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GENERAL NEWS

ROLLING CALENDAR

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Jan 13 ARPA Fundraiser Dodgeball Tournament

Jan 19-20 Strengthening your marriage conference

Jan 20 Young peoples Ski Trip

Barrhead

Neerlandia

Neerlandia South

Neerlandia North

Jan 15 Baby Shower

VOICE OF THE CHURCH

Voice of the church is pleased to introduce its prepared meditations for the month of January.

We are very thankful that Pastor Paul Aasman took the time to prepare these short clips. They will be broadcast on your local radio stations at their usual times, on the following dates and under the displayed titles:

January 7: [Come to God through the sacrifice of His Son](#)

January 14: [God gives back the most holy part](#)

January 21: [Imagine you could never eat pork](#)

January 28: [God holds all things together](#)

After they have been broadcasted, You can download the podcast version from our website at

<http://voiceofthechurch.org/meditations%20library/>

These podcast versions can be great to listen to while driving, going for a walk or relaxing by the fireplace. They can also be shared with your coworkers and neighbours as a tool for evangelism.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us via our website page under the "contact" tab

CRTS SPECIAL LECTURES: GOSPEL AND GRACE FOR REAL, VIA LIVESTREAM

Everything is ready to go for the annual CRTS Conference, but we want to ensure that everyone knows that they can take in our two free evening lectures, both beginning at 8:00 p.m. EST in the Ebenezer CanRC building in Burlington. On Thursday Jan 11, Dr. Jason Van Vliet will speak on "God the Father and The Real Gospel of Sovereign Grace for You." On Friday Jan 12, Dr. Ted Van Raalte addresses the topic "God the Son and the Real Gospel of Sovereign Grace for You." The speeches will be available via livestream at: www.canadianreformedseminary.ca/livestream.html. They will also be available as recordings on the website shortly after the speech is finished.

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

The Covenant Canadian Reformed School in Neerlandia is hosting a Dodgeball Tournament on **Saturday, January 13 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**. Come on out for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The admission for a player on one of the teams is \$5 per person and there will be a concession stand available at your disposal. **There has been a slight change and this is that the funds raised will go to our school mission money instead of ARPA due to a request of our local ARPA committee.** Please submit your dodgeball teams of 8-10 people to Tyson Steenbergen at tyson.steenbergen@covenantschool.ca, Jewel Barendregt at jewel.barendregt@covenantschool.ca, or Kalynn Grosman at kalynn.grosman@covenantschool.ca.

GRACE URC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE IN LEDUC

Registrations are still open for the marriage conference at Grace URC on the evening of Friday January 19th and during the day on Saturday January 20th! Spaces are extremely limited as we only have 17 openings left! Thanks to some very generous donations, our registration fee is now reduced to \$80 (those who have already booked will receive a cash refund on the day of), and includes a wine and cheese social after the Friday evening presentation, a hot catered lunch on Saturday, and a fantastic book for each couple who attends. Hotel rooms are blocked off for anyone who wishes to purchase a room. This info can be found on the brochure.

BARRHEAD NEWS

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TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATION

In the Lord's grace and providence, we've come to the first Lord's day of the year 2018! What a great privilege it is that we may congregate together again in peace and freedom to bring to God our worship and honour and thanksgiving, and devote to him our

praises and offerings and lift up to him our prayers and petitions. May our worship and the way we live our lives reflect the truth that: "from him and through him and to him are all things" (Rom. 11:36).

As the Christmas-holiday break winds down for **students and teachers**, may all feel reinvigorated as they return to their regular tasks and routines. May God supply to each of you what you need to carry out your activities for the glory of his name! Also you are reminded that on Tuesday the **Catechism classes** will resume again. May God bless all instruction and learning that aligns with the truth of his Word!

We can note with thankfulness that the Lord has allowed our sr. **Tena Dykstra** to show signs of improvement over the last number of days. While at the point of writing this column she remains in the Barrhead hospital, the expectation is that she may move into a new location in a short time when the right place opens up, the Lord willing. We give thanks for these developments, and we pray that the Lord will also guide any coming transition.

I should also make a correction regarding what was written a few weeks ago in this column. Sr. **Dianne Tiggelaar's** surgery was not a minor operation on the hand but rather a stomach surgery. Nevertheless at the rate at which she was back to her regular level of functioning it would be easy for one to assume it was only a minor-operation. We are glad and thankful for the success of this surgery and the good progress in healing granted thus far. At some undetermined time in the future, a necessary hand-operation does still await.

