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***NEERLANDIA***

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Rev. G. Veurink  
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**January 22**

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## GENERAL NEWS

### ROLLING CALENDAR

#### General

Feb 3 CCBR Pro-life Workshop

Feb 10 Canadian Craft Company Fundraiser

Feb 25 Edmonton Quilt Retreat

#### Barrhead

Jan 16 Ladies Aid Meeting

#### Neerlandia South

#### Neerlandia North

Jan 23 Ladies Aid Meeting

### CCBR PRO-LIFE WORKSHOP

National pro-life group, CCBR invites you to a workshop covering pro-life conversation skills and opportunities at Mellowdale Hall on February 3/17 from 7:30-9:30pm. Do you want to help end abortion in Canada? Are you interested in learning and applying strategies that have been proven to shift our culture to being more pro-life? If you are in high school or older, join CCBR for this engaging night that will discuss strategies that change minds and save lives. We will also highlight our internship programs, which are a great way for young people to experience pro-life outreach and grow as leaders, while networking with other pro-life youth from across the country! For more information please contact Cameron Côté at [ccote@endthekilling.ca](mailto:ccote@endthekilling.ca) or 403 604 5299 Sponsored by ARPA and Pembina Pro Life.

### CANADIAN CRAFT COMPANY FUNDRAISER

The Ladies Aid is having a fundraiser/ladies night out on Friday, February 10, 2017 at 7pm. Canadian Craft Company is coming out from Lacombe to do a workshop. It will be at Ron & Charlene Hamoen's shop just south of Neerlandia on Shoal Creek Road. Registration deadline is January 20, 2017. You should have received a pamphlet in your box last week with the designs available. If you don't have the pamphlet but would like to register, or for more information, call Maria Hamoen at 674-5135.

### EDMONTON QUILT RETREAT 2017

Come join us on February 25 for a full day of sewing, games, fellowship and delicious food! Bring your own projects and also help work on a charity quilt for the Pregnancy Care Center. Cost for the day, including meals, is \$35. For more information and to receive an invitation, please contact Julie Van Hill ([julievan2@shaw.ca](mailto:julievan2@shaw.ca)). Registration is limited and must be booked before February 11.

### CAMPFIRE! BIBLE CAMP

is excited to announce five full time staff opportunities for the summer of 2017! How would you like to spend your summer working with children of all ages, teaching them about God and His creation, swimming, singing, and meeting great new people every week? Please consider if one of these jobs is for you!

*ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR, HEAD COUNSELLOR, ASSISTANT HEAD COUNSELLOR, ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
HEAD COOK*

Please send in a full resume, statement of faith, and two reference letters with one being from your pastor and/or elder to the email address below. The deadline for applications is January 31st and interviews will be held on Saturday, February 11th at Cornerstone Canadian Reformed Church in Hamilton. For full job descriptions and other questions please contact:

Rebecca Blokker35 East 15th StreetHamilton, ONL9A 4E7[info@campfirebiblecamp.ca](mailto:info@campfirebiblecamp.ca)

### ARPA CANADA YOUTH CONFERENCE

Are you a student interested in Canadian Politics? Do you want to make a difference? ARPA Canada has an opportunity for you! We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting our first ever God and Government Youth conference from May 9 – 11, 2017 at our new Ottawa office! Applications are open to any Grade 11 or 12 students attending a Reformed church in Canada.

The deadline to apply is **January 31, 2017**. For more details on the conference and how to apply, please visit

[arpacanada.ca/ggy2017](http://arpacanada.ca/ggy2017).

### 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](http://www.voiceofthechurch.org) as well as [www.sermonaudio.com/votc](http://www.sermonaudio.com/votc).

