sunday is the most important celebration of the Christian year, and this passage paints the ultimate picture of Christian celebration. Have you ever imagined what that day will be like? Give it a try. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

**Faith Practice Reflection Tip** - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Celebrating: Read Luke 15:20-24 and ponder or discuss the following questions. How would you feel if a child of yours whom you thought was dead appeared on your doorstep, seeking your forgiveness? If you were the father in this story, what would your celebration look like in today's world? What does this story tell you about God's character? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

**Faith Practice Reflection Tip** - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Prayer: Read Matthew 6:9-13 and ponder or discuss the following question. In *Whistling in the Dark*, Frederick Buechner writes, “‘Thy kingdom come . . . on earth’ is what we are saying. And if that were suddenly to happen, what then? What would stand and what would fall? . . . To speak those words is to invite the tiger out of the cage, to unleash a power that makes atomic power look like a warm breeze.” What are we asking when we pray for God's kingdom to come on earth? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

Resonate Global Mission

**Last Chance to Double Your Gift!** - You can help join God's mission and spread the gospel in North America by supporting Resonate Global Mission. It's not too late to double your gift by visiting [www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift)! Any amount you give to this special campaign will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor! Don't wait—give today while your gift will go twice as far.

**Your Gift Will Go Twice As Far This Easter** - He is risen! CRC churches traditionally take an offering for Resonate Global Mission on Easter Sunday. And this year, your offering will be matched dollar for dollar. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we are reminded that sharing the gospel is about more than telling—it's about living out the good news! This Easter, you can help Christian Reformed church planters, missionaries, and campus ministers live out the good news: [www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift)!

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## **Immanuel Christian School BBQ:**

You're invited! Come on out with the entire family to our School BBQ. Get to know your school community and enjoy a burger, hotdog, or maybe even both. The BBQ is for all elementary and secondary families and will be hosted at the elementary school! Don't forget to bring your lawn chair. A big thank you to our BBQ sponsors: Key Grip Virtual Assistant, Alberta Prime and Nifera Holsteins!

## **Immanuel Christian Spring Society Meeting:**

The annual Spring Society Meeting will have a number of important items for you to take part of.

- We will be meeting in-person and are excited to interact with the members again.
- Updated Constitution and Bylaws – You will receive a letter and proposed draft in the mail soon. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the current Constitution and Bylaws.
- Approval of new Board members – There is still room to serve. If interested contact the Society Office or your local Board representative.
- Budget and other meeting information to come in the middle of May.

## **Immanuel Christian Student Application:**

We are still accepting new student applications. Are you a prospective family looking for information about ICS? Please get in touch with us. Contact the school principal to learn more about each campus or call the Society Office to learn more about admissions, Society membership and school fees. Society Office Phone: (403) 327-4223

## **Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (Oct 6-18, 2022):**

*Travel to biblical sites connected with Paul's missionary journeys in Greece: Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth as well as Meteora and Delphi. Included is a fabulous 3-day cruise to Mykenos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete and Santorini. Contact Dr. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar at [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu) or 616-328-3110.*

**The Rehoboth Garden Center** will be hosting their Annual Spring Sale & BBQ on Saturday May 7, 2022. Coffee will be on at 9:30am, BBQ & Bake Sale will start at 10:00am – 1:00 pm. The garden center will be open from 9am – 5 pm. Cost is by donation! Come check out our bedding plants, perennials, hanging baskets, patio furniture (to order), & gardening supplies! We are located at 1222 – 20<sup>th</sup> Street (1 km north from the intersection of Hwy 3 & Hwy 845 in Coaldale). Look for the big green roof! For more information call 403-345-5199.

**Rehoboth's Flourish Newsletter** is now available online. : <https://www.rcmflourish.ca/about/flourish-newsletter/>

## **Word & Deed Softball Tournament**

Please join us on June 25, 2022 at the Coaldale Quads for the Word & Deed Softball tournament. Register with your team or come out for the concession, bouncy castle and spectating. Team registration fee is \$500. For more information or to register your team visit <https://lethwdsoftball.wixsite.com/wanddsoftball> or email us at [lethwdsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:lethwdsoftball@gmail.com)

## Hello Church Leaders,

I have a rare opportunity that I would like to pass on to you for your consideration. As you are likely aware, within the Fire and Emergency Services Community we daily deal with Critical Incident Stress because our staff see, hear and smell things that most of humanity never does. As such, we invest a lot of time and energy in defusing and debriefing our staff after incidents to help them deal with and process this. We have a special team within the service to take the lead on this and these members are trained through the Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF).