This coming week, the Lord-willing, I will be in Burlington, ON to attend the annual **CRTS conference** (January 11-13). The theme of the conference is on the doctrines of grace with a particular focus on the Canons of Dort which celebrates its 400th anniversary this year. The roster of speakers for this conference includes Dr. Karlo Janssen, Dr. Mark Jones, Dr. Donald Sinnema, Dr. Ted Van Raalte, and Dr. Jason Van Vliet. I wish to express my thankfulness for the opportunity given me to attend and I hope to say more about the speeches and the conference in these pages in a few weeks.

Also, as one can see from the **preaching schedule** below, on January 14 we can expect to have Rev. W. DenHollander Sr. to lead our morning service, including also the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We're thankful he was available and willing to assist us in this way. Let us remember to prepare our hearts for the celebration of the sacrament in this week ahead. In the afternoon on that Sunday, a pulpit-exchange has been arranged between Rev. VanSpronsen and myself.

I believe that is all the news there is at this time. May our worship today be God-centered and God-glorifying and may it cause us all to live lives that are worthy of the glorious calling we have received as God's children and heirs. Have a blessed Lord's day!
CVL

BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE

January 7 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

January 7 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

January 14 AM – Rev. W. DenHollander Sr. (Lord's Supper)

January 14 PM – Rev. J. VanSpronsen

BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS

January 7 & 14: Needy

January 21 & 28: Asian Mission

HOST FAMILY

This week's host family is **Nathan & Stephanie Larson**

January 14 Greg & Claire Larson

January 21 Shawn & Meaghan Kobes

January 28 James & Renee Kobes

CATECHISM INSTRUCTION

The regular Catechism classes will resume again on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

All students are reminded to bring a Bible, Book of Praise, binder and pen.

Class One: Grades 7 & 8 - taught by Mr. H. Stel (7:30-8:30pm)

Class Two: Grades 9 & 10 - taught by Mr. J. Jagersma (7:30-8:30pm)

Class Three: Grades 11 & 12 - taught by Rev. Vanderlinde (7:30-8:30pm)

Pre-confession class: open to anyone who wishes to join - taught by Rev. Vanderlinde (8:30-9:30pm)

SHORT REPORT OF THE CONSISTORY MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 20, 2017

The Chairman, Rev. C. Vanderlinde called the meeting to order, read John 15:18-16:4, requested the singing of H 68:1&8 and led in opening prayer. The brothers present were welcomed. Br. D. Barendregt was absent with notification.

Past minutes for Oct 16 were adopted and signed.

The Agenda was adopted after one addition.

Mail-Incoming

Letter from Lethbridge URC

Acts of Regional Synod West.

Mail-Outgoing

Attestations for br. Ryan Mul to the Canadian Reformed Church at Smithers, and Roseanne and Steven Jansen to the URC in Lethbridge.

Home visits: Home visit reports were reported on to the following members, Claudia Wattel, Stephanie Gansekoele, Jordan & Melissa Peters, Marcel & Jessica Peters, Rev. EJ & Diane Tiggelaar. Rikie Feringa, Daniel Veldkamp, Daryl & Leanne Vandasselaar, Ed & Cisca Jansen, Marinus & Alja Helmus. Bert & Darleen Steenbergen, Janaye Wierenga, Rev Calvin & Jolene Vanderlinde, Quinton Harthoorn, Arlene Zuidema, Melvin & Jane Hoeksema, and Logan & Karina Tiggelaar.

Other visits were reported on.

Pastoral Matters

Lord's Supper for Shut-ins: Lord's Supper celebration with the Dykstra's did not happen this month since sr. Dykstra is in the hospital.

Matters of Oversight were discussed.

The Ministry

Rev. Vanderlinde reported on the visits he made in the congregation as well as other meetings he attended in the past month, including with Timothy Project representatives, Life Renewal, among others."

Catechism

Br. M. Hoeksema reported on the visits made to two catechism classes. One to br. J. Jagersma's class and one to Rev. Vanderlinde's adult class.

Federation of Churches

Classis Alberta: Next Classis was postponed to March 6. Delegates: Rev. Vanderlinde and M. Hoeksema, alt. R. Jagersma. Regional Synod West acts of November 6, 2017 were received with thankfulness.

Monthly Contributions

Appreciation for addressing this concern in recent sermons was expressed.

Miscellaneous Matters

The process of collecting the cups after Lord's Supper was discussed. Further possibilities will be investigated.

Discussion was also held regarding when the elders return the elements to table. Some pass the elements to the minister and are served by him and some are self-serve. The expectation is that the elders will pass the plate or tray to the minister and then take of the elements.