Prepared and presented by Rev. Paul Aasman, these are the messages for January:

1. Martha Labours for What Mary Was Given
2. Come to Your Senses
3. What Do You Want Me to Do?
4. The One Sheep

5. Why Was the Older Son Angry?

## **BARRHEAD NEWS**

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### **TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATION**

Things in the life of our church community appear to be back in full swing again after the Christmas-break. We wish the teachers and students among us renewed strength and energy as they enter upon this new season of teaching and learning. May God grant that the gifts He has given you be used to his glory. At the same time Catechism classes have resumed. What an enormous privilege it is to have the weekly freedom and opportunity to learn about the great work of God for our salvation. Understandably sometimes a student will be unable to make it to class for good reason. Parents, if that be the case, please be reminded to notify the Catechism teacher to let him know. May we all look forward to another semester of training in the faith under the blessing of the Lord.

On Saturday, the Lord-willing, a major milestone birthday may be marked by our sr. Alie VanDelden. We extend our congratulations to you and wish you an enjoyable time of celebration with loved ones, and we pray that as you approach the turn of another year in your life, you may remember the Lord's faithfulness in years gone by, and so trust that his faithfulness will be there for you in the future.

The 2017 CRTS conference is now in the past. At the time of writing this column it is unknown how the Friday evening showing of two speeches turned out. Hopefully it was a great success, making this kind of evening something that can be done again in the future. I have learned that this event even generated interest beyond our own church community amongst other churches in our area which trace their heritage back to the Protestant Reformation. May that mean that the legacy of the Reformers will not be ignored or neglected but continue to remain vibrant and strong in our day and in future generations. If you missed out and still wish to catch the speeches, you will be able to find them on the seminary website: <http://www.canadianreformedseminary.ca/> In the anticipation of a busy week ahead for me personally due to the task of church-visitation as per Church Order Art. 46, it was granted by both the consistories of Barrhead and Neerlandia (North) to arrange a half-exchange next week between Rev. Veurink and myself. I'm grateful for the understanding and willingness of both consistories and congregations to work together in this regard to grant this relief.

CVL

### **BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE**

January 15 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

January 15 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

January 22 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

January 22 PM – Rev. G. Veurink

### **BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS**

January: Needy February: C.R.W.R.F.

### **CATECHISM INSTRUCTION:**

The Catechism classes will continue this week at the regular times.

Class One: 7:30-8:30pm; Class Two: 7:30-8:30pm; Class Three: 8:30-9:30pm. The Pre-confession class will meet from 7:30-8:30 in the Consistory room.

### **HOST FAMILY**

This week's host family is Shawn & Meaghan Kobes

January 22 James & Renee Kobes

January 29 Travis & Kim VanLeeuwen

February 5 Alan & Fay Mul

February 12 Rick & Mel Jagersma

### **LAWN MOWING**

The Barrhead C of A is looking for persons interested in mowing the lawns at the church, using your own equipment.

Also includes Roundup application along borders, trees and flowerbeds.

Please submit your proposal by March 1 with detailed pricing etc. Please contact Alan Mul @ [afmul@hotmail.com](mailto:afmul@hotmail.com) for more info or to submit your proposal. Thank you, Barrhead C of A

### **RECEIPTS:**

If anyone should find that their receipts do not match their records please contact:

Folkert 674-6191 or Nellie 305-9570. Thank you, Barrhead CofA

## **CORRECTION:**

There is a correction to be made to the last mention of the rental of the church building. The rental costs are for weddings only any other function is free of charge in our building.

Barrhead CofA

## **NOTE FROM THE JANITORS:**

For the most part when the building is used by families or church groups the church is left in good order, which we appreciate. We have had a few times that classrooms etc. are not left the way they were found, so just a reminder that if you use the classrooms or other rooms please leave them clean and orderly the way that you found them.

When the church building is being used by a group or family please make sure ALL doors are locked as the janitors or ushers are not always there to lock up.

Parents are asked to refrain from bringing juice and milk cups into the auditorium as well as pens and crayons; stains on the upholstery from these items are difficult to remove. Also make sure gum is not being stuck under the benches. We have beautiful benches to sit on so lets all help keep them neat and clean for many years to come.

