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Reading
Reading
Needy

August 7

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GENERAL NEWS

ROLLING CALENDAR

General

July 30-August 1 Canadian Reformed Soccer Tournament

August 8-12 Sunset Point Teen Camp

August 8-13 Calgary Youth Conference

August 18-22 Calgary Study Weekend

August 12-15 Denver Family Camp

August 22-23 School Cleaning

August 27 Fundraising Softball Tournament

October 28 Music Concert

Barrhead

Neerlandia South

Neerlandia North

August 1 Church Picnic

SUMMER BULLETIN SCHEDULE

It has come to the time of year once again where we change the bulletin schedule to every other week. The bulletin will be published on the following dates: July 3, 17, 31, August 14, 28. And then resume the normal schedule on September 4. As normal, all items should be submitted the Wednesday before publication. Thankyou!

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CALGARY STUDY WEEKEND 2016

The **Young People's Society of the Canadian Reformed Church at Calgary** would like to invite you to our annual Calgary Study Weekend. This year CSW will be held on **August 18-22, 2016**. The weekend starts on a Thursday evening, and will end the following Monday after lunch. Be sure to come out and enjoy speeches and study God's word; it will also be a chance to see old friends and make new ones, join in various games and icebreakers, kangaroo kort, and the ever popular hike in Kananaskis Country! The theme this year is **Engaging Culture through Christ** with speakers **Jacqueline Hamoen** and **Tyler and Colette Aikema**. The cost for the weekend is only **\$120**. This amount covers lodging for four nights, speakers, and all meals, drinks, & snacks for the five days. Head to www.calgarystudyweekend.ca for all the details and to register. The deadline to register is **August 8, 2016**. Spaces are limited so register early!

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sunset Point Teen Camp is **urgently** looking for volunteers for the week of August 8 to 12! We need many more men and women (18years+) to help out for as little as one day or up to 5 days, as kitchen staff, team counsellors, registration staff, clean up and games coordinator. This is a great opportunity to serve the teens in our community, to witness to them, to help them learn and grow in their faith, and to have a ton of fun! Please see the blog for more information and to volunteer. <http://sunsetpointteencamp.blogspot.ca/>

~Trixie Leffers, James vanden Hoven

ANOTHER MISSION TRIP

Hello all, Since our School Board thought it was best to do mission trips through the Church membership we have begun to set up another one. We have contacted EduDeo already and they are willing to help us set this one up as well. We will be going to Santo Domingo again, (Belen School) to see if we can help finish the school project. The plan is to go in 2018. If you will be 17 or older at the time of the trip and would like to come please let the undersigned know. You can contact us at 780-674-6630. Closer to the end of August we will be having a meeting with more information for anyone that is interested and/or has questions. Thanks
Adrian & Jacqueline Hamoen

SCHOOL CLEANING

Another year has gone by and it is time for our annual school cleaning. The following is the time schedule...

August 22 from 9-12am and 7-10pm

August 23 from 9-12am and 7-10pm

Many hands make light work, so come out and show support for our school! Thank you!

MUSIC CONCERT

Andre Knevel and Liselotte Rokyta will be here D.V. October 28, 2016 to perform an organ and panflute concert. Please mark this on your calendar and come out to enjoy. A.D.

BARRHEAD NEWS

TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATION

The days of summer are progressing. We are already at the tail-end of the month of July. Many of you have, or are, or will be enjoying times of relaxation, reflection, and recreation. Wherever our holidays take us, may we never cease to be amazed at God's care and guidance in this world. May God also give us all his travelling mercies no matter where we go.

On July 19 the Lord blessed **Menko & Teresa Helmus** with the gift of a healthy baby son, whom they've named **Chekk Ryder**. Congratulations, Menko and Teresa! Congratulations also to Chekk's siblings on your new baby brother! We are thankful to God that everything is well with Chekk and Teresa, especially in light of the emergency C-section delivery. May God continue to hold your family in His loving care and may He also provide you with everything you need to raise your son to know the great and gracious promises God has given to him and us all. The Lord-willing the baptism will take place next week Sunday.

Yesterday br. and sr. **Henry and Hetty Stel** could mark their 40th wedding anniversary. We extend our hearty congratulations to you! How wonderful that the Lord has brought you to this milestone together! In light of the Stels' current travels abroad a fitting text to mention at this time is Psalm 84:5: "*Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.*" May the Lord who has blessed you on your pilgrimage together thus far also give his continued blessing you as you continue the journey together!

