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***WORSHIP SERVICES***

***BARRHEAD***

***NEERLANDIA***

**January 29**

Rev. R. Pontier  
Rev. G. Veurink  
**Needy**

**South**

Rev. H. Kalkman  
Rev. H. Kalkman  
**MAF**

**North**

Rev. C. Vanderlinde  
Rev. R. Pontier  
**Rehoboth**

**February 5**

Rev. C. Vanderlinde  
Rev. C. Vanderlinde  
**C.R.W.R.F.**

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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

April 21-22 St. Albert Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser

#### **Barrhead**

Jan 29 Keir care & Hillcrest Services

Feb 10 Annual Congregational meeting

Feb 17 FCSS Dinner

#### **Neerlandia South**

#### **Neerlandia North**

Feb 14 Kitchen Cleaning

Feb 24 Games Evening

April 17 Taste of Neerlandia North

### **NEW PHONE NUMBER**

Ed & Joanne DeRuiter - 1-780-666-0298

### **BOOK**

I still have 4 books left "Leadership for Growing Churches" by Rev. Bouwman. If you are interested please give me a call, Hetty at 8801. First come, first served.

### **MEN'S CHOIR**

All men are invited to join the men's choir to meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Neerlandia Canadian Reformed Church. We will begin this week, 31 January. It is our hope to learn various Psalms and hymns for performance at the Gideons Festival of Praise, 26 February, as well as a concert some time in the spring. If you were with us last year and still have sheet music, please take it along to practice. For more information, please contact William Strydhorst at [william.strydhorst13@houghton.edu](mailto:william.strydhorst13@houghton.edu) or 780-674-4269.

### **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.

### **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](tel:4036045299) Sponsored by ARPA and Pembina Pro Life.

### **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).

### **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@vanderpolseggs.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.

## **BARRHEAD NEWS**

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

In Psalm 147 we are called to praise the Lord for multiple reasons. It is good, pleasant and fitting (v. 1). He saves the exiles and the broken-hearted (vv. 2-3). He holds and upkeeps creation in various ways, among which is included "scattering the frost like ashes" (v. 16). We could see the beauty and splendour of this in the bedazzling hoar frost coating our region in the past week. We have a great God who has not only left his testimony for us in creation, but "He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel" (v.19). How special it is that we may be the recipients of his message of salvation in Jesus Christ! May his Word therefore reach the furthest extent of this world and the deepest depths our own hearts as we and all believers meet together in worship today.

As we assemble here below we also join together with the angels and believers gone ahead of us lifting up their praises to God (Rev. 7:9-12). This great heavenly chorus could welcome another member this past Thursday as the Lord took home to himself **Pieter Harsevoort**, the brother of Stuart Harsevoort. Pieter was wheel-chair-bound due to severe spinal disabilities and was never expected to live long and yet the Lord gave him 33 years on this earth in which he could touch many lives with his positive attitude of contentment in all circumstances. Nevertheless his death happened rather suddenly after only a short period of hospitalization. In that regard there is thankfulness Pieter was spared from much suffering and now is free from the limitations he had in this life. In this time of grief we pray that Stuart and Sherri and their children may find encouragement and comfort in knowing that Peter is now with his Lord, awaiting the great resurrection of his body when the Lord makes all things new.

Our br. **Case Hamoen** had a mild form of skin cancer removed from his temple area this past Monday. This form of cancer is called "Becel Cell Carcinoma." From all appearances the surgery was successful in removing the cancer, although two minor surgeries will be needed in February and March to complete the job. We praise God for the skill of the surgeons and the positive result and we pray for a full and smooth recovery.

Due to the break in the school-season this week and the resulting absence of a number of students, it was decided **that the first three catechism classes will be cancelled this Tuesday**. The pre-confession class will still meet at the usual evening and time.

As it is the last Sunday of the month, it is the monthly pulpit-exchange. As a result we welcome Rev. Veurink and Rev. Pontier to lead our worship services today. I will, in turn be leading a service in each of their congregations.

Have a blessed Lord's day!

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### **BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE**

January 29 AM – Rev. R. Pontier

January 29 PM – Rev. G. Veurink

February 5 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

February 5 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

### **BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS**

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

### **CATECHISM INSTRUCTION:**

The first three Catechism classes are cancelled this week in line with the school break.

The Pre-confession class will meet from 7:30-8:30 in the Consistory room.

### **HOST FAMILY**

This week's host family is **Travis & Kim VanLeeuwen**

February 5 Alan & Fay Mul  
February 12 Rick & Mel Jagersma  
February 19 Jelte & Irene Jagersma  
February 26 Melvin & Jane Hoeksema

## **KEIR CARE AND HILLCREST SERVICES**

Services at Keir Care and Hillcrest are scheduled for tonight starting at 6:30 and 7:30 respectively

## **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 to 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.

## **LADIES AID DINNER- CAN YOU HELP?**

The ladies aid is asking for some helping hands for a dinner that we will be serving on Feb.17th, 2017 in our church building. If you can help in any way with prepping, serving or cleanup, please contact Marian Scheper . Any help would be appreciated, Thank you.

## **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).

## **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](mailto:jelteirene@gmail.com). Hope to see you in two weeks to study.

# **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).

## **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](mailto:nevanleeuwen@gmail.com)) or text me (780 305-8310) and we can get them to you!