Thank-you, Case & Helena

## **LADIES AID MEETING**

Our next meeting will be Monday ,January 16th, at Hetty Stel's home at 8:00pm.

We will be discussing an upcoming dinner as well as a few events. Please come join us if you can, we would really appreciate it.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Youth group will be this Sunday, January 15th from after second service till 5. We'll be working on lesson 2 in our workbook. See you all then!!

## **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

We are looking forward to studying chapter 16 and possibly 17 in our book Covenant of Love by Rev. Stam. This week Marian is leading. Mel is baking and on call for babysitting. Coffee is on at 9:45 and our meeting begins at 10:00. Hope to see you there!

## **SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY**

Our next meeting is scheduled for **January 21st**. We hope to continue our study of the book of Titus, dealing also with **chapter 5** (pages 55-66) of *Leadership for Growing Churches* by Rev. Bouwman. As usual we hope to meet at 7:30 and wrap up by 9:00. Newcomers are welcome!

## **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**

## **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](http://www.neerlandiacanrc.ca).

## **MAILBOX UPDATE**

#69 – Henk Jan Rook

# **NEERLANDIA SOUTH**

## **FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK**

By now the New Year is in full swing! Routine is back and we are blessed to go about our daily tasks. Our work each day, nourishment, shelter and health are all God's undeserved love to us. We so often do the exact opposite of what He requires of us in His Word, and yet, in His sovereign love and grace, we are washed clean in our Savior's blood. As this New Year lies before us, let us live out of the abounding joy this gift of love works in us. May the fruits of faith speak of the undeserved saving work of Jesus Christ.

This past week, two families in our midst were blessed with the birth of a new little one! We congratulate Br. and Sr. Arnold and Melissa Viersen with the birth of their daughter Jillian Alexis and also Br. and Sr. Jeff and Jolene Bysterveld with the birth of their son Blake Daniel. May these parents be given all that they need to raise these precious gifts to know, love and live for their Lord and King. We look forward to the time when these children will be brought to church to receive the sign and seal of the covenant. What riches we have in being sons and daughters of the Most High God!

As I write this, the CRTS conference will, DV, be held this evening. In this way we can feel more connected with our seminary in the East and so see the work of the Lord being done there. It is wonderful to have the technology to be able to see this live and so benefit from the speeches that are held there.

Today we welcome Rev. Aasman to lead the worship for us as per classical appointment. May we live out the message we hear today with humble hearts, knowing we serve the Almighty God of heaven and earth. Have a blessed Lord's Day!

RVA

## **PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS**

January 15 am & pm Rev. R. Aasman  
January 22 am & pm Rev. H. Kalkman  
January 29 am & pm Rev. H. Kalkman

## **SHORT REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2016**

Our chairman Br. R. Van Assen opens the meeting by reading Eph. 5:1-21 and we sing from Hymn 13:1, 3 then leads in prayer.

All are present, Rev. Pontier and Bart Bikker will be attending as well.

Various congregational memorabilia were taken note of with thankfulness.

The agenda is established

The C of A reports on income:

- \$16,310 for September
- \$16,990 October
- \$21,545 November

Progress is made on the title of the manse as well as with charitable donations status for church.

Rev. Pontier enters the meeting and discusses the Christmas day combined service. We agree on a proposal, he is thanked and leaves the meeting.

Br. Bart Bikker enters the meeting and discusses the proposed budget for 2017, budget is presented and approved. He is thanked for his work and leaves the meeting.

Br. Viersen reports on the work of the home mission committee.

The deacons report their November collections as

- \$1854.65 needy
- \$2955.35 MERF
- \$550 support given
- \$24,492.22 bank balance

The calling committee reports on their work and come with a proposal, discussion is held.

The organ committee and its mandate are perused.

