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WORSHIP SERVICES

BARRHEAD

NEERLANDIA

July 23

Reading
Reading
Mission Prince George

South
Rev. H. Kalkman
Rev. H. Kalkman
Asia Mission

North
Reading
Reading

July 30

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Needy

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GENERAL NEWS

ROLLING CALENDAR

General

Aug 7-11 Summit RYC

Aug 11-14 Denver Family Camp

Aug 17-21 Calgary Study Weekend

Barrhead

Aug 7 Church Picnic

Neerlandia

Neerlandia South

Neerlandia North

Aug 7 Church Picnic

SUMMER BULLETIN SCHEDULE

Once again this summer we will be publishing the bulletin every other week. The dates for the bulletin are as follows:

June 25, July 9, July 23, Aug 6, Aug 20, September 3.

THANK YOU

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

With gratitude to the Lord we thank all who shared our special day with us in so many different ways. You really made us feel special and humbled. Once again, Thank you.

Sincerely George and Jenny

BRIDAL SHOWER

Please come out and celebrate!! You're invited to a bridal shower for Nancy Sandink on August 2nd at 7:30 pm in the Barrhead Canadian Reformed Church. We will also have a card and gift box for those who would prefer to give a monetary gift. If there is anyone willing to bring some baking or an appetizer could you please email Kim Vanleeuwen @ tkvanleeuwen@gmail.com or call or text 780 284 2728.

Thanks ladies!

CALGARY STUDY WEEKEND

The Calgary Canadian Reformed Church Young People's Society invites you to register for the 2017 Calgary Study Weekend, taking place DV August 17-21, 2017. Our speaker will be Marcy Vandebos, addressing the topic of Building Relationships in the LORD in a series of speeches and Bible study. In addition to studying God's Word, join us for the annual hike, Kangaroo Kort, and cabin dress up contest, as well as the opportunity to see old friends and make new ones! The cost for the weekend is only \$120, and the deadline to register is August 7, 2017. For more information or to register, please contact us by emailing calgarystudyweekend@gmail.com or visiting www.calgarystudyweekend.ca.

EDMONTON RENTAL OPPORTUNITY

I am a Police Studies student at MacEwan University and I have a room available for rent in my basement suite starting in the fall. I am hoping to find a female roommate from within the church community in order to have a Christian living environment. It is super affordable, newly renovated, and conveniently located near LRT, a bus station, and shopping amenities. The lease is negotiable so it is perfect for students. If you're interested, email Kailyn Leffers at kailynleffers@gmail.com for more info and pictures.

BARRHEAD NEWS

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TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATION

Our condolences are extended to br. and sr. Henry and Hetty Stel and family. On July 9 brother Harry Stel from Langley BC was taken up to heavenly glory. Again we are reminded of the frailties of this life. But we do not mourn as those who have no hope for our hope is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (Isaiah 35:10)

Last weekend the Steenbergen family also received the sad news that one of their uncles in Holland was taken up to be with the Lord. This was unexpected in our eyes but in God's eyes it was according to His plan and he was shown his room in heaven prepared by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. What a blessing to know that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, our Head, will also take us, his members, up to himself.

Sister Ruth Wirtz continues to struggle with pain in her back and shoulders. Our bodies are so prone to the effects of this earthly existence. How wonderful to know that our God sympathizes with his children, never testing them beyond the grace He provides. On July 14 the Lord blessed Mick and Marcela Vanderlaan with a baby boy whom they have named Jarrah Bradley. The Lord has also made everything well with mother and child and even with father. How great it is that we can see our God continue to uphold His covenant with us His people. In due time, the Lord willing, we may also witness the baptism of this His covenant child. On Friday July 21 our brother Justin Froma and his fiancée Iraista Galan from Mexico were united in holy marriage by a Justice of the Peace. Although we would have preferred this to go in a different order we wish them the Lord's blessing in their marriage. In September they hope to have a wedding ceremony also in Mexico and plan to return to Barrhead after that. With the Lord's blessing we hope that in due time they will be able to worship with us here in Barrhead that together we may build each other up in the Lord.

