

Nobleford Christian Reformed Church

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Christian Stewardship Will Clinic

Preparing your last will and testament is one of the biggest blessings you can leave your family, yet it's something that we don't often talk about. Join Christian Stewardship Services on Monday, February 27th to learn more about planning your will and effective giving. Here is the registration link for the Christian Stewardship Will Clinic.

<https://calendly.com/csservices-marinusk/willsestates-feb-27-2pm-icss?month=2023-02>

There are two separate unique sessions.

You can register here for the 2:00 session taking place at the Co-op Community Kitchen in the Interfaith Food Bank and here for the 7:00 session taking place at ICSS.

Biblical Study Tour to Italy (May 22 - June 2, 2023): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Assisi (home of St. Francis); Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110).

Dear members of Nobleford CRC: Thank you for your continuing support of my diaspora ministry work with Resonate Global Mission. Your faithful support encourages me. Through your support I am able to support diaspora mission leaders and help with cross-cultural and inter-faith training such as a recent training for campus ministers that we held at the Al Amana Centre in Oman. I am also involved in supporting church leaders of multicultural churches. This work is increasing as our society becomes diversified and there are new opportunities for the church to welcome people from other cultures. Of course this also brings challenges - challenges and opportunities to reflect John's vision in Revelation 5:9. May God bless you. Greg S.

We have multiple upcoming employment opportunities with Interfaith Food Bank Society of Lethbridge. More information and complete job descriptions available at <https://interfaithfoodbank.ca/about-us/employment-opportunities/>

We are currently recruiting:

- * Permanent Part-time Marketing and Communications Coordinator
- * Target Hunger Coordinator (Internship)
- * Target Hunger IT Coordinator (Internship)
- * Summer Events Coordinator
- * Summer Program (Garden) Coordinator
- * Christmas Hope Intern



Interfaith Food Bank is a Certified Living Wage Employer that offers an exceptionally positive work environment and rewarding activities for those looking for a position they can be passionate about.

All applications can be sent to info@interfaithfoodbank.ca with resume, cover letter and 3 references.

At-Home Family Faith Formation Tip - Rain For Roots is a collective of songwriters that includes Sandra McCracken, Katy Bowser, Ellie Holcomb, and Flo Paris. They came together around a single vision: to make new Scripture songs for children, centered around the poetry of Sally Lloyd-Jones (author of The Jesus Storybook Bible). Inspired by traditional folk melodies, Rain for Roots makes new, timeless songs about the old gospel Story. Check them out at RainforRoots.com. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - Wearing ashes on one's forehead on Ash Wednesday is a symbol of repentance. At home, invite each person to write an action for which they want forgiveness on a slip of paper. Burn the papers, saving the ashes. Talk with kids about the fact that repentance is more than saying "I'm sorry"—it means asking God to change our heart and mind. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

God's Idea of Justice - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Imagine that you see someone being bullied. Do you just watch, or turn away, or do you try to help the person being bullied? How does God want you to respond? What is God's idea of justice? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids Corner Valentine Cards.

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Joy in God - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Where does real joy come from? Joy does not depend on what happens to you. It is about what God is doing inside you. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Preparing for Easter: A Family Lenten Devotional eBook.

Kids Corner: A Friend Named Jesus - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Think about your best friend. What do you like about your best friend? How do you know you have a good friendship? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Preparing for Easter: A Family Lenten Devotional eBook.

Kids Corner: Sorting Out Our Fears - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. This week: Managing fear is a muscle we can strengthen just like we can strengthen our leg muscles to run faster. Learning to run fast and learning to calm fear both take practice, but they are worth it! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Preparing for Easter: A Family Lenten Devotional eBook.

Focus on the Cross - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent.

Groundwork: Seeing Jesus Christ in Heaven - The Bible's final book of Revelation has long been a source of mystery to Christians across the ages. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Revelation 1 to examine the opening images of John's heavenly vision and discuss the comfort it offers believers still today. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference - Classis Huron's annual inter-classis safe church event is happening in person again this year! Join us on Saturday, March 4, 2023, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm at Waterloo CRC, Waterloo, Ontario. Dr. Amanda Benckhuysen, Ministry Team Leader for Safe Church, will speak on "The Use and Misuse of Power in the Church." Christian Horizons Education Director Steve Snider's presentation will focus on supporting a person living with a disability. Carol Penner will present on "Repentance and Accountability: Forgiveness is Not the First Step." For more information and registration go to <https://www.wmott.ca/sec>

Prayer Changes Things - We know prayer is powerful; it can change hearts, relationships, and circumstances. In the Prayer Guide you'll find daily items of thanks, praise, request, and lament that can remind you and your fellow church members that God is in control, and cares for his world and all people. Sign up or print PDF pages to share at crcna.org/get-involved/pray

Position Opening: Director of Advancement (Canada) - Join the CRCNA staff team to provide leadership in strategic planning for the ministry share program, church and donor engagement, grants and planned giving, and other means of supporting the dynamic ministries of the Christian Reformed Church. This full-time position can be remote within Canada. For details and to apply, go to <https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/en/jobs/81800>

Offering for Pastor Church Resources - On Sunday, February 19, we'll be taking a collection for Pastor Church Resources (PCR). This ministry focuses on the health and wellbeing of pastors, ministry leaders, congregations, and classes. Your gift enables PCR to resource, encourage, and support CRC churches and leaders in significant ways.

Share Christ's Hope with Syria/Türkiye Earthquake Survivors - On Monday, February 6, 2023, two major earthquakes rocked Syria and Türkiye (Turkey) killing at least 11,000 people and leaving thousands more injured. And as rescue workers search for survivors in the rubble of collapsed buildings, the death toll is expected to rise. In hard-hit northern Syria, a region heavily populated by refugee families who had already been struggling with food insecurity, an ongoing cholera outbreak, and the challenges of sub-zero winter weather, there is an urgent need for humanitarian aid. Through your gifts to World Renew, you can help provide emergency food and essentials and share Christ's hope with the most vulnerable people impacted by this disaster. Please give generously today at worldrenew.ca/syria-earthquake or call 888-975-3769.