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WORSHIP SERVICES

BARRHEAD

NEERLANDIA

January 17

Reading
Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar
Mission Aid Brazil

Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar (Lord's Supper)
Rev. C. Vanderlinde
M.A.F. (Feunekes)

January 24

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Mission Aid Brazil

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GENERAL NEWS

ROLLING CALENDAR

General
Barrhead

Neerlandia
January 25 Baby Shower

EDUDEO SERVE PROJECT

This spring March 28-April 6 2016, 9 CCRS students and 4 chaperones will be travelling to Santiago in the Dominican Republic to work on a HANDS project (Help Another Nation Develop Schools). The students and chaperones will be involved in a school construction project in Santiago. To that end, the students have been fundraising already for a few months, and are planning a fundraising dinner for themselves and their invited guests for January 23/16.

For the dinner evening students are seeking silent auction items that will be utilized to fund raise for this project. If you have anything that you would like to contribute, please contact Lorraine Hooimeyer on behalf of the parent committee. Silent auction items should be handed in by January 20 to Lorraine. If you would prefer, financial contributions would also be much appreciated. In this way we can all participate in enriching the lives of those less privileged than ourselves. Checks can be made out to EduDeo Ministries and are tax deductible.

For the committee,
Curtis and Lorraine Hooimeyer

SAVE THE DATE!

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank has secured a quarter of land in Vega for a 2016 growing project! Join us Monday February 8 2016 to learn more about it. Terence Berg- AB North Project Director will be coming out to answer questions and offer direction on setting up the new grow project. Location to be announced. Call or text Troy Nanninga-780-307-4465 or Seth Olthuis 780-674-6748 for more information or if you would like to be involved. Thanks!!

THE LORDS PRAYER CD

Last spring we sang "The Lords Prayer", together with Edmonton. As a fundraiser Edmonton made a CD, and that CD is finally here! If you ordered one, and did not get one yet, please talk to me and I will give you a copy. They are \$ 5 each. Rianne

CAMPFIRE! BIBLE CAMP

CAMPFIRE! BIBLE CAMP is excited to announce four full time staff opportunities for the summer of 2016! 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!

CAMP DIRECTOR

ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

ASSISTANT HEAD COUNSELLOR

And new for 2016 –

WATERFRONT DIRECTOR (must be a fully qualified lifeguard)

Please send in a full resume, statement of faith and two reference letters with one being from your pastor and/or elder. The deadline for applications is January 31st and interviews will be held on Saturday, February 6th at Cornerstone Canadian Reformed Church. For full job descriptions and other questions please contact:

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ATTENTION CRAFTERS:

ARPA Canada has a project for you! In a new initiative called "Booties for Babies" we are looking for 1,000 pairs of baby booties to be crafted (knit, crochet, sew, etc.) and sent to our office (ARPA Canada, 130 Albert Street, Suite 2010 Ottawa, ON K1P 5G4). These baby booties will serve as a representation of the lives lost to abortion every year in Canada as we call on our leaders to enact laws to protect pre-born children. Then, the booties will be donated to crisis pregnancy care centres to warm the feet of newborn and infant children. More details are available at arpacanada.ca.

BARRHEAD NEWS

TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATION

Greetings from Hamilton, Ontario – where, at the time of writing this week's column, the CRTS conference is about to get underway. I should have more to report about it in next week's bulletin.

Last week Sunday we remembered in prayer **Ted Breitreitz, the grand-father of our Sr. Stephanie Larson**, who suffered a devastating fall causing serious head-injury. He was rushed to hospital where he received intensive care, but the prospects were not promising, humanly-speaking. On Monday he died as a result of his injuries. We pray that the Lord will be near to Stephanie and Nathan at this difficult hour of sorrow and grief as they place their loved one in the grave and go forward without him. May the wisdom and providence of God give you strength of mind and heart during this trying time.

We also prayed for our **Sr. Michelle Werkman** – who underwent further surgery in Edmonton and has since returned home, **Br. John Wemekamp** – who has had to struggle with balance troubles recently, **Sr. Amy Hoeksema** – who has had to deal with constant, often excruciating pain. Let us remember these members and others in similar circumstances in our prayers to our heavenly Father.