Article 73: Christian Censure

Opportunity for Christian Censure was given. We could be thankful for another positive meeting.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for Monday December 4, 2017.

The next meeting of Consistory is scheduled for Monday December 18, 2017.

Br. R. Jagersma ended the meeting with prayer and the chairman closed the meeting.

YOUNG PEOPLES

Our next meeting is today, January 7, 2018 after the second service at Ryley Jagersma's home. We will be studying Chapter 7 of our book Just Do Something. New members are always welcome to join! JMP

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

With joyfulness we can again start a new year of Bible Study!

Our next study morning is Tuesday, January 9, 2018 beginning at 10 am.

We will be doing a study of Romans, a letter written by Paul with this theme "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:16&17.

We will look at the Introduction- Romans 1:1-17

Leader: Mel

Baking: Mel

Babysitting will be available

COMBINED BIBLE STUDY

We are planning on meeting on Wednesday evening, Jan. 10 at 8:00. We will be discussing chapter 8, Our Father and His Providence. Morris will lead the meeting and Hetty will bring baking. Hope to see you all there.

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

BIBLE/PSALM BOOK COLLECTION PROJECT

The South morning Women's Bible Study group is collecting any of your unused Bibles (any translation) and old versions of our Book of Praise that you wish to part with. You can bring them along to church and place them in the box provided under the table in the foyer. We will be bringing them to Bibles For Mission where they will be distributed for further use. Let us help spread the Gospel message through these means.

Thank you

NEERLANDIA SOUTH

FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK

As we begin this new year, the year of our Lord, we can feel that the future is uncertain. The comfort we have as being children of a Father who holds the future securely in His hands is a rich gift. We can begin this new year with hope and confidence in our risen Lord and Saviour. We are blessed beyond measure!

The festive season is coming to an end and it's time for the children to go back to their studies. We are thankful to the Lord for this time of rest and relaxation and we pray that He will strengthen staff and students in the work set before them. It is a rich blessing to be educated in the ways of His Word!

Br. Matthew Hooimeyer and Sr. Mikaela Tiggelaar were recently engaged to be married. Congratulations! May God richly bless you in the preparations for this special day and may He also be your guide and strength as you grow together in service to Him. The calling committee is hard at work and we pray that God will provide us with a pastor and teacher in His time. May we all remember this work in our prayers as well.

Today is preparatory service for Lord's Supper which we hope to celebrate next Sunday the Lord willing. May we also take the necessary time to examine our lives in light of this celebration.

Br. Andrew Viersen will lead the reading service this morning and Br. John Froma will lead this afternoon. We thank you brothers for the time and preparation put into this. May we be encouraged in our walk before the Lord by the preaching of His Word.

RVA

SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

Jan. 7- am – Reading

pm – Reading

Jan. 14 am – Rev. Veurink (Lord's Supper)

pm – Rev. W. Den Hollander, Sr.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEN'S SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be Jan 10 at Ron Hamoens shop. We will be discussing chapter 11 from the book "Growing in the Gospel" volume 1 by Vanvliet.

Turnout has been very slim and disappointing. We need to discuss as men to grow and encourage each other in faith if we need to be leaders in the church. Please take time out of your busy schedules to come to Bible Study. It has to be a priority!

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S SOCIETY

2017 has come and gone and now we hope, the Lord willing, and with His blessing, to begin our 2018 Study Season. Our regular meeting, dated for Jan 10, 2018, will be cancelled because of the Barrhead Pregnancy Care Centre Info Evening (dated for that evening) in the Barrhead Elementary School Gym.

The Lord willing, our 1st Study evening will be Wednesday, Jan 17, 2018 at Vonessa Van Assen's place at 8:00 p.m. Topic: Growing in the Gospel by Dr. Jason Van Vliet, Chp 6, which deals with the Trinity. Suggested Readings: Ps 110; Matt 28:16-20; Nicene Creed. Athanasian Creed and Apostles Creed; LD's 8-20 with supporting texts--these LD's deal with some of the explanation of the Apostles Creed; BC Art 8-11.

Leader: Rosanne Olson Baking, Closing song and Prayer: Rachel Van de Burgt

We would like to encourage anyone who does not yet attend a Bible Study, to join us in learning more about our Triune God.

YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY

Our next meeting is scheduled to take place on January 7th at the Vanderzyl's house at 8 o'clock as usual. Jadon will be leading the meeting on Hosea 6.

HELPING HAND

We, as the Young Peoples Society, are gladly offering our help to those within our church community. For those who would like any assistance from the young people of our congregation, please don't hesitate to contact Wyatt Jissink at 284-3215 or Joshua VanAssen at 394-7338.

Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

HOST FAMILY

January 07 Trevor & Gwen Mast
January 14 Aaldert & Saakje Otten
January 21 Jan & Jen Otten
January 28 Henry & Marie Stad

BABYSITTING

Due to a recent case of HFM disease we will be closing the nursery for three weeks. If no new cases come up it will be open on January 28.

Thanks, the babysitting committee

NEERLANDIA NORTH

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

We have the privilege of beginning our week by gathering together as God's people so that once again we may focus on the redemption that our Lord Jesus Christ has obtained for us. What a blessing it is that at the start of the week our God gives us the right focus and perspective for the remainder of the week as well! May the Lord bless the proclamation of the gospel and also accept the worship that we offer to him.

Back on December 28, the LORD took to himself the grandmother of our Sr. Whitney Dejong. Sr. Swaving (of Ontario) was 95 years old. We extend our condolences to Whitney and her family and pray that our Heavenly Father would sustain and comfort them with the assurance that our Lord Jesus Christ has defeated death and thus has obtained for us the certainty of the resurrection of the body and the life in the world to come!

Sr. Carol Werkman received the news that her biopsy had come back clean and that there was no cancer present. What joyful news to receive and we give thanks to God along with our sister that he has made all things well! We pray that the Lord would continue to bless you with good health and strength going forward as well. It is certainly a rich comfort to know that we are completely in the loving hand of our Faithful Father!

Today we may congratulate our Sr. Shirley Van Beek who is celebrating her 70th birthday. We give thanks to our God that he has been with you in this past year, also in your circumstances as a widow, and we pray that he would continue to bless you and be near to you also in the year to come! It is our hope that you will have a joyful day of celebrating God's goodness together with your loved ones and friends!

This week will also bring a time of celebration for the Vandekamp family as Sr. Rosanne Vandekamp is united in marriage to Br. Ben de Vos. The ceremony is scheduled for Friday, January 12 at 11 AM. It is our prayer that the entire family would have a joyful day of celebrating the Lord's goodness and blessings!

This week will also bring a return to normal activities with the teachers and students returning back to school after a time of rest and refreshment. We pray that the Lord our God would bless you all with the strength and energy that you need as you take up your task once again. This also means that the catechism classes will be starting up again on Tuesday as well.

Last year we could remember the 500th anniversary of the start of the Great Reformation. Now this year we can remember that it was 400 years ago that the Synod of Dort (1618-1619) began. In light of this, the Theological College in Hamilton is hosting a conference titled, "Real Gospel: Sovereign Grace for Church and World" and it will consider some of the riches we can still enjoy as a result of the work done at the Synod of Dort. The Church Council here has given me

permission to attend this conference so I will be flying out on Wednesday and returning on Saturday evening. Thank you very much for allowing me to attend this conference brothers!

Wishing you all a blessed day of rest and worship!

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10 LITTLE FINGERS AND 10 LITTLE TOES

You are invited to a Baby Shower for Enzleigh Krikke, daughter of Darren and Rachel. Please join us in celebrating this blessing from the Lord in the Neerlandia Canadian Reformed Church basement @ 8:00 PM on Monday, January 15, 2018 DV.

HOSTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLES

We have heard that there is an interest within the congregation for hosting the Young People's Society. From now on there will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for all those who would be willing to host the North Young People's. We are a group of about 25. We would also enjoy coffee and refreshments. Parents please also continue to take your turn hosting. Thank you!

YOUNG PEOPLES

Our next meeting will be tonight, January 7th 2018. The meeting will begin at 8:00pm. We will be looking at Proverbs 15, beginning at part 101 in our book. Please prepare for the meeting by reading the Proverb and reading through the following parts. Jesse W will be opening this meeting. Also please remember to pay your dues of \$20 per person for those who have not done so. Have a blessed Sunday!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Please join us in studying Tues Jan 9 2018 we are studying Growing on the Gospel by Prof. VanVliet section two. We are studying ch 8 Calling and Regeneration

Suggested reading Matthew 11:25-30 John 3:1-15

Leader Judith

baking Kathleen

babysitting Christina Whitney

Kids baking Whitney

Praise God for His goodness that we can freely study His word again year! May we encourage each other to do this together!

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEN'S SOCIETY

Men's society will meet on Jan 10 at 8 pm in the church and will study chapter 6 in our study guide.

NEERLANDIA NORTH YOUNG PEOPLE'S 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 Andrew Schouten @ 780-305-8914 or Pieter Steenbergen @ 780-284-4060

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