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May 12 March for Life

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Barrhead

April 15 Dine and Dash

Neerlandia

February 26 Congregational Meeting

CCRS LADIES AID

A big THANK YOU to everyone who to everyone who helped with the Family Day Breakfast. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you also to everyone who came and enjoyed the breakfast. A special thank you to those who helped last minute with the egg situation! We appreciate it!

"REJOICING VOICES" CHOIR

Just a reminder to all choir members that next week, Feb 25th, there will be not be choir practice.

Thank you.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Did you know that when you give to the *LOVE GOD * LOVE FAMILIES * SERVE OTHERS* Campaign for the Pregnancy Care Centre you are giving mothers support services that can continue through their baby's first years? The Edmonton Pregnancy Care Centre does not only offer pregnancy testing and counselling, they also have Earn While You Learn classes where moms (and dads) can learn parenting and life skills. Please continue filling up your bottle to keep free services like these available for the families who need them!

Didn't grab a bottle yet?! Don't worry you can still participate - just pick one up today at the back of the church and fill it with your coins, cash or a cheque between now and when we collect the bottle on Sunday March 13, 2016. OR NEW ARRIVAL - THE VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE - just go online to www.pregnancycarecentre.ca to the events tab - click on Baby Bottle Campaign (BBC) & click on the donation button to help fill our virtual Baby Bottle with milk.

For questions or information please contact your local representative

Bonnie Peters 780 305 9250

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ARPA SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We are holding an ARPA SCHOOL COMMITTEE GARAGE SALE on Feb 27, in our School Gym. If you have any thing to donate to the garage sale please call Rae-Lynn Hamoen (Neerlandia) or Berenda Helmus (Barrhead). No large appliances or clothes please. The Garage sale is from 9:00 - 4:00. All the PROCEEDS will go to the NEW PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE in Grande Prairie. If you have any questions please contact Rae-Lynn Hamoen @ 780-674-6630.

LEARN TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH!

Neerlandia Young People Society is hosting a speech on Sunday, March 6th, at 8:00 in the basement of the Canadian Reformed Church of Neerlandia. All young people aged +16 are invited. Dr. Helder will be speaking about *Defending our Faith*. All Neerlandia young peoples are asked to bring a dozen baked goods for the evening and if you wish, your favourite game. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Janaye W @ 780-284-4032.

PEMBINA PRO-LIFE ANNUAL BANQUET

We will be hosting our annual event on Saturday March 12, 2016 at the Barrhead Senior's Drop In Centre. The evening includes a catered dinner, guest speaker, silent auction and AGM. This year's speaker will be cardiologist Dr. Ted Fenske, MD, FRCPC, speaking on euthanasia: "Looking behind the Curtain: Countering Euthanasia with Care." Doors will open at 5:30pm, dinner will start at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$25 with dinner included and are available at the Flower Shoppe (Barrhead), the Flower Shoppe (Westlock) and the Neerlandia Co-op Grocery Store. (Please have your tickets purchased by March 4, 2016). For more information, questions or to donate an item for our silent auction, please call Eveline at 780-349-5562. We hope to see you there!

GOD AND GOVERNMENT 2016

Registration for God and Government 2016 is now open. Join us in Ottawa for 2 days of training on current political issues and lobbying with government officials. This event is intended for regular Reformed Christians - we will provide tips and tricks before your meetings. Stay on for a third day to participate in the national March for Life. Cost includes hotel accommodations, meals and all events and is only \$200 for 2 days or \$250 for 3 days. Prices increase after the early bird deadline so register by March 18 to save your spot (and your money). More details available at www.arpacanada.ca/gg2016

SAVE THE DATE - MARCH FOR LIFE 2016

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 12 for the March for Life 2016. Join ARPA Canada and Jubilee Canadian Reformed Church in Ottawa for the Reformed Pro-Life Prayer Service (held at First Baptist Church, 140 Laurier Ave. W, Ottawa) at 10am before the march to stand up for pre-born human rights. A free paper bag lunch will be provided to all those who notify us before Monday, May 9 (you don't need to register if you don't need a lunch). Consider arranging a bus or carpool from your area. Email Niki at niki@arpacanada.ca for more details or to RSVP for lunch or visit www.arpacanada.ca/events.

REFORMED STRING CAMP 2016

The tenth annual *Reformed String Camp* is planned for July 11-15 in Smithville, Ontario, with concerts on July 15, 16, and 17. Stringed instrument players of all ages may apply now at www.ReformedStringCamp.org where more information is also available. Applications are due March 31

SUNSET POINT TEEN CAMP 2016

Save the Date!

Once again we are well on our way to planning this year's summer camp. We have the week of August 8 to 12 booked at Sunset Point, Alberta Beach. Camp is for all students who are currently in grades 7, 8 & 9. We will need many volunteers to make this a success so please keep this in mind when planning your summer vacations. If you are interested in more information please contact either Trixie Leffers (780-940-7150) or James VandenHoeven (780-305-8136).