Last week Sunday, our minister emeritus, **Rev. Tiggelaar** was involved in an automobile accident on his way home from Edmonton after leading worship services there. As a result of falling asleep at the wheel, the vehicle which he was driving went off the road near Legal coming to a stop in snow-covered surroundings. The car also struck a (small) tree along the way. Thankfully Rev. Tiggelaar was kept protected from serious harm, though the same cannot be said for the vehicle. We are thankful for the travelling mercies God provided, as He does so regularly for us, also in this singular instance sparing Rev. Tiggelaar from suffering injury. May the Lord continue to watch over each of us in our coming and going and graciously grant us preservation. Congratulations are in order for a couple of members celebrating birthdays this week. **Sr. Alie VanDelden** will celebrate her birthday, the Lord-willing, this upcoming Thursday, and the next day **Br. George Wemekamp** may also celebrate the arrival of another year in his life. May the Lord's blessings in Jesus Christ abound to each of you and your families in this coming year! You are reminded that **this week Friday (January 22) there will be a congregational meeting** – another "first" in our new building. Young and old are encouraged to attend in order to hear various reports about the life within the congregation and also to review the annual budget.

This morning we have a reading service scheduled. In the afternoon we welcome Rev. Tiggelaar to our pulpit to lead our worship. May the preaching of God's Word and the administration of baptism powerfully proclaim the rich gospel of grace to us, and may we all be built up in love and faith and in the desire to do good works of thankfulness.

CVL

BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE

January 17 AM – Reading

January 17 PM – Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar

January 24 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

January 24 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS

January: Mission Aid Brazil

February: Asian Mission

CATECHISM INSTRUCTION

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

Class One:

Class Two:

Class Three: We will be having a test on January 26. This will cover what we've studied thus far in the Belgic Confession (articles 10, 17-32), as well as the Church Order. We can devote some time to review next class, if there are any questions you might have. If you are unable to make it to class, please be courteous and inform me. Thank you. 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 and Church Order. 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 **Herb & Sandy Kobes**

January 24 Marvin & Stephanie Jissink

January 31 Jelte & Irene Jagersma

February 7 Rick & Mel Jagersma

February 14 Rev. Calvin & Jolene Vanderlinde

February 21 Menko & Teresa Helmus

February 28 Marinus & Alja Helmus

PRE-MARITAL COURSE

On Thursday evenings in the month of February (beginning February 4), I hope to lead 4 sessions (one per week) of marriage-counselling for couples who are planning to be married in the near future. We will meet in the manse at 8PM. To date there are 3 couples signed up. If any others (engaged or perhaps soon to be engaged) are interested to join and attend, please let me know. Feel free to call if you have any questions. Pastor Vanderlinde 780-284-4080.

FROM THE C OF A

Now that we have another piano in our church we are looking for anyone interested in purchasing the old piano. If interested please put a bid in with Kurtis. Mail box # F 7

SHORT REPORT FOR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 4, 2016

The chairman, Rev. Vanderlinde, called the meeting to order. We read 2 Timothy 4:1-18, sang Hymn 56:1, 3 and Rev. Vanderlinde opened the meeting in prayer. Br. Jagersma is absent with notification. All others were welcomed.

Agenda was adopted.

Memorabilia: We remember the 55th anniversary of the church in Barrhead. Birthdays were celebrated by Jenny Wemekamp, Tena Wierenga, Bieuwke VanderVeen, Arlene Zuidema and Fennechien Otten. We remember Arlene Zuidema and the complications she experienced after her recent hip surgery. We remember with thankfulness that we were able to enjoy our Church Christmas and Covenant School Christmas programs. We celebrate with Rick and Stephanie Devink the birth of their son Emmett Gage. We celebrate with Logan and Karina Tiggelaar the births of their twin girls, Addison Blair and Reagan Kinsley. We remember with sadness the passing of Rev. Tiggelaar's brother John. We remember the passing of Rev. Stam into heavenly glory. We remember the passing of the Year of our Lord 2015 and how he has blessed us in it.

Incoming Mail: Letter was received from St. Albert CanRC regarding Classis. A letter is received from W. Vogelzang. A letter is received from J. Voorhorst.

Outgoing mail: An invitation to the grand opening is sent to CanRCs and URCs of Alberta. Letters were sent to R. Jagersma and J. Vanleeuwen regarding their appointment to audit church books. Travel attestation is given for M. Vanderlaan family.

