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Barrhead

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Neerlandia North

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April 7 Taste of Neerlandia North

SINGING AT KEIR CARE

It is our turn to sing at Keir Care on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, from 10:30 to 11:30am. We missed last month, so let's have a good turn out this month. If you have a passage or a poem you would like to read, please take it along. See you all at Keir Care. Thank-you, Alice K.

DEDICATION SERVICE

You are invited to join us in celebration to God for His manifold blessings as we dedicate the new church building of Redeemer United Reformed Church of Lacombe, AB, Lord willing, on Friday, February 17, 2017 @ 7:00PM. The building is located at 4519 – 46 Avenue in Lacombe.

OVER 18 SCREENING

On Thursday February 23 at 7:30PM Barrhead Canadian Reformed Church is planning to host a screening of the documentary "Over 18." Over 18 is a clear-eyed examination of modern pornography and its effects on kids, teens, parents, and porn stars. The documentary is geared towards those aged 16 or older. The goal of the project is to educate youth on the realities of pornography, help their parents understand the growing epidemic of hardcore porn usage, and propose solutions for preventing exposure and addiction in the first place.

There will be resources on hand to better educate parents on how to talk to their kids about porn and also how to protect their families from online porn. We will also have expert Colette Aikema on hand for Q and A. For more information and to watch the trailer of Over 18, you can go to over18doc.com. For any questions, please contact Darlene Steenbergen (674-6606).

PEMBINA PRO-LIFE ANNUAL BANQUET

We will be hosting our annual event on Friday March 3, 2017 at the Barrhead Senior's Drop-in Centre. The evening includes a guest speaker, catered dinner, silent auction and short AGM. This year's speaker will be Steven Defer, M.Div. Coordinator for the Office of Life and Family, speaking on 'The Why and How of Pro-Life'. Doors will open at 5:30pm, dinner will start at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$25 with dinner included and are available at Barrhead Flower Shoppe, Westlock Flower Shoppe and Neerlandia Co-op Grocery Store until February 24. For more information, questions or to donate an item for the silent auction, please call Louise at [780-674-4131](tel:780-674-4131) or Eveline at [780-349-5562](tel:780-349-5562).

ST. ALBERT CANADIAN REFORMED CHURCH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The St. Albert Canadian Reformed Church Facility Fundraising Committee would like to invite the Alberta Canadian Reformed Churches to our first annual volleyball tournament!

* Date: Friday April 21, 2017 - Saturday April 22, 2017 at PICS

* Each team must have a minimum of 8 players. If your congregation has more than 8 players and could make another team that would be acceptable, with a maximum of two teams per congregation.

* Starting at age 16 and up.

* Cost is \$30.00/player, payable in advance or at registration on Friday April 21, 2017 from 4:00pm – 5:00pm. Please make cheques payable to St. Albert Canadian Reformed Church. * Please have a list of all players sent to Neil ten Brinke at ntenbrinke@vanderpolesegs.com no later than Friday April 7th.

There will also be a full concession where all proceeds will be going to STACRC.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the FFC members below.

Yours in Christ,

Neil ten Brinke, Dave Aasman, Darrin Muis, Julie Hoeksema & Caitlin Hamoen

ST. ALBERT ONLINE AUCTION FUNDRAISER

The St. Albert Canadian Reformed Church is hosting an online auction to help raise money for their new church building! The auction is taking place via Facebook (search for **St. Albert Building Fund - Online Auction**) from April 6th - April 8th, 2017 and we are looking for donations. These donations can include anything from baked goods to handmade decor to gift certificates to vacation home rentals. Any donation, big or small, is appreciated. Contact Julie Hoeksema (780-458-1650), Kathleen Hoeksema (780-233-8562) or Caitlin Hamoen (587-983-4709) with any questions or your donations.

VOICE OF THE CHURCH

Voice of the Church is a media outreach program of the Canadian Reformed Churches.

MP3 audio files of Voice of the Church meditations are available for listening (streaming) and/or downloading at www.voiceofthechurch.org as well as www.sermonaudio.com/votc.

Prepared and presented by Rev. Chris Bosch, these are the messages for February:

1. What Is Wrong with the World?
2. You Cannot Come?
3. Darkness and Light
4. Where Do You Think You're Going?

BARRHEAD NEWS

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TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATION

In light of the tragedy that took place last week Sunday in Quebec City where Muslim worshippers were viciously attacked in a mosque sending shockwaves not just across Canada but the whole world, we can be thankful for the peace and freedom and protection we have been given to worship each Sunday again in our land being spared from similar atrocities. May the Lord continue to give us that freedom to assemble without fear under the proclamation of the gospel and may we also be compelled to share that gospel freely with our lost neighbours through word and deed that many others may find their hope and salvation in Jesus Christ.