Br. Lorne Van Aasen continues to suffer from back pain that will hopefully be rectified by surgery. The surgery that he needs is available in Spain where he is at the moment. We hope and pray for a positive outcome so Lorne can return to his regular duties at home. May God, our great physician, grant you full healing, Lorne, and also patience to you and Nellie and the rest of your family as you recuperate.

The Lord has also blessed a few of our members with marriage milestones.

On July 6th br. and sr. George and Jenny Wemekamp could celebrate their 60th anniversary, on July 9 br. and sr. Folkert and Fran Miedema were blessed with being able to celebrate their 35th anniversary and today br. and sr. Melvin and Jane Hoeksema are able celebrate their 35th anniversary. We may thank God for sustaining them in their marriages to His honour and glory.

On July 31 sr. Klaske Bultena hopes to celebrate, the Lord willing, her 85th birthday. This past year has not been an easy one for her but at the same time God has granted strength and comfort. We pray that our Father may also bless you in the year that lies ahead as you go on in His service. How gracious is our God that he grants strength when we go through difficult times.

As you well know, our neighbouring province of BC has been experiencing wild fires this summer. When we see the great devastation that this has caused our hearts go out to those who are directly affected. Also in these disasters we can see the might and majesty of God, but we need not lose heart, for even then God is the one who is in control and not a hair from our head can fall without the will of our heavenly father.

Summer sees many of our members enjoying a time of vacation. How wonderful it is that God has blessed us so richly that we are able to spend some time in relaxation and rest. May we always remember that our lives are not our own and we belong to Jesus Christ, not only in Church or in our regular activities but also in our times of vacation.

Our pastor, Rev. Vanderlinde and Jolene and family are also on the first leg of their vacation. With the Lord's blessing they may be refreshed so they can continue the work within the congregation.

Today we have two brothers leading the worship services. How wonderful are the words of life that we get to hear from the pulpit on a weekly basis. Our God is good. MH

BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS

July: Mission Prince George

July 30: Needy

August: C.R.W.R.F.

August 27: Needy

HOST FAMILY

This week's host family is Ryan & Kim Vandermooren

July 30 Rev. Calvin & Jolene Vanderlinde

August 6 Mick & Marcella Vanderlaan

August 13 John & Val VanderDeen

KEIR CARE AND HILLCREST SERVICES

On July 30 the evangelism committee invites you to join in the services to be held at Keir Care Centre, @6:30pm and at Hillcrest Home @7:30pm. Please come and join the residence in singing praises to our God.

CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE

Ward 4 (T. Vegter) will be in charge of coffee Sunday on August 6, 2017. You are requested to supply 1 dozen baking and to help with cleanup after the event.

COMBINED CHURCH PICNIC & CAR RALLY

Due to the festivities happening in Neerlandia for Canada Day, the date of the church picnic has been moved from July 1st to Monday, August 7. It will be double the excitement on that day this year as the picnic will be combined with the car rally! Those wishing to participate in the rally will meet at the Barrhead Elementary School parking lot beginning at 2pm. For those who wish to come to the picnic who cannot participate in the rally please contact Jolene Vanderlinde @ 780-284-2964 or send her an email jolene.vanderlinde@gmail.com or via Facebook to find out the end point of the rally. Everyone is 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).

BABYSITTING

July 23	AM	(INF)	Bonnie P, Christine V, Justine K (TOD) Marny V, Irene J, Missy P
	PM	(INF)	Karina T (TOD) Melissa P, Landon V
July 30	AM	(INF)	Kim V, BJ V, Brittany P(TOD) Stephanie L, Louise S, Arianne V
	PM	(INF)	Kim Vanl(TOD) Amy H, Bethany V
Aug 6	AM	(INF)	Kyla V, Helena O, Jessalyn H (TOD) Jolene V, Tania B, Mckenna W
	PM	(INF)	Jessica P (TOD)Melanie J, Declan V
Aug 13	AM	(INF)	Steph D(A), Claire L, Laura O (TOD) Fran M, Jessica Prins, Sydney W
	PM	(INF)	Jeselina T (TOD) Val V, Renee V

NEERLANDIA NEWS

CAR RALLY 2017

The car rally will take place on Aug.7,2017 starting at 6:00 pm.from the church. Take your lawn chairs and thinking caps. See you there.

