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***BARRHEAD***

***NEERLANDIA***

**March 12  
Lord's Supper**

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**M.E.R.F**

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Rev. S. Vandavelde  
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**Rehoboth**

**North**

Rev. G. Veurink  
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**March 19**

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Rev. T. Wierenga  
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## **GENERAL NEWS**

### **ROLLING CALENDAR**

#### **General**

March 16 Emmanuel URC Prayer Service

March 27 ARPA Barrhead/Neerlandia AGM

April 21-22 St. Albert Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser

April 22 Pro-life Banquet

April 28 Rejoicing Voices Choir Concert 8pm

May 5-6 Reformed Women's Retreat

Aug 7-11 Summit RYC

Aug 11-14 Denver Family Camp

#### **Barrhead**

#### **Neerlandia South**

March 12 YPS meet with Rev. & Mrs. S. Vandavelde  
(3:30 pm – 5 pm)

March 12 Congregation meet with  
Rev. & Mrs. S. Vandavelde (8 pm – 10 pm)

#### **Neerlandia North**

April 7 Taste of Neerlandia North

### **NEW PHONE NUMBER**

Matt Tabak (780) 284-8924

### **EMMANUEL URC PRAYER SERVICE**

The Emmanuel URC invites you to their annual Prayer Service for crops labour, government and the Christian church on Thursday March 16 at 6:30 PM in the Neerlandia Canadian Reformed Church building. Everyone is welcome.

### **ARPA BARRHEAD/NEERLANDIA'S AGM**

ARPA Barrhead/Neerlandia's AGM is swiftly approaching! Please join us March 27, at 8:00 PM in the Mellowdale Hall. Our speaker this year is Ray Pennings, the Co-founder and Executive Vice President of Cardus. He will be speaking on 2000 years of Christian Social Thought and Canada 2017.

Please note that we are currently looking for new board members. If you are interested or you know of someone who is please call Jacqueline Hamoen at 780-674-6630.

### **REFORMED STRING CAMP 2017**

The eleventh annual Reformed String Camp is planned for July 10-14 in Cloverdale, BC, with concerts on July 14, 15, and 16. Stringed instrument players of all ages may apply now at [www.ReformedStringCamp.org](http://www.ReformedStringCamp.org), where more information is also available. Applications are due March 31.

### **CCRTC CAMPAIGN UPDATE #2: STRENGTHENING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ACROSS CANADA**

Covenant College hopes to achieve a stronger place for Christian education in Canada through accreditation. With full teaching credentials, our teachers would be eligible to work in Christian schools in any province. This means that more schools will benefit from educators teaching with a Reformed worldview, which means an expanded presence of Reformed values in education across the country! Accredited schools also work more closely with the government.

Please consider supporting this important campaign – we cannot do it without you!

Donations can be made at [supportcovenant.com](http://supportcovenant.com) or by mailing a cheque (earmarked for "Accreditation") to:

Covenant Canadian Reformed Teachers College

410 Crerar Dr.

Hamilton, ON

L9A 5K3

### **VOICE OF THE CHURCH**

*Voice of the Church* is a media outreach program of the Canadian Reformed Churches.

MP3 audio files of *Voice of the Church* meditations are available for listening (streaming) and/or downloading at [www.voiceofthechurch.org](http://www.voiceofthechurch.org) as well as [www.sermonaudio.com/votc](http://www.sermonaudio.com/votc).

Prepared and presented by Rev. Ryan J. Kampen, these are the messages for March:

What Does It Mean To Be Human?

1. A Good Start with God
2. A Bad Fall from God
3. A Full Payment by Christ
4. A Real Life with Christ

## **BARRHEAD NEWS**

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

In the (too-often-neglected?) 'Prayers' section in the back of the Book of Praise we find these beautiful and enriching words for the suffering: "LORD, strengthen our faith by your Holy Spirit... Enable us to bear what is brought upon us by your fatherly wisdom. We submit ourselves entirely to your will, whether you leave us on earth or whether you take us home to yourself. We trust that in body and soul, both in life and in death, we belong to Christ, whose resurrection is the guarantee of our blessed resurrection." (Prayer 9). Our prayer is that our br. **Bert Bultena** and sr. **Lies Hamoen** of our neighbouring congregation, together with their families, may know and experience this rich comfort as their journey through this life appears to be approaching its end.