Congregational Matters: General visits are reported on.

Membership:

Communicant	195
<u>Non-communicant</u>	<u>140</u>
Total	335

Preaching Arrangements:

Service	Morning	Afternoon
Jan 10 Lord's Supper	Rev. Vanderlinde	Rev. Vanderlinde
Jan 17	M. Hoeksema	Q. Harthoorn
Jan 24	Rev. Vanderlinde	Rev. Vanderlinde
Jan 31	Exchange	Exchange
Feb 7	Rev. Vanderlinde	Rev. Vanderlinde
Feb 14	Rev. Vanderlinde	Rev. Vanderlinde
Feb 21	Rev. Vanderlinde	Rev. Vanderlinde
Feb 28	Exchange	Exchange

Deacon Report: Collection for the Food Bank was \$1102 plus another \$898 from the general fund. Collection for MERF came to \$1693. Campaign Life collection was for \$1481.50. The February collection is for Asian Mission. General visits were reported on.

Committee of Administration: The Church's annual budget is presented by Br. Olthuis and approved by Council.

Treasurer's Report: The total amount collected on the sale of the old church building after fees is \$119,435.71. The total loan on the new building will be \$573,445.72.

Total collected in December was \$63,945. Building Fund was \$16,000. Building Fund Pledges were \$14,060. General collections were \$33,885.

Federation of Churches: The reports to General Synod Dunnville 2016 are reviewed. Following some discussion on each report, the brothers indicate they are in agreement with the committees and their recommendations.

Article 73: Christian Censure was thankfully not needed.

Br. Miedema closed in prayer.

GEMS

Hello Gems Girls and Parents, Due to our meeting being cancelled, it has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, January 20** from **6:30-8:30 PM**. Please bring your book, scarf, a Bible, and a pen or pencil. We will be doing the painting badge. Aaliyah will bring snacks and drinks. Please also bring payment for the hockey tickets (\$19). Only the dads' tickets need to be paid for. The girls' tickets are covered. Hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, please contact Miranda or Stephanie Larson.

YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, January 23 after second service until 6 PM. We plan on studying "Respect". See you all then!!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We are about to begin our study on the book of Haggai with an outline written by Rev. W. Bredenhof. If you need a study guide please talk to Sherri today. We open with devotions Tuesday morning at 10:00, but you are welcome to come a bit earlier for coffee and a chat! New members are warmly welcomed.

COMBINED BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be held on January 20 in the church building at 8:00. We will be studying chapter 6 of the book "You Only". We hope to see you there.

LIVING WATERS

Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 24 at 7:30 in the church building. We will be studying Session 7 of Respectable Sins.

BABYSITTING

Jan 17 AM (INF) **Marny V**, Melissa P, Lydia V (TOD) Dana V, Stephanie L, Amber V
PM Helena O, Alicia S, Mckenna W
Jan 24 AM (INF) **Christine V**, Kim V, Ashley W (TOD) Stephanie J, Kim M, Missy P
PM Heather A, Amy H, Sydney W

NEERLANDIA NEWS

FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK

Another week has come and gone and we all had things to deal with, whether joyful or sad, good or bad, or just the same regular everyday things, and yet in all this we can experience the Lord's providence and gifts of grace. We may be comforted that we have a Father who tells us not to fear, for He is with us and upholds us, strengthens us every step of the way through life. May this also give us all the courage to go forward, trusting in His promises.

All things are getting back to normal after the holidays, so very little news to write about this week.

If all goes well, we will be able to witness the baptism of Zeleigha Antonette VanBeek, daughter of Hendrik and Shelley this afternoon. May the Lord bless the parents in bringing up this covenant child according to His Word.

If all goes as planned, we will have one of our former members and now minister of Fergus Ontario South, Rev. Theo Wierenga, leading the worship services on February 14th.

We have been blessed with having our pulpit filled with ministers on a regular basis and this is appreciated by the elders. We can be thankful, because this was not a norm in our local history over the years.

This Sunday we will celebrate the remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice of our Saviour, who gave His life and took our sins upon Himself, that we may have life and hope in Him.