This past Monday, the father of Garrick Scheper, **William Scheper** of Carman, Manitoba, was taken into glory to be with his Lord. Though his death could be seen approaching as terminal illness took over his health, yet as we confess to be the case with every believer his death marks the end of the battle against sin and its effects and is an entrance into eternal life (LD 16 QA 42). May God so grant that hope and comfort to strengthen and sustain the Scheper family as they deal with this loss.

The Lord willing, on Saturday br. **Bert Wierenga** will celebrate another birthday. We give thanks to God for his faithful preservation and care towards you in the past year, allowing you to keep active in many ways inside and outside of the congregation. May the Lord rich blessings abound to you in the coming year!

Finally, I issue again the reminder of **the meeting with the congregation** this week Friday (February 10th at 8pm). At the very least this is occasion for us to reflect upon the Lord's reigning and sustaining hand for us as a congregation so that we may see and rejoice that "all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining" (to quote from Hymn 78 stanza 3).

May we all have a blessed day of rest and may our worship today and our lives of service in the coming week bring glory and honour and praise to our Heavenly Father!

CVL

BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE

February 5 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

February 5 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

February 12 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

February 12 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS

February: C.R.W.R.F.

CATECHISM INSTRUCTION:

The Catechism classes will resume again this week at their regular times. The Pre-confession class will meet from 7:30-8:30 in the Consistory room. For all: please come prepared with Bible, Book of Praise, binder and something to write with.

HOST FAMILY

This week's host family is **Alan & Fay Mul**

February 12 Rick & Mel Jagersma

February 19 Jelte & Irene Jagersma
February 26 Melvin & Jane Hoeksema

FCSS SENIORS DINNER

It is our turn to again cater the FCSS Seniors Dinner on Friday, February 17, 2017. Seniors enjoy this event throughout the winter and really look forward it. If you would like to help in anyway, by preparing, serving, clean up and or by a food donation, please contact Mel Jagersma at 674-2451. Thank you.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S

Our next meeting is today, Sunday February 5 at Logan and Karina Tiggelaar's home. We will be discussing chapter 4 from The Case for a Creator. Please read this chapter as this greatly adds to the quality of the discussion! Also, please remember your book dues if you have not already paid them. New members are always welcome and we hope to see you all there! JMP

LIVING WATERS

We will meet again Sunday, February 5 at 7:30 in the church building. We will be studying Week 2 of The Lamb of God by Nancy Guthrie.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our Next meeting will be held February 7th. We will be looking at chapter 19 in our book Covenant of Love by Rev. Stam. Regina is leading and Marcella is baking. We have decided to study 'Daniel' for our next topic of discussion. These study guides are available through ILPB for \$7. Please let Irene Jagersma know if you would like a copy ordered for you 780-674-9403 or jelteirene@gmail.com.

COMBINED BIBLE STUDY

We will be meeting on Feb. 9 at 8:00 in the church building. Rick will lead the meeting. We will be discussing Lack of self-control, Envy and Jealousy. Feel free to join us.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

Once again the Young People's Society would like to offer their services to the elderly of the congregation. If you are in need of help around your home or with yard work the young peoples are more than willing to lend a helping hand. The contact people for those in need of help are Jeremy Hoeksema at [780-284-2343](tel:780-284-2343) and Nicholas Vogelzang at [780-674-7291](tel:780-674-7291).

NEERLANDIA NEWS

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMENS SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be at the Neerlandia Canadian Reformed Church in the basement on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 8:00pm. We are to study chapter 22 of the book Messiah, the Holy One of God - Christ in the Crisis of His Messianic Kingdom, pages 261-271.

Baking and Prayer – Netty VanAssen

Please remember to look at the Word and Deed website also (wordanddeed.org). If you click on their "Projects" in the top right corner you will find a list of where they are all working.

COVENANT OF LOVE YOUTH GROUP

The next study evening will be February 12/17 at 7:30pm DV at the home of Jason & Judith Dejong.

We will be discussing chapters 5 & 6 of *The Beauty of Reformed Liturgy* by G. Van Dooren.

Parents are welcome to stay for the meetings.

If you have a child who is 12-15 they are welcome to join us!