We welcome as new members into our congregation **Mike & Amanda Nederveen**, and their 2 baptized-children – **Jayden and Daniel** – who come to us from the Cornerstone Canadian Reformed church in Hamilton, Ontario. It is wonderful to have you among us, and it is our prayer that you will feel integrated quickly and smoothly into this new community and, for Mike in particular, in the new position and task of principal at Covenant school.

Br. **Bill Vogelzang** received news that his colon-cancer operation is scheduled for August 11. We pray that the surgery may go well and have the desired results, and that you will sense the Lord's help and strength and loving care for you and Alie as you go through this challenging time.

Today is our sister **Klaske Bultena's** 84th birthday. We thank God for giving you another year of life and we pray that the Lord will strengthen and sustain you in the year to come. May the Lord's unfailing promises of his love and care give comfort and security in all the daily challenges of life.

Our family holidays are set to begin tomorrow. We will be back again by August 28. During this time, the pastoral column will be written by Melvin Hoeksema.

Today we welcome Rev. Julius VanSpronsen to our pulpit. I will be leading the services in Edmonton-Immanuel. May the preaching of the Gospel encourage us all to focus our hearts and our lives on God's good and gracious promises!

CVL

BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE

July 31 AM – Rev. J. VanSpronsen

July 31 PM – Rev. J. VanSpronsen

August 7 AM – Rev. W. Slomp

August 7 PM – Rev. W. Slomp

August 14 AM – Reading

August 14 PM – Reading

BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS

July: MERF

August: Mission Aid Brazil

FROM THE DEACONS

In July the deaconry has been collecting for MERF. The Middle East reformed fellowship uses the support to spread the reformed gospel across the Muslim world and including Somalia, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Indonesia, and Iran. They train local people to do the work, and utilize internet to help spread God's word. A strong focus is given to the radio broadcast and publication of good Arabic literature. This month we also received a donation from the grade 6 class of CCRS for \$180 for MERF. We would like to thank

them for this donation. It is beautiful to see that everyone, young and old, can work together to help our brothers and sisters across the world.

HOST FAMILY

This week's host family is **Mick & Marcella Vanderlaan**

August 7 John & Val VanderDeen

August 14 Daniel & Kyla VanderDeen

August 21 Matt & Christine VandenHoven

August 28 James & B.J. VandenHoven

MEAL TRAIN FOR MOMS

Hi ladies! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to be a part of the meal train so far. We are still looking for more volunteers to help make meals or baking for moms with new babies in our congregation. If you are interested in helping out, please email stephdeleeuw@hotmail.com or call 780-239-5745 and include your preference for meal making or baking. Thank you!

Stephanie Devink, Kim Vandermooren, Karina Tiggelaar

NEERLANDIA NEWS

CHURCH DONATIONS

Just a friendly reminder that the South Church has their own donation box in the back of the church. Also if you are paying online to please make sure that you are paying the correct church. Thank you!

MEMO FROM THE JANITORS

We have come to the church different times and the doors were open. If you are the last one to leave, please lock the door behind you! Also, those that chew gum in church please do not park it under the pew.

SENIORS COFFEE

There will be no seniors coffee in the month of august

NORTH AND SOUTH YPS

We would like to invite the North and South YPS for an evening of fun and Fellowship and a BBQ, weather permitting. The date we set aside for this is Friday, Aug 5th. Please contact us at 780-674-6630 if you are able to make it so we can prepare enough food.

Adrian and Jacquie Hamoen

NEERLANDIA SOUTH

FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK

The summer holidays are about half over now and we have all been enjoying some wonderful warm weather. The farmers that planted corn are no doubt happy with the heat. Not every year is conducive to growing corn. This year looks like it will be a good one. The flowering crops are losing their flowers and some of the cereals are changing colour. All this is natural and part of God's creational order. He promised the seasons would continue till the end of time. We may take comfort from knowing that we have a faithful God that continues to uphold all of creation.

We extend our congratulations to brother and sister Jake and Irene Werkman who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past Friday. 50 years together is truly a milestone and a rich blessing. We thank the Lord for His care and protection over them in the past and pray that He will continue to be near to them and provide them with all they stand in need of. We hope you had an enjoyable time with your children, family and friends.

This past Monday we received the news that candidate W. DenHollander declined the call we extended to him. For us, this was sad news because we anticipated receiving our own pastor and teacher. However, we trust that it was the Lord's will that he should serve the church at Langley, B.C.. We wish him the Lord's blessing as he takes up his task in that congregation.