We welcome Rev. Tiggelaar this morning as we celebrate the Lord's Supper, and Rev. VandeLinde, who was willing to lead the afternoon service, thus giving Rev. Tiggelaar the privilege to administer the Holy Baptism to twin grandchildren in Barrhead.

Have a blessed Sunday with family, friends, and congregation.

AV

PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS

January 17 AM Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar (Lord's Supper)
PM Rev. C. Vanderlinde
January 24 AM Rev. H. Kalkman
PM Rev. H. Kalkman

PRESS RELEASE COUNCIL MEETING –JANUARY 4, 2016

Opening-Chairman Br A VanLeeuwen calls meeting to order and requests the singing of Hymn 49:1 and 2, he then reads from Ephesians 4:26-32 and leads in opening prayer.

Welcome-Chairman welcomes Elders and Deacons. Absent with notification, Brs F Breukelman, R Schouten.

Incoming Mail- Returned travel attestation from Sr Roseanne VandeKamp.

-Provisional agenda for General Synod Dunnville 2016. –Reports to General Synod. –Mission Smithers re: budget, assessment and accompanying letter. – Mission Brasil re: budget and assessment. – St Albert CanRc re: request for materials for Classis scheduled to convene March 8, 2016. – Invitation from Barrhead Council to attend the grand opening on Saturday January 9, 2016. – Classis Alberta assessment. – Letter from "Campfire" organisation. – Number of letters from the congregation re:

proposed church split.

Outgoing Mail- Letter of appointment to Br Brad VanDasselaar.

Reports- Office bearers report of various contacts they had and visits made, since the last meeting.

C of A Report –Income for November \$40789.73 December \$56459.28 - Total contributions 2015

\$435036.06 Projected in the budget was \$432000. - Br Shane Peters is hired for the yard maintenance around the church building. – Julion&Fluet Accountant services is hired to audit the books.

Home Mission Report – Home Mission Committee has designed a pamphlet with church info.

Deacons Report- November: Needy \$3971.25 Merf \$5554.75 Support given \$4400

Bank balance \$49287.18 December: Needy \$3078.07 Asia Mission \$3998.95 Support given \$8150 Pembina Pro Life (Christmas) \$1063.35 Bank balance: \$49303.18

Congregational Matters- Chairman will attend the opening of the Barrhead CanRC building. – Deacon books will be audited by Brs R VanAssen and J Breukelman. – Home Mission books will be audited by Brs *H Steenbergen and P VanAssen*. – Minor change is proposed and made to the wording of the attestation form. – Request for attestation from Br and Sr Wally and Angie VanLeeuwen to the FRCA in West Albany, Australia. – Letter from “Campfire” will appear in the bulletin.

Service Arrangements- January 10 Rev Pontier am Br R VanAssen pm. January 17 (Lord’s Supper celebration) Rev Tiggelaar am, Rev Vanderlinde pm. January 24 Rev Kalkman am & pm, January 31 Rev Aasman am & pm. February 7 Rev Slomp am & pm.

Mission- The CanRC’s will be assessed \$50 per communicate member for Mission Smithers and \$121 for Mission Brasil. Effective January 1st 2016.

-Budgets for Mission Smithers and Mission Brasil will be perused by Brs J Breukelman and M Peters.

Matters of Church Federation- Request from St Albert RC to submit materials for Classis Alberta scheduled to convene March 8, 2016. – Request from the treasurer for Classis Alberta, the CanRC’s in Classis Alberta will be assessed \$6.00 per communicate member, effective January 1st 2016.

- Volume I of Reports to General Synod Dunnville 2016 is divided between the office bearers to be read.

-Delegates for Classis Alberta Brs A VanLeeuwen and A Hamoen. K Hamoen is alternate.

Mutual Instruction – Noted with thankfulness that this is not needed.

Meeting is adjourned.

Closing prayer- Br T Mast leads in thanksgiving prayer and the Chairman closes the meeting.

MEETING CONTINUED- MONDAY JANUARY 11, 2016

Opening- Br R Van Assen calls the meeting to order and requests the singing of Psalm138:1. He reads this psalm and leads in opening prayer.

Welcome- Br R VanAssen welcomes all elders and deacons present. Late with notification, Brs A VanLeeuwen and B VanDasselaar. Absent with notification, Brs F Breukelman, J Breukelman, T Mast and K Kippers.