A number of years ago I met a great ICISF instructor by the name of Jim Nelms. In addition to extensive emergency services experience, Jim is also an ordained pastor and as a result also teaches a certified, 2 day, Pastoral Crisis Intervention course.

Jim is teaching courses to our, and surrounding area, departments this week. On May 5 and 6 he will be teaching the Pastor Crisis Intervention Course. As we have several spots available I would like to open it up to all church leaders (Pastors and people involved in immediate church leadership eg: Consistories etc).

I think you will find the content invaluable as you commonly deal with crisis situations in families and many have had no formal training in this subject. If you are interested please read through the program content in the link below. Also please pass this on to whomever may have interest. It is however important that we keep registrations to people directly involved in church leadership (otherwise the group will get too varied).

If you have any questions please phone or text me (text preferred) at 403-360-8004.

The course will take place at the Galt Museum. Course registration cost has been kept at “cost recovery” to ensure it’s affordable.

Program information and registration using this link:

<https://enmaxcentre.eventue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetPackageInfo?packageCode=GS:MULTI::GAPC1:&linkID=lenthbridge-multi&shopperContext=>

Thank you for all you do in your church communities!

Kind regards,

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**Join Together for 40 Days of Prayer Before Synod 2022** - As part of the CRCNA's year-long prayer initiative, Together Seeking God's Face, you are invited into a 40-day season of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2022. Sign up for daily Scripture and prayer prompts to be sent to your email for 40 days at [crcna.org/pray](http://crcna.org/pray)

**Share the Gift of Christ's Hope with Vulnerable Families on May 8th** - A child should look into their mother's eyes and see hope for the future. But too many children around the world see fear—the fear that comes with food insecurity. Next week, through your gift to World Renew's Free A Family® program you can help provide women in vulnerable communities with training in income-generating activities, proper health and nutrition practices, and more, so they are equipped to become Moms of Hope. Please share Christ's hope. To learn more, go to: [worldrenew.ca/momsofhope](http://worldrenew.ca/momsofhope)

**Let's Join World Renew in Celebrating Moms of Hope** - A Mom of Hope is a woman who knows she is blessed by God with skills and resources to support her family. She looks to the future trusting in God's love and abundance. Today, your gift to World Renew's Free A Family® program will help equip mothers in vulnerable communities around the world to overcome trauma, multiply their income, and gain access to education and training so they can become Moms of Hope. To donate, call 1-888-WRLD-RNW or go online to: [worldrenew.ca/momsofhope](http://worldrenew.ca/momsofhope)

**Thank You from World Renew** - Thank you for your compassion and generosity. Your gift to World Renew's Free A Family® program is helping to equip women around the world with the training and tools needed to support their families on the journey towards flourishing. Thank you for supporting Moms of Hope as they support their families. To learn more about the Free A Family program, go to: [worldrenew.ca/free-a-family](http://worldrenew.ca/free-a-family)

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**Ascension Day: Jesus Now in Heaven** - Check out the new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). In Acts 1, we read about the last moments of Jesus' time on earth. He told his disciples what he wanted them to do next, and then he left. Why did Jesus have to leave? What could be good about Jesus going? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

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**Groundwork: Understand: Jesus on the Road** - On the road to Emmaus, two of Jesus' followers listened as their companion explained the Scriptures to them. As their understanding of Scripture grew, so did their faith. Join Groundwork as we study this story in Luke 24:13-35 and discuss how we too cultivate our faith yet today as we develop a greater understanding of God and his ways through Scripture. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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**May 2022 Safe Church Webinar: Step 2 Making and Revising Policy** - Join us May 18 at 12pm (Eastern) for Webinar 2 of our Safe Church Basics Series. In this webinar, Safe Church Ministry staff will highlight common myths hidden within many abuse prevention policies, share a new model policy, and hear from other leaders about ways they have navigated the tedious task of revising and making policies. Register at: <https://bit.ly/SCwebinarMay22>