SENIORS COFFEE

Coffee will be at Wulfert & Yvonne Vanlaars place AUGUST 9 at 10 am

NEERLANDIA SOUTH

FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Otten family with the recent passing of Sr. Saakje Otten's father into eternal glory. We pray that the Lord will surround this family with His love and care, and may they be comforted in the knowledge that Saakje's father was one of God's children, and so was immediately taken up to Christ his Head. Br. and Sr. Otten have gone to the Netherlands to attend the funeral and will be away for several weeks. May God bring them back home safely in due time to their family here.

As we are well into the summer holidays we know that many in our midst will be travelling. May God grant travelling mercies and keep everyone safe in all their summer activities.

On August 2nd Sr. Tineke Steenbergen will celebrate her birthday D.V. We wish her a good day with family and friends. We thank the Lord for His care over her and ask God to watch over her in the coming years.

Br. and Sr. Jake and Irene Werkman will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on July 29 D.V. We thank the Lord for the love and faithfulness he has shown to our brother and sister throughout their lives, and may He continues to hold them close to Him.

Br. and Sr. Jerold and Sharon Vanassen will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary on August 5th. We wish them a joyful celebration with family and friends. May God continue to bless them in their lives as husband and wife, as father and mother, and as grandfather and grandmother. May the Lord also cause them to be a blessing to all of us and everyone with whom they come into contact.

Br. Stephen Slomp has now been positively diagnosed as having Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM). ADEM is closely related to MS, and his ADEM has many elements of MS (more than normal). More testing has to be done to determine whether there is continued swelling and to what extent he suffered brain damage. Let us continue to remember Stephen in our prayers, and ask God for healing and recovery. We should also remember to ask God to sustain his wife, children, parents, siblings and all those dear to him.

Today we again welcome Reverend Kalkman to our pulpit. May we all be built up in faith by the preaching and teaching of God's Word. Have a blessed Sunday! JF

WEDDING BANNS

The consistory announces that Willem Adriaan Jos Bikker and Mackenzie Shawntelle Werkman have indicated their intention to enter into the married state, according to the ordinance of God. They desire to begin this holy state in the name of the Lord and to complete it to His glory. If no lawful objection is brought forward, the ceremony will take place, the Lord willing on Friday, August 4th, 2017 at the Canadian Reformed Church of Neerlandia at 1:00 p.m. Reverend E. J. Tiggelaar will be officiating.

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

July 23 Dave & Christien Hospers
July 30 Andrew & Mona Jissink
August 6 Trevor & Gwen Mast
August 13 Aaldert & Saakje Otten

BABYSITTING LIST

July 23 am – Lorraine H, Autumn VA, Marian H
pm – Christien H, Shyanne VA
July 30 am – Melissa M, Tessa V, Dana J
pm – Melanie K, Daphne VDZ
August 6 am – Saakje O, Flaura VDZ, Savannah J
pm – Gwen M, Amelie V
August 13 am – Melissa V, Mackenzie W, Brandi J
pm – Rosanne O, Rolyann B

NEERLANDIA NORTH

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

As we come together again on this Lord's Day, we give thanks for His awesome goodness. He has come to us, His people, and given us His Word. We can once again look back on the past couple of weeks and be humbled by all that is. This is the time of year when many of us are travelling around, or enjoying time of relaxation at our favorite slough, or just enjoying the summer season of gardens, flowers and fields in full bloom. May God grant travelling mercies and safety in all of our activities!

Rev. Veurink has departed for his vacation. We hope that he will have a good time of rest that he may return ready to take up his task as pastor and teacher here again in 4 weeks. We don't have to concern ourselves with his energy levels, as we have learned over his first 8 months here that his passion for his work is evident! We have been blessed, and may God continue to give Rev. Veurink the gifts and wisdom to do his work.

We would like to welcome some 'new' faces to the congregation. Br. and Sr. Leo and Melanie Knol have moved their family to the North. Difficult circumstances have surrounded their move as their home close to Camp Creek burned down a few weeks ago. They will soon be taking up permanent residence at the Knol farm where Leo grew up. We are thankful that God has surrounded this family with His love and care, and we hope they feel at home again here in this congregation. May they be a blessing to us, and we to them.