Church growth- Discussion on different aspects of the proposed church split.

- Final results of the voting regarding the proposed church split are discussed.
- Letters with comments and concerns from congregation members regarding the proposed church split are read and discussed.
- After discussion a change is made in the proposed splitting of assets, the congregation will be informed of this change via the bulletin.
- Proposed date for the institution of the south church is April 3, 2016 DV.
- A vote is held amongst the “south” office bearers for the positions of chairman, vice chair and clerk. The following brs are appointed as Council for the proposed south congregation: R VanAssen (chairman), J Froma (vice chairman), G VanAssen (clerk), B VandeRiet, J VanGrootheest, F Breukelman, A Doornbos, J Otten, T Mast, G VanGrootheest and M Peters. Council will not be in effect until the institution of the south church.

Date for Next Meeting- February 1, 2016 DV.

Closing Prayer-Br J Otten leads in thanksgiving prayer and the Chairman closes the meeting.

BABY SHOWER

Precious girl so sweet and new,
the world is waiting just for you!

Ladies please join us in welcoming the daughter of Ivan and Sarah Vanassen. Shower will be held Monday, January 25th, in the church basement.

NEERLANDIA CHOIR

A new season of choir has begun and we are requesting anyone who has a binder (and uniform scarf) in their possession from last season to please leave it on the table at the back of church today. Our first practice for this season is scheduled for Thursday night 8:00, January 21,2016 at the church.

Any new members are welcome!

YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY

Read and study Chapters 11 and 12 before the next meeting. Please do the *For Personal Study* questions on pages 50-53. Our next meeting will be held at Julian's place at 8:00 pm on January 17, 2016 D.V. Andrew Schouten will be opening this meeting. Please contact Levi Wierenga @ 780-284-3739 or Pieter Steenbergen @ 780-284-4060 if you have any questions. SVA

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting is on Tuesday morning January 19 at 10.00am D.V. Coffee is on at 9.45. Please arrive on time so we can start at 10 please :)

Topic: Phillippians 3:1-11

Babysitters: Arlene V, Deanna D, Marcia VG

Baking and prayer: Kristie K

Story hour baking: Laura S

Reminder: please think about suggestions for our next topic.

Looking forward to another great time of fellowship and learning from the word of God and each other!

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Our next meeting on Luke 5 is to be on Wednesday Jan 20, 2016 at 8:00pm. We are going to study chapter 6 – *Christ in the Crisis of His Messianic Ministry* (pages 99-107) of the book "Messiah, the Holy One of God".

Baking & Prayer: Theresa Janssen

Please join us in our study of God's word even if only for a time or two. We would love to see you there.

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next bible study session will take place on January the **23rd @ 8am** in the church basement. We will be studying and focusing on the letter to the **Hebrews chapter 6**. We have been experiencing a poor turnout to our meetings this year. Examine the reasons you are not attending and perhaps take the opportunity that is presented to meditate and discuss God's Word. Our God is worthy of our praise and dedication. Also, a reminder that the dues are \$20 and will cover the cost of the ham and eggs provided for breakfast.

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be on January 24, 2016, D.V. at Marvin and Evelyn Peters'. We will be studying 2 Corinthians 8 – outline 10 in the study guide. 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 Nelson W. @ 780-305-5099 or Kurt V. @ 780-206-6604. We would love to help you!

HOST FAMILY

Jan 17 Henk & Laura Steenbergen

Jan 24 Reinder & Tineke Steenbergen

Jan 31 Dave & Gerrie Terpsma

BABYSITTING

Toy Cleaning for January 25: Kathleen T, Debbie VA, Nicole VA

Jan 17 LS AM Up – **Amily V**, Martina VR, Julianna J, Danika H Down – Kira D, Kaitlyn VB, Shyanne VA, Rachel W

Mother Helpers: Marja B, Rachel B

PM Up – **Tamara B**, Jolene B, Gelsey B Down – Rita B, Esther VA

Jan 24 AM Up – **Henrietta F**, Rebecca F, Brooklyn St Down – Charlene H, Kristen H, Julia VR, Simone P

PM Up – Maria H, Elly H, Candace VR Down – Lorraine H, Tara St