For us it means; appoint a calling committee and continue to look for a minister of God's Word to serve the church at Neerlandia South. We pray that the Lord will bless our efforts so that in due time we may receive a pastor and teacher.

We are very thankful that Rev. Kalkman has again been found willing to help us out with giving catechism instruction. It is greatly appreciated. Also a big thank you to the brothers Grant VanAssen and Fred Breulkeman for being willing to teach catechism. We know this is a huge commitment and we pray that the Lord will give them the strength for this task.

Congratulations to brother and sister Ed and Joanne DeRuiter as they hope to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on August 2. D.V.. Ed and Joanne and their children plan to be in Carmen Manitoba at that time. We wish them a joyful celebration and pray that God will continue to watch over them and grant them many more years of happiness together.

During this holiday season we pray that God will keep everyone safe as they travel and as we enjoy many various water sports, hiking, and fishing and other summer activities!

Today we welcome Rev. Kalkman to our pulpit. May God grant us open and receptive hearts and minds for His Word. Have a blessed Sunday.

J.F.

PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS

July 31 am & pm Rev. H. Kalkman
August 7 am & pm Rev. H. Kalkman

SHORT REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETING JULY 25, 2016

Our chairman Br. R. Van Assen opens with a request to sing Ps. 119:1 and reads Ecclesiastes 2 and opens in prayer. Br. A. Otten is absent with notification.

The minutes of the May 30 and June 27 meetings are adopted.

There was no incoming mail or outgoing mail.

Catechism classis and teachers were discussed for the upcoming season. Study books will be ordered.

Matters of supervision and discipline are dealt with.

Church attendance is reviewed.

Lords supper attendance is discussed.

Sr. Ansleigh Werkman requested her attestation to the church at St. Albert AB.

The date for the next meeting is set for Aug. 22, 2016

Br. J. Van Assen closes in prayer.

HOST FAMILY

July 31 Peter & Elly Hoeve
August 7 Curtis & Lorraine Hooimeyer
August 14 David & Christien Hospers
August 21 Ed & Cisca Jansen
August 28 Trevor & Gwen Mast

BABYSITTING

July 31 AM – Bec P, Marie S, Jantiena H
PM – Jocelyn VL, Maryje B, Iris B

NEERLANDIA NORTH

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Another beautiful week of nice weather and we are already going into August. We can say no news is good news. We have very little to write about this week. We can appreciate the disappointment to Neerlandia South as they received the news that Candidate DenHollander declined the call extended to him. We wish them the Lord's blessing to accept this in His Name, knowing He knows what is best. May the Lord bless their endeavours in calling a minister.

This week our sister Nettie VanAssen will be celebrating her 75th birthday. Nettie, we pray you may have a wonderful day with family and friends and may you be blessed in the coming year.

Let us also remember our Br. Kevin Aikema as he is struggling with severe back pain. He is hoping to have an operation soon.

May the Lord grant you patience and peace as you wait for this time and may the operation be a success so you can take up your task soon.

We will be having reading services this week. May we all be fed from God's word as we hear it explained to us.

We have not had many reading services due to having several retired ministers in our area. We can be thankful that they are willing to lead our services.

We wish you all a blessed Sunday.

AV

PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS

July 31 AM Reading
PM Reading
Aug. 7 AM Reading
PM Rev. Kalkman
Aug. 14 AM Rev. Tiggelaar
PM Rev. Tiggelaar

NEERLANDIA NORTH CHURCH PICNIC

August 1, 2016 at the Covenant Canadian Reformed School. Opening at 10 a.m. Bring along a picnic and your baseball gear!

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

July 31 Jason & Jennifer DeVries

August 7 John & Henrietta Froma

August 14 Adrian & Jackie Hamoen

August 21 Ken & Maria Hamoen

BABYSITTING

July 31 AM Up Nicole V, Sarah V, Avery A Down Laura V, Kira D
PM Up Kaitlyn VB, Trinity T Down Shelly VB, Colette D

August 7 AM Up Cynthia V, Roseanne VK, Danika H Down Jannie VK Julianna J
PM Up Dawna V, Amarah D Down Angela VL, Stacey P

August 14 AM Up Leanne VL, Shondelle VL, Rachel W Down Sally VL, Tara St
PM Up Irene V, Mya P, Down Felicia W, Jenessa D