We also pray that the Lord may comfort all who grieve on account of the loss of loved ones. This includes sr. **Fran Miedema** as well as **members of the Steenbergen clan** who had uncles in either case taken home to the Lord. We may grieve, but not as those who have no hope. God is faithful to His own, He will preserve their life.

The Lord willing, on Wednesday sr. **Kinie Selles** will celebrate her birthday. We are thankful to God for surrounding you with His love through the year that has passed. May He continue to bless you with His presence in your life and the fellowship of family and friends!

The meeting of **Classis Alberta** could go smoothly in Edmonton last week Tuesday and be wrapped up by the noon-hour. A variety of reports were received with thankfulness, including church visitation reports which could reflect the peace there is currently in our churches. A special presentation was also given by Rev. Jim Witteveen and Br. Harold Ludwig on the work of the Lord in Brazil under the Aldergrove **Mission Board**. This mission project continues to experience the Lord's blessing even as there has been turnover in missionaries in recent years. The theological training institute has had more Brazilian students graduate and take up ministry in the churches of the IRB (Igrejas Reformadas do Brasil). Rev. Ken Wieske is on the field and coping well with the demands of his life and work. Rev. Witteveen is still in the process of transitioning to the field before he can become more fully involved in the work. The project also enlists 'outside help' (such as from the professors from CRTS in Hamilton), and the Mission Board continues to actively search for a third missionary to call so that the federation of churches may continue to grow while the seminary is maintained and students interning in the churches may be properly supervised. It was encouraging to hear about the

hunger and thirst for the gospel in the country of Brazil and for the many ways in which the Lord has blessed the work of the missionaries. It is indeed our privilege to support this project prayerfully and financially.

We take notice that the **Neerlandia-South CanRC** has extended another call recently, this time to **Rev. Steve Vandervelde** of Carman, MB. We pray that the Lord will give him and his wife Cecilia much wisdom and clarity of mind as they explore and contemplate this call, that they may discern the Lord's will as to where he should serve in the kingdom of our God.

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. We thank the Lord for this sacrament for the strengthening of our faith. May He bless his congregation with the means of grace which He has ordained through which He has promised to work in us by his Spirit. May we then all be strengthened by the gospel today and in the week ahead.

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### **BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE**

March 12 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde (Lord's Supper)

March 12 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

March 19 AM – Rev. G. Veurink

March 19 PM – Rev. T. Wierenga

### **BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS**

March: Middle East Reformed Fellowship

March 26: Needy

April: Mission Aid Brazil

April 30: Needy

### **FROM THE DEACONS**

The Deacons are looking for a member from the congregation who would be willing to take on the task of researching refugee sponsorship done through 'City of Refuge'. Information and details can be obtained from the Deacons.

We also have added a 'needy' collection on the last Sunday of every month. This is to increase the amount to assist the members of our congregation.

## **CATECHISM INSTRUCTION:**

The Catechism classes will meet at their regular times. The Pre-confession class will meet from 7:30-8:30 in the Consistory room. For all: please come prepared with a Bible, Book of Praise, binder and something to write with.

## **HOST FAMILY**

This week's host family is Marinus & Alja Helmus  
March 19 Gerrit & Mennie Helmus  
March 26 Stuart & Sherri Harsevoort  
April 2 Rieks & Janna DeVink  
April 9 Rick & Stephanie DeVink

## **FROM THE C OF A**

It has been brought to our attention that items in the church keep getting moved around and have to be returned to their proper place. We ask that everyone respect the work that others do, and leave items where they are. If you need something changed please contact the custodians or cofa.

Thank you, Bhd CofA

## **FROM YOUR W.A.T.C.H. REPRESENTATIVE**

With all the requests for funds from different and good organisations, why donate to the Canadian Reformed Teachers College? Covenant Canadian Reformed Teachers College depends on donations and contributions to continue running. While we cannot directly benefit from the quality teacher education they provide, we can certainly help them continue to benefit the schools in Ontario who are not blessed with government funding as our schools are.

Women Assisting the Teachers College in Hamilton is asking for help with non-budget items like kitchen equipment, furniture and other small expenses. Please consider placing a donation in the container located in the foyer marked "WATCH." It doesn't have to be big! Our motto for contributing is "a toonie per communicant member"! The deadline for donations is March 26th.

Thank you!

## **YOUNG PEOPLES**

Our next meeting will be, Sunday, March 12 after the second service at the H. Stel residence.  
We will be studying chapter six from Case for a Creator.