We remember at this time that two weeks ago the Lord called home two of His children. The grandfather of Sr. Christina Peters in the Netherlands as well as an uncle of Sr. Maria Hamoen in B.C. now await the return of our Saviour in eternal glory. We wish Maria and Christina and all of their extended families much comfort in the sure knowledge of God's promises. He is our faithful covenant God and they can be confident of their loved one's inheritance.

Sr. Netty VanAssen hopes to celebrate her birthday on August 4, 2017 DV. We hope you will have a beautiful day of celebration and we pray that God will continue to grant to you good health and strength in the year to come!

Today we will have services led by Br. A VanLeeuwen, and Br. K. Hamoen, while next week we welcome Rev. Tiggelaar to our pulpit. May the Word strengthen us for our daily walk with the Lord! KH

PRESS RELEASE COUNCIL MEETING JULY 3, 2017

Opening-Chairman Rev. Veurink calls the meeting to order and requests the singing of Psalm 86.4. He then reads 1 Timothy 1:1-11 and leads in opening prayer.

Welcome- All brothers present are welcomed. Absent with notification is Br. Harry Peters

Incoming Mail

- a. Returned travel attestations from Br. & Sr. Roelof and Theresa Janssen
- b. Letter received from Sr. Irene Viersen
- c. Letter received from Church at Aldergrove Re: Regional Synod West
- d. Letter received from Br. & Sr. Ard and Deanna Doornbos

Outcoming Mail

- a. Travel attestations to Br. Zach Hooimeyer, Br. Harry Peters, Br. Peter Viersen, and Br. & Sr. Stan and Irene Viersen
- b. Letter of Appointment to Br. John VanDuyn to the C of A.
- c. Letter of Appointment to Br. Nelson Wierenga as Usher

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

C of A Report – Income June: \$22,295.00 Balance: \$97,366.34 Savings: \$3439,07

- Report is given on a list of items completed and ongoing. Discussion follows.

Deacons Report- Needy month of May: \$2164.90 Support given: \$0.00

Collected for MERF: \$\$2,458.10 Bank Balance: \$17,770.21

Needy month of June: \$2105.00 Support given: \$3,000.00

Collected for CampFire: \$2285.00 Bank Balance: \$16,575.21

Home Mission Report-

- Letter of resignation is received from Sr. Irene Viersen from the Home Mission Committee. A letter of thanks will be sent.

Congregational Matters-

- Letter from Br. & Sr. Ard & Deanna Doornbos regarding Life Renewal Program is read. Discussion is held and a response will be sent.

General Discussion-

- Sermon Discussion was held. Very positive comments were given and words of encouragement were given.

Service Arrangements- are discussed.

Mission – nothing reported at this time.

Matters of Church Federation

a. Developments in our Sister Churches in the Netherlands regarding Women in Office.

b. Rev. Veurink and Br. Kippers with Br. VanLeeuwen as alternate, have been appointed to Classis Alberta, to be held Sept 19. 2017 d.v. - Can Ref. Church Calgary.

Question period- Is not made use of.

Christian censure- Art. 73 of the CO regarding Christian Censure is referenced. It is noted with thankfulness that this is not needed.

Next Meeting- August 7, 2017 DV.

Closing – Br. John Kippers leads in prayer and the chairman closes the meeting.

CHURCH PICNIC

Monday, August 7

Coffee on at 9:30, opening at 10.

Pack your own picnic, take hand tools, (bird house building competition), take baseball gloves! Come for fun and fellowship!

COFFEE SUNDAY

Ward 2B will be in charge of coffee Sunday on August 6, 2017. You are requested to supply 1 dozen baking and to help with cleanup after the event.

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!

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July 30 Marieke Malestein

August 6 Doris McNaughton

August 13 Harry Peters

August 20 Maria Peters

BABYSITTING

July 23 AM Katie VB, Cynthia, Maria, Trinity

PM Jannie, Dawna, Danika

July 30 AM Sherry, Angela, Simone, Amarah

PM Leanne, Sally, Rachel

Aug 6 AM Nicole VL, Shondelle, Meaghan, Mya

PM Irene, Felicia, Andrea

Aug 13 AM Missy, Marja, Leanne, Alyshia

PM Tamara, Benita, Marissa