Preaching arrangements are as follows:

- Dec. 25 Rev. Pontier 2x
- Jan. 1 reading 2x
- Jan. 8 Rev. Veurink am. Reading pm.
- Jan. 15 Rev. Aasman
- Jan. 22 Rev. Kalkman 2x
- Jan. 29 Rev. Kalkman 2x

Classis meeting is held over to March 2017. Mutual instruction and Christian censure is held. It is noted with thankfulness that no brother had objections to the execution of office by fellow office bearers.

Date for the next meeting is set for Dec. 16.

Br. T Mast closes in prayer.

## **SHORT REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 9, 2017**

Our chairman Br. R Van Assen opens the meeting by requesting that we sing Ps. 128: 1, 2 and reads Eph. 5:22-33 and leads in prayer.

Brothers C. Hooimeyer and B VandeRiet are absent with notification. All are welcomed.

The minutes of the Dec. 19, 2016 council meeting as well as the Sept. 1 and Sept. 25 congregational meetings are adopted. The minutes of the of the Nov. 14, 2016 meeting are also adopted.

Various congregational memorabilia were taken note of with thankfulness.

Incoming and outgoing mail is unavailable due to Br. C. Hooimeyer being absent.

The brother's report on the visits made since the last meeting.

The C of A reports Dec. income of \$25,715.00 and total income for the year via contributions of \$105,320.00. They also reported that they are looking further into the land proposal with the county, as well as making progress with the charitable donation status. Home mission committee has no report for to now.

The deacons report December income as:

- \$1,619.60 needy
- \$2,064.00 Asia mission
- \$1,365.40 Pembina pro life
- \$550.00 support given
- \$29,534.00 bank balance

Congregational matters:

- We are planning the annual congregational meeting for the last Friday in February or the last Friday in March, depending on church availability.
- The calling committee reports their investigation of the proposed pastor is ongoing.
- The organ committee mandate will be perused by brothers Viersen and VandeRiet and then placed in our hand books. The new organ playing roster is discussed

Membership:

- Br. Hank Jan Rook's membership effective Dec. 25, 2016
- Br. and Sr. James and Ashlee Viersen's baby boy, Markus Jacob, was baptized Dec. 18, 2016.

Service arrangements:

- Jan. 15 Rev. Aasman 2x
- Jan. 22 Rev. Kalkman 2x
- Jan. 29 Rev. Kalkman 2x
- Feb. 5 Rev. Pontier ? and Reading
- Feb. 12 Reading 2x
- Feb. 19 Rev. Kalkman 2x

Mission Brazil -- Br. Mast reports on the financial statements and reports all is in order.

CRTS reports to be given next meeting.

The acts of synod pages 1-27 are discussed. Question period is held as well as mutual instruction.

Date for the next meeting is set for Feb.6 or 13, 2017

Br. A. Otten closes in prayer.

## **FROM THE C OF A**

It has been 8 months now since we have become 'The South Side'. We have many things to be thankful for and most of all for Gods guidance and care during this time. We thank all of you for giving of your first fruits to first and foremost honour and glorify God. He has made all things possible.

There are some things that you all need to be brought up to speed on. First that we, the South, will for the Year 2016 act as a branch of CRCN. Our Charitable Registration has not gone through yet and we need to make sure we are acting as law abiding citizens. The Lawyers and Accountants have been a big help for all of us during this time and continue to do so. For this we are very thankful to have great people that we can work with.

Since our Registered number has not yet been given to us, at this time we ask all of you to refrain from contributing any monies until further notice. We want to start 2017 as Neerlandia Canadian Reformed Church South and that means we need to wait for Rev. Canada. If you have or will drop an envelope into the South box because you did not read this, then it will be handed back to you until further notice.

We regret that this has taken so long due to unforeseen circumstances. As they say, patience is a virtue and we all have had to show a lot of it.

If you have any questions regarding any of this, feel free to contact any of the C of A members! Thank you again, yours in Christ, C of A

## **THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S SOCIETY**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday morning at 10:00am on January 19. We will have a discussion on chapter 12 of the book '*Leadership for Growing Churches*'.