## **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

We will be studying chapter 2 in our study guide on Daniel by Rev. Souman. Jolene is leading and Helen is baking. Coffee is on at 9:45 with our meeting beginning at 10:00. Hope to see you there! New members always welcome!

## **MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

We will meet again Lord-willing on March 18 from 7:30-9:00 am at the church. We'll continue our study of Titus 2, specifically the instructions regarding slaves (verses 9-10). This ties in with Chapter 9 of the study book: "Leadership for Growing Churches." A hearty man's breakfast will be served! Hope to see and feed a good crowd!

## **COMBINED BIBLE STUDY**

We will be having a meeting on March 8 at 8:00 at the church building. We will be discussing Canons of Dort, the first head discussing the Rejection of Errors. Rick will lead the meeting. Hope to see you 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**

## **COVENANT OF LOVE YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group will be meeting this evening, March 12/17 at 7:30pm DV at the home of Bart & Anita Bikker.

We will be discussing chapters 7 & 8 of *The Beauty of Reformed Liturgy* by G. Van Dooren.

Snacks: Christiena Hoeve.

If you have a child who is 12-15 they are welcome to join us!

Study questions are on the church website under the Societies, Youth Group tab. [www.neerlandiacanrc.ca](http://www.neerlandiacanrc.ca).

## **REHOBOTH**

The Board of Rehoboth Christian Ministries wishes to thank those persons that contributed to the Annual Membership Campaign. Memberships and donations in total of \$1235.00 was collected. A special thanks to Alice Kippers who collected on behalf of Rehoboth. THANK YOU for helping Rehoboth "Make Room" for individuals who live with disabilities; allowing them to Flourish .

## **NEERLANDIA SOUTH**

### **FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK**

This past week we were reminded that it is March in Alberta. The cooler temperatures make us all the more hopeful for spring. We know it will come as promised by our heavenly Father. " As long as the earth endures, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22

Today we welcome Rev. Vandavelde and his wife Cecilia into our midst. We are thankful for their safe arrival and pray for the Lord to bless their time of visiting and consideration. In this time, we pray for the Lord to supply our need for a pastor and teacher of this flock here in Neerlandia South.

This morning we also celebrate the Lord's Supper. In this we are reminded of the suffering and death of our dear Lord and so can give thanks for this redeeming work for us! He died in our place, bearing our curse and shame. May we show in our lives of service how truly thankful we are for such a great gift!

Mrs. Hamoen still remains in the hospital and things seem to be improving. While earlier she was very ill, now she is more alert and eating. This is great news and we praise God for the healing Mrs. Hamoen is experiencing. We pray for continued strength for the family as they attend to her needs and continue to visit and care for their mom and grandma.

This week Br. Walter VanderZyl has a birthday! We wish you a blessed day with family and friends and pray for the Lord to continue to lead and guide you in the year to come.

May we all be nourished and refreshed by the celebration of the sacrament and preaching of the gospel. Have a blessed Lord's day.

RVA

### **PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS**

March 12 am & pm Rev. S. Vandavelde (Lord's Supper)

March 19 am Rev. R. Pontier; pm -- Reading

### **CHURCH WEBSITE** - <https://neerlandiacanrcsouth.ca/>

We have most of our website up and running. Streaming of the South's services sounds to be working for those who need it and a lot of information was entered into the church social part of the site. We are now looking for everyone who is interested to give their emails to Byron Tuininga or Joanne DeRuiter so that we can get you signed into the 'Members Only' part of it. This part of the site has birthdays, anniversaries, contact information, ward lists, private email and messaging between members and ward elders and group emailing ability for group leaders or for group events.

If you are interested in getting access, please give your email address to Byron or Joanne. We will be putting a form into your boxes in the weeks to come with places to put all your addresses onto.

### **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Our next meeting will be held, D.V. on March 16, 2017. We will be discussing Chapter 6, Father, Son and Spirit from our study book Growing in the Gospel.

Leader: Mrs. Viersen

Babysitting: Karen Breukelman

Baking/Prayer: Marcia

Coffee is on at 9:45. See you all there!