Study questions will be available on the church website under the Societies, Youth Group tab. www.neerlandiacanrc.ca.

YOUTH GROUP

We have booked the bowling alley for Feb 17 D.V at 8:00. We hope to bowl 2 games and then have pizza brought in. The cost per member will be \$12 for everything. If anyone would need a ride, they can contact me 780-674-6359 and I can pick them up at the church. I look forward to seeing you all there!

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATES.

We have received some interest in receiving the directory updates for the opposite church; so now we will be selling the update packages. If you are from the north and want south updates, or vice versa, please email me (nevanleeuwen@gmail.com) or text me (780 305-8310) and we can get them to you! Thanks Natasha Harink Missy Aikema

NEERLANDIA SOUTH

FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK

Once again on the first day of the week we may gather as God's people to worship His great and Holy name. We are indeed privileged to live in a country where we may enjoy this freedom. It's good to reflect on this from time to time. We so easily take things for granted. There are many of God's children that do not share in these freedoms. We think of those living in countries like North Korea, China and many of the Arab countries that are under Islamic rule. We pray that the Lord will surround and protect His children everywhere. We may all look forward to the eternal Sabbath where sin, sorrow and sadness will be no more.

We pass on our congratulations to Br. and Sr. Henry and Grace Peters with the marriage of their daughter Melanie. We pray that the Lord will bless Melanie and her husband Jeffery Boersma as they begin their life as husband and wife.

Many of you are probably wondering about whether we will be calling a minister soon. The calling committee is busy in their search to find a minister of God's Word to serve our congregation. The committee hopes to make a presentation to council in the not too distant future. Please pray that the work of this committee may be blessed.

The Olsons have returned safely from their recent trip to Mexico, and are happy to be home. The doctors there were able to give Larry a favourable report regarding his health. For this we may be thankful.

The worship services today will be led by Brs. Curtis Hooimeyer and Jan Otten. May we all be built up and strengthened in our faith by the preaching of God's Word today. Have a blessed Sunday.

JF

PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS

February 5 am & pm Reading

February 12 am Rev. Pontier pm Reading

February 19 am & pm Rev. H. Kalkman

FROM THE DEACONS

For the month of February the afternoon collections will go to support the work of Anchor Canadian Reformed Association for the Handicapped. As stated on their website: "The Anchor Association serves adults with a developmental disability. At this moment we serve 34 residents who reside in 5 group homes in southern Ontario. Our support comes mainly from the Canadian Reformed and United Reformed churches, combined with membership fees and corporate donations. We are not funded by the provincial government which allows us to maintain our identity as Reformed, Christian Homes. Admission to our homes is restricted to families from the supporting churches...Most of our residents are employed on a part time basis in the community, others volunteer, and others yet are kept busy within the homes. We rely on many volunteers to enrich the lives of our residents and we covet the support and prayers of the communion of saints. Each resident also has unique gifts with which to serve God. Together we serve one another and provide for those who are in need of support." Let us be of service and support to our special brothers and sisters and their caregivers, remembering them in our prayers and in our giving.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday Feb 8th at Ron Hamoen's shop. Leader will be Wes Werkman .Topic will be chapter 9 on the book Leadership for Growing churches.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be held on February 9, 2017. We will be studying Chapter 1 & 2 of our new book, Growing in the Gospel by Dr. J. VanVliet. For chapter 1, Studying Doctrine, suggested reading is I Cor 2 and 2 Tim. 4:1-5. For chapter 2, The God Who Reveals Himself, suggested reading is Psalm 19:1-6 and Romans 1:18-25.

Leader: Katrina

Baking/Prayer: Charlene

Babysitting: Debbie

YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held at Korey Froma's at 8 pm on Feb. 5, 2017 D.V. Josh will open this meeting. We are studying Chapter 8 of The Pursuit of Holiness. Please read this chapter for pre-study. The cost for the study book is \$16 and dues are \$20 which can both be paid to Julian. Contact Jos @ 780-206-0104 or Jamie @ 780-674-0098 if you have any questions.

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

We hope to meet, D.V., on Sunday, February 5, 2017, DV, at the home of Marvin and Evelyn Peters. We will be considering outline 8 from "The Words of the Divine Great King" by G. VanRongen -- Deuteronomy 16:18 – 18:22. Everyone is welcome.

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 Jos B. @ 780-206-0104 or Jamie T. @ 780-305-1440. We would love to help you!