BARRHEAD NEWS

TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATION

We begin this week's column by issuing a belated farewell to our Br. and Sr. **Kevin and Sherry VanGrootheest and their two baptized children Keira and Ian** who've left us with attestation to join the Neerlandia CanRC congregation. We thank you for the ways in which you were involved in the life of the congregation here in Barrhead – among other ways: Kevin as an elder and Sherry as church-statistician. May the Lord be with you and your family and profit you in your new home congregation! Last week Sunday afternoon we could hear the preaching of God's Word as it has been summarized in LD 49. In that Lord's Day we confess that the third petition ("Your Will be done..." means we pray that "*we and all men may deny our own will, and obey [the Lord's] will for it alone is good.*" How relevant this prayer is when we think about the recent policies being proposed by our Albertan provincial government. As citizens and parents we have much reason to be concerned with regard to **Bill 10** and recent policy document "**Guidelines for Best Practices**". Besides violating religious freedom and undermining the right of parents to train their children, these radical policies deny the biblical understanding of different and distinct genders and will undoubtedly lead to a greater risk of harm and abuse to children. Our duty as Christian citizens is to speak up to our provincial authorities about these issues in a loving and respectful manner, defending the truth that God's will alone is good. In order to do that, using ARPA's Easy-Mail system is one avenue among others at your disposal (visit <https://arpacanada.ca/action-items>). Further, and more importantly, pray that the Lord will soften hearts in our country, within the Albertan government and among all those in authority. Pray that schools and parents will maintain a principled stand and that our freedom to instruct our children in the fear of the LORD will continue.

This morning we will come to an end with the tabernacle sermon series. Over the last number of weeks we've seen how the gospel is presented from so many angles in the different features of the tabernacle's architecture and furniture. Though we have not covered every single aspect, it is clear from the main lines that the Lord did not leave his people Israel without a powerful witness to his grace that would be realized in the coming Messiah. May the witness of these OT truths also serve to direct our faith upon the only Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ!

So also today again may the preaching of the Gospel encourage and edify and equip us all to live from the abundance of God's promises, knowing that He will provide for us in all things and lead our lives to the joy of salvation for His glory. Though we don't know what the future holds, yet we know who holds the future! Have a blessed Lord's day!

CVL

BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE

February 21 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

February 21 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

February 28 AM – Rev. R. Aasman

February 28 PM – Rev. R. Aasman

BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS

February: Asian Mission

March: Mission Aviation Fellowship

CATECHISM INSTRUCTION

Reminder for all: please come prepared with a Bible, Book of Praise, binder and a writing utensil.

Class Three: All the tests have been received and marked. They will need to be signed by a parent and returned again to me.

Parents, please look over your child's test and discuss the results with them and, if need be, also discuss their level of effort. CVL

Pre-confession/Post-confession class: Meets weekly at the manse on Wednesday at 8pm – taught by Rev. Vanderlinde. Hope to see many of you come out again this week as we continue our study through the Belgic Confession. If you are unable to make it to class, please be courteous and inform me. Thank you. CVL

HOST FAMILY

This week's host family is **Menko & Teresa Helmus**

February 28 Marinus & Alja Helmus

March 6 Gerrit & Mennie Helmus

March 13 Stuart & Sherri Harsevoort

March 20 Rieks & Janna DeVink

PRE-MARITAL COURSE

We will meet again this week Thursday (February 18), to tackle the final of 4 sessions of pre-marital counselling. We will meet in the manse at 8PM. If you have any questions, please call 780-284-4080. Thank you! CVL

NOTICE FROM COFA

Some of the keys seem to be missing from the church, can they be put back please.

We have a beautiful hall to use but it does need to be cleaned up after it is used, also the chairs that are being used from the classrooms have to be returned to the rooms after the main hall use.

DINE & DASH!

The Church Life Committee is planning a dine and dash for **April 15, 2016!** All those 18 years and up are invited to participate. The evening will begin at 5:30. There will be three separate locations where you will be eating. First up, cold appetizers, followed by a hot meal/appetizer of the host's choosing and finally delectable desserts to end off the evening of fun and fellowship! If you would like to attend or host please let Jolene Vanderlinde know by **March 27** via email: jolene.vanderlinde@gmail.com or by phone: 780-284-2964. If you are hosting, please let her know what course you would like to host in your home and how many people you are willing to host.

GEMS

Hello Gems Girls and Parents,

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, February 24** from **6:30-8:30 PM**. More details to come!

Hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, please contact Miranda or Stephanie Larson.

YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting will be February 21 from, after second service till 5:30pm, at the church. See you then.

LIVING WATERS

We will meet on Sunday February 21, at 7:30 in the church building. We will be studying the last session of Respectable Sins. Our next book will be The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis by Nancy Guthrie. If you need a book ordered please let Jordan Tiggelaar know by February 21. This is a great time for new members to join.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We have finished our Haggai outline and will be starting a new book soon. This week Linda will be doing a free topic and Jeselina will be babysitting. Coffee is on at 9:45 and our meeting begins at 10:00. Please feel free to join us on Tuesday!