Leader: Lucille Terpsma

Baking and Prayer: Karen Breukelman

Babysitting: Katrina Barendregt

Our next Study Book will be by Dr. J. VanVliet entitled '*Growing in the Gospel*'. If you wish to order a book you can do so by contacting the treasurer, Lucille T. by Jan. 19, 2017 so they can be ordered asap. This book comes in 3 volumes - either published in 3 separate books @ \$15.00 each or in a hardcover with all 3 volumes in one book @ \$45.00. Shipping costs may apply. To order please state your preference and call 780-674-4542 or text @ 780-282-0209.

## **YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY**

Our next meeting will be held at Julian Hooimeyer's at 8 pm on Jan. 22, 2017 D.V. Eric will open this meeting. We are studying Chapters 7 and 8 of *The Pursuit of Holiness*. Please read these chapters 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, January 22, 2017, DV, at the home of John & Henrietta Froma. 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**

January 15        John & Henrietta Froma  
January 22        Peter & Elly Hoeve  
January 29        Curtis & Lorraine Hooimeyer  
February 5        David & Christien Hospers

## **BABYSITTING LIST**

January 15        AM – Katrina B, Autumn VA, Tianna S  
                          PM – Karen Bouw, Madison T  
January 22        AM – Jane B, Tessa V, Candace VR  
                          PM – Karen Br, Teegan W  
January 29        AM – Kerry B, Julia V, Sierra W  
                          PM – Rita B, Flora VDZ  
February 5        AM – Jolene B, Daphne VDZ, Kiahna B  
                          PM --- Becky D, Amelie V

# **NEERLANDIA NORTH**

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." These verses from Hebrews 10 give us many things to think about each day, also in how we live together as God's people. And today, the Lord gives us the opportunity to once again meet together in worship and hear the proclamation of the gospel once again. May we be thankful for the opportunity to do this!

As of today, we have a new senior member of our congregation, although if you ask him about it, you will soon find out that there are no retirement plans at this time ☺. Congratulations to Br. John Kippers who is celebrating his birthday today! We give thanks to the Lord that he has been with you in this past year and that he continues to bless you with health and strength. May he grant you a blessed day of celebrating his faithfulness together with your family!

Looking at the preaching schedule, you will notice that next week there will be a half-exchange in the afternoon. Rev. Vanderlinde explains the reason for this in his column in this bulletin.

Wishing each one a blessed Sunday!

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## **PREACHING SCHEDULE**

January 15    AM: Rev. G. Veurink  
                  PM: Rev. G. Veurink  
January 22    AM: Rev. G. Veurink  
                  PM: Rev. C. Vanderlinde

## **HOST FAMILY**

**January 15** Albert & Sonja VanLeeuwen

**January 22** Stan & Irene Viersen

**January 29** John & Felicia Weirenga

## **LADIES AID MEETING**

There will be a Ladies Aid Meeting on Monday January 23 at Karen Schouten's home at 1:30pm. We are trying an afternoon meeting in the hopes of some new members ☺ Please plan to attend! See you there!

## **YOUNG PEOPLES**

Our next meeting will be held at Rae-lynn Hamoen's on January 22 @8:00 D.V. As we continue our study of Proverbs we will be looking at Chapter 5. Jonathan Vanderdeen 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.

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING MEN'S SOCIETY**

Mens society will meet on Jan 18 and we will be studying Acts 22

## **SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

We will meet on Saturday January 21 at 8am in the Church basement. We will be studying the rest of Chapter 5 of Leadership for growing churches and moving on to Chapter 6. Joe VanAssen is the leader. Hope to see you there.

## **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**

Jan 15	AM Deanna D, Maria H, Andrea VA, Maria J PM Tash H, Mel H, Ally VB
Jan 22	AM Rochelle H, Stephanie J, Meaghan H, Leanne W PM Christy K, Kathy K, Katie K