HOST FAMILY

February 5 David & Christien Hospers
February 12 Andrew & Mona Jissink
February 19 Trevor & Gwen Mast
February 26 Aaldert & Saakje Otten

BABYSITTING LIST

February 5 AM – Jolene B, Daphne VDZ, Kiahna B
PM – Becky D, Amelie V
February 12 AM – Joanne D, Mackenzie W, Rolyann B
PM – Henrietta F, Mercedes W
February 19 AM – Charlene H, Hailey W, Gelsey B
PM – Amanda H, Maryje B
February 26 AM – Kristen H, Jewel B, Iris B
PM – Lorraine H, Teri B

NEERLANDIA NORTH

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation" (Psalm 95:1). Today the Lord calls us together as his people to hear the proclamation of the gospel once again. At the same time he also calls us to sing for joy as we hear the good news and by faith accept the message that salvation comes from Christ alone. May that faith be strengthened and increased through the preaching and may our songs of praise rise to God as a sacrifice of thankfulness!

Once again we can give thanks to the Lord that he has blessed us with everything we needed for this past week. Even with a number of people travelling and taking advantage of the week off school, there have been no reports of accidents or harm. We confess that such blessing most certainly comes from our Heavenly Father!

There are some in our congregation who do struggle with illnesses though. I don't know that I always here about it but for those who do have concerns, we pray that the Lord would grant healing and restoration to full health. One thing that did come to my attention is that our Br. Martin Peters has been dealing with the shingles lately. We pray that the Lord would grant him healing and relief from this uncomfortable situation.

There is also a birthday to mention in this news. While this person is not quite a member of our 65+ club he is getting very close. And so to help him begin that adjustment to this new stage of life, I thought we would make mention already this year ☺.

Congratulations to Br. Albert Van Leeuwen who celebrated his birthday yesterday! It is our prayer that the Lord would continue to bless you with health and strength for this coming year! (Having this included may cause him to regret giving me the privilege of writing this column each week ☺.)

May the Lord bless us with a joyful day of worship and may he continue to watch over us in the coming week!
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PREACHING SCHEDULE

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February 12 AM: Rev. G. Veurink
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HOST FAMILY

February 5 Julius & Geraldine Wierenga
February 12 Kevin & Shari Aikema
February 19 Ben & Marja Breukelman

CHURCH KITCHEN "SPRING" CLEAN

The kitchen is long overdue for a good cleaning. Ladies, please join us February 14th at 1:00pm to lend a hand. Many hands make light work! This is a Bible study morning so lunch will be provided for those who can stay and help!

GAMES EVENING!

Inviting all those 16 and up!

Friday, February 24!

We need coffee makers and game takers! Sign up sheets will be posted on either side.

Game takers will meet at the church at 7:30, and will be directed from there to their coffee makers for a fun evening of games!

The Fellowship Committee

TASTE OF NEERLANDIA NORTH FUNDRAISER DINNER

Date Correction: The date was a typo last week. We are actually planning it for Friday April 7th. Sorry for the mixup!

The Ladies Aid is planning a "Taste of Neerlandia North" Fundraiser dinner for April 7th 2017. We are looking for volunteers for themed dinner items whether it be a main, dessert or beverage. All those 16 and up are invited and tickets will be \$5/person. To volunteer or book your tickets call Benita Dejong at 780-801-0889 or text 780-674-0137 by March 20. More info to follow.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S

Our next meeting will be held at Tyrone Kipper's on February 5 @8:00 D.V. As we continue studying Proverbs we will be looking at chapter 6. Justin Hamoen will be opening. If you have an questions or concerns please contact Nelson Wierenga @780-305-5099 or Andrew Schouten @1-780-305-8914. Hope to see you all there.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be held Feb 14. We will study both ch 13s the last two chapters and see how far we get.

Leader Judith Baking Irene Babysitting Natasha Christina P helper Leanne baking kids Whitney

We have decided to study the book Growing in the Gospel by VanVliet. Deanna will place an order for this book soon if you'd like to order talk with her.

SERVICE COMMITTEE

We as Young Peoples would love to help any of the seniors or disabled members who need a helping hand. To make arrangements please call Brett Hamoen @ 780-284-0163 or Hinne Janssen @ 780-284-0364 We would love to help!

BABYSITTING

Feb 5	AM Michelle P, Frieda R, Julianna J, Sienna P PM Francine S, Betty S, Stacey P
Feb 12	AM Marie S, Vanessa T, Jenessa D, Averi A PM Cindy T, Kathleen T, Tara S