BABYSITTING

February 21 AM (INF) **Louise S**, Tania B, Chelsea V (TOD) Anita V, Miranda L, Renee V

PM (INF) Irene J (TOD) Marian S, Justine K

February 28 AM (INF) **Sherry V**, Sherri H, Bethany V (TOD) Leanne L, Bonnie P, Arianne V

PM (INF) Stephanie L (TOD) Alija H, Amy O

NEERLANDIA NEWS

FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His Name." Psalm 100:4

We rejoice in the blessing of being able to come together in worship again this Lord's Day. May we, as His people, give thanks and praise His Name! We are blessed to be able to openly and freely give glory to our Lord and King and have His Word read and preached to us each week again.

As was mentioned in prayer last Sunday, we remember Mike and Larissa Krabbendam as they mourn the loss of their Aunt Nellie. May you be surrounded by the true comfort that is found in God's word and so rest in the sure promise that all those who love the Lord will live forever with Him.

Nathan and Nicole VanAssen were blessed with a new bundle of joy this past week! They welcomed a baby boy who they have named Colin Reid. May you be given all that is needed to raise your little ones to know and love their Lord and Saviour.

We officially welcome Sr. Darlene Beekman into our congregation! Even though you have been worshipping here with us for some time, we pray that you will soon feel at home among us and that you will be a living member here in our midst.

This week Friday, Sr. Rita VanAssen will celebrate another birthday! (Happy birthday, Mom!) We pray that you will have a wonderful day of celebration with family and friends, rejoicing in the Lord's goodness and mercy!

On Saturday, Br. Lennert Kippers also marks another year! Happy birthday to you too, Lennert! We pray that God will surround you with His love and care in the year to come. Even though you go on alone, God gives you His grace and supplies you with all you stand in need of to serve Him. Have an enjoyable day with family and friends!

RV

PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS

February 21 AM Rev. Kalkman
PM Rev. Kalkman

February 28 AM Reading
PM Reading

PRESS RELEASE OF CONSISTORY MEETING FEB 15/2016.

Chairman requests the singing of Ps.78:1 and reads Phillipians 2 :1-11. Chairman welcomes everyone.

Br. F Breukelman is absent with notice.

Outgoing mail : attestation to Br. and Sr. Travis Vanleeuwen with two baptized children to the church at Barrhead.

Special visits are reported on.

Catechism classes were visited and reported on with good reports. Young people's meeting was visited also with a good report.

Home visits are reported on.

Matters of supervision and discipline are dealt with.

Question period is made use of.

Next meeting is set for March 13/2016 D.V.

Br. J Froma leads in prayer. The meeting is closed.

YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY

Read and study Chapter 17 before the next meeting. Please do the *For Personal Study* questions on pages 68-69 dealing with judgmentalism. Our next meeting will be held at Janaye's place at 8:00 pm on February 28, 2016 D.V. Caleb Kos will be opening this meeting. Contact Levi Wierenga @ 780-284-3739 or Pieter Steenberg @ 780-284-4060 if you have any questions. SVA

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be Feb. 23rd, coffee is on at 9:45. We will be studying Phillipians 4:2-9, Topic: Striving for Peace, pg.65 in the study guide.

Leader: Cindy T. Babysitters: Whitney D, Christina P, Tamara B. Baking and prayer: Deanna D Story hour baking: Missy A.

Please let Marcia V. know if you would like a copy of "Liturgy of God's Covenant", which will be our study topic for the last 4 weeks of this study season.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEN'S SOCIETY

Mens society will meet on February 24 in the church basement and we will be studying Acts chapter 10.

A good showing at the last meeting, lets keep it going. More men make for a good discussion.

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be held on February 21 at the home of John and Henrietta Froma. We will be studying 2 Corinthians chapter 10.

That is Outline 12 in the book "2 Corinthians" by L. Selles.

SERVICE COMMITTEE

To all seniors or disabled members of our congregation: We as Young Peoples Society continue to offer our services with chores in and around your home. To make arrangements please call Nelson W. @ 780-305-5099 or Kurt V. @ 780-206-6604. We would love to help you!

HOST FAMILY

Feb 21 Jerold & Sharon VanAssen

Feb 28 Joe & Martha VanAssen

Mar 6 Peter & Margaret VanAssen

BABYSITTING

Toy Cleaning for March 7: Angela VL, Sally VL, Jocelyn VL

Feb. 21 AM Up – **Laura St.**, Marie St., Meaghan H Down – Vanessa T, Cindy T, Ally VB, Rolyann B

PM Up – **Kathleen T**, Abigail VA, Jewel B Down – Bethany VA, Trinity T

Feb 28 AM Up – **Debbie VA**, Joanne VA, Danika H Down – Jodi VA, Laura VB, Amarah D, Janaye W

PM Up – **Margaret VA**, Shelley VB, Carla H Down – Nicole VA, Martina VR