Thanks Natasha Harink

Missy Aikema

## **SENIORS COFFEE**

Coffee will be at John & Henrietta Froma's place Feb. 1 at 10 am

Baking- Mrs. Viersen

# **NEERLANDIA SOUTH**

## **FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK**

The beauty displayed by our heavenly Father this week in the amazing formation of hoar frost, was astounding! How every detail is the handiwork of our God, shows His power and glory over all creation. We too are His creation and the love He bestows on us is the purest of mercies.

This past week has been very difficult for our Br. and Sr. Pat and Amanda Harthoorn. After becoming unresponsive and going through many tests, it was discovered that Amanda's mother had a stroke, brought on by bleeding in the brain, due to a tumor. These things come to so unexpected and yet may they hold tight to the comfort that the Lord knows. He has Mrs. Bareman in the palm of His hand and so also surrounds her loved ones in His tender love and care. We pray that God in His mercy will provide healing and continue to sustain the Bareman family during this trying time. Amanda's Oma Bareman also passed away and so the family is dealing with this grief as well. We pray that the Lord will give strength to the Bareman family as they lay to rest the body of their mother and grandmother on Monday. May the hope of the glorious resurrection surround this family with peace of heart and mind.

Many of you may have heard about a situation involving our Br. Jissink this past week. Right now, we leave things to the legal process and we entrust our brother and his family to the care of our heavenly Father during this difficult time.

This coming week the school kids and teachers have some time off and we wish one and all a blessed time of rest and relaxation. May we also praise God in our leisure time and so remember our calling as His children in all of life.

Today we welcome Rev. Kalkman to lead us in worship. Together we pray, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." Psalm 19: 14. Have a blessed day of rest.

## **PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS**

January 29 am & pm Rev. H. Kalkman

February 5 am & pm Reading

February 12 am Rev. Pontier pm Reading

February 19 am & pm Rev. H. Kalkman

## **SHORT REPORT JANUARY 16, 2017**

Our chairman requests that we sing Ps. 25:2-10 and reads Ecc. 7 then leads in prayer. All are welcomed, and the minutes of the Nov. 28, 2016 meeting are adopted.

The agenda is adopted, brothers report on visits made since the last meeting as well as to the youth group. Home visits are reported on by all wards, matters of supervision and discipline are also discussed as well as the Lord's Supper attendance.

Congregational matters:

\* A response to Br. L Terpsma's letter is made and will be sent.

\* Letter received and tabled from brother S Viersen.

\* Premarital course will be looked into for the three couples planning to get married this year.

\* Mutual instruction was held.

Date for the next meeting is Feb. 20, 2016

Br. J Froma closes in prayer.

## **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

We will not be having Bible Study on February 2 so 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 1 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**

January 22 Peter & Elly Hoeve  
January 29 Curtis & Lorraine Hooimeyer  
February 5 David & Christien Hospers  
February 12 Andrew & Mona Jissink

## **BABYSITTING LIST**

January 29 AM – Kerry B, Julia V, Sierra W  
PM – Rita B, Flaura VDZ  
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

# **NEERLANDIA NORTH**

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

With thankfulness to God we may once again gather together as his people to worship the LORD and to be fed in the rich pastures of the Word! Our God gives us a day of rest that we may set aside for worship and in this he also reminds us of the eternal rest in store for all his people.

Once again there is no “special” news to report. In itself, that can be seen as a reason for thankfulness since it means that God has spared each of us from harm and accidents. We can so easily take this for granted but let’s remember that this too comes as a gracious gift from our Heavenly Father.

There are members of our congregation who live each week dealing with the breakdown of their body, who are in chronic pain or who deal with constant health concerns. We pray that the Lord would be with these brothers and sisters and that he would surround them with his care. May he also bless the medical care that they receive!

I was informed that this week is a holiday at Covenant School, and so there will be no catechism classes either on Tuesday. May students and teachers alike be refreshed from this week of holidays!

Since this is the last Sunday of the month we will be having our regular exchange. We welcome Rev. Vanderlinde from Barrhead to our pulpit this morning and Rev. Pontier from the Emmanuel URC this afternoon. May the preaching of the gospel encourage us for the week that lies ahead!

Have a blessed day of rest and worship.

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## **PREACHING SCHEDULE**

January 29 AM: Rev. C. Vanderlinde  
PM: Rev. R. Pontier  
February 5 AM: Rev. G. Veurink  
PM: Rev. G. Veurink

## **HOST FAMILY**

**January 29** John & Felicia Wierenga  
**February 5** Julius & Geraldine Wierenga  
**February 12** Kevin & Shari Aikema

## **HOST FAMILY LIST**

Since the old host family list is out of date, the Fellowship Committee is currently working on preparing a new list for our congregation. They will be adding each family to this list. If you are unable to let your name be on the list, please contact Kathleen Tuininga (780-674-4116).

## **CHURCH KITCHEN “SPRING” CLEAN**

The kitchen is long overdue for a good cleaning. Ladies, please join us February 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

The Ladies Aid is planning a "Taste of Neerlandia North" Fundraiser dinner for April 17<sup>th</sup> 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 PEOPLES**

Our next meeting will be held at Tyrone Kipper's on February 8 @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.

## **MEN'S SOCIETY**

Mens society will meet February 1 at 8 pm and we will study Acts 23

## **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 29	AM Rhea K, Angela K, Colette D, Abigail PM Diane K, Christina P, Alexa S
Feb 5	AM Michelle P, Frieda R, Julianna J, Sienna P PM Francine S, Betty S, Stacey P