### **YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY**

The Young Peoples are encouraged to attend a coffee social with Rev. Vandavelde at Curtis and Lorraine Hooimeyer's place from 3:30-5:30 this afternoon. Our next meeting will be held at Bethany VanAssen's at 8 pm on Mar. 19 2017 D.V. Daniel will open this meeting. We are studying Chapter 10 of The Pursuit of Holiness. Please read the chapter and come prepared with a study question. 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 March 19, 2017, at the home of John and Henrietta Froma's. We will be considering outlines 12 and 13 from "The Words of the Divine Great King" by G. VanRongen --Deuteronomy 27-30. 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**

March 12 Henry & Marie Stad  
March 19 Henk & Laura Steenbergen  
March 26 Reinder & Tineke Steenbergen  
April 2 Grant & Vonessa Van Assen

## **BABYSITTING LIST**

March 12 AM – Gwen M, Jantiena H, Savannah J  
PM – Melissa M, Leanne J  
March 19 AM – Rosanne O, Tessa V, Dana J  
PM -- Saakje O, Julia V  
March 26 AM – Jenn O, Flaura VDZ, Brooklyn S  
PM – Bec P, Mackenzie W

# **NEERLANDIA NORTH**

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35). As we will read this morning in the form for the celebration of the Lords Supper, Jesus Christ has by his death removed the cause of our eternal hunger and misery, which is sin. And so we thank the Lord that we may once again be fed by the good news of our Saviour as it comes to us through the preaching, and that we may also see the message of salvation confirmed through the sacrament!

The mother of Sr. Sarah VanAssen met with the doctors this past week and they informed her that clusters of cancer had been found in both her back and lungs. They were able to begin certain treatments this week and we pray that the Lord would bless these treatments for Sr. Linker. May he also sustain the entire family during this time, granting them the sure knowledge that he sovereignly controls all things.

His sovereign control has been made very clear to us as it concerns Sr. Lies Hamoen. Last week it seemed certain that her life was coming to an end. However, the Lord had other plans and has granted her an amazing recovery! While there is still some confusion, Sr. Hamoen is now able to get around on her own and seems to be on the mend. Truly God's ways are amazing! We are thankful together with her immediate and extended family in our congregation that the Lord has worked this way and we pray that he would continue to be with them all.

We say farewell to our Br. Levi Wierenga who is moving to the Neerlandia-South congregation. We wish him the Lord's continued blessing, along with his fiancé Brittany Fenema as they prepare for their wedding day!

We are thankful that the Lord gave us the opportunity to meet together as congregation last Monday at our annual meeting. We could once again reflect on the Lord's faithfulness to us in this past year, also in providing for us everything that we needed. We move forward in that same confidence, trusting in his goodness and faithfulness. The next day a Classis could also convene. It was a good meeting that was completed around noon. Once again we could experience the blessing of being able to work together as churches!

May the Lord grant each one of us a blessed day of rest and worship!

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## **PREACHING SCHEDULE**

March 12: AM: Rev. G. Veurink  
PM: Rev. G. Veurink  
March 19: AM: Rev. T. Wierenga  
PM: Rev. G. Veurink

## **HOST FAMILY**

**March 12** Kyle & Whitney Dejong  
**March 19** Pieter & Anna Dejong  
**March 26** Stephen & Benita Dejong

## **CHURCH ENVELOPES**

To those of you who are not yet on web banking and are still receiving the church donation envelopes, the set you received in January had your member number only on the top envelope. Please put your number on the rest of your envelopes. February we had quite a few with no number. If you wrote a cheque we credited to your number but we had a few with cash so no way of telling who donated. If that was you please call Kevin Vangrootheest and give him the amount so he can match it. Sorry for this inconvenience.

## **TASTE OF NEERLANDIA NORTH FUNDRAISER DINNER (UPDATED)**

On Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>, please come out for a dinner where we can all enjoy some of our congregations' favorite dishes to get a true taste of Neerlandia North! Book your \$5 tickets by March 20 and sign up to bring a dinner item of your choosing. (salad, soup, side dish, casserole, dessert or whatever else you can think of ☺) We are planning on eating buffet style so you don't have to be behind a table to serve your dish, just bring it ready to enjoy! This will also be a fun evening with some entertainment and fellowship. Contact Benita Dejong by **March 20** to sign up: Home 780-801-0889 Cell 780-674-0137

## **LADIES AID MEETING**

There will be a Ladies Aid meeting on March 20 DV. It will be held at Francine Schouten's house at 10 am. New members are always welcome. See you there!

## **YOUNG PEOPLE'S**

Our next meeting will be held at Peter and Ben Viersen's on March 19th @ 8:00 D.V. We will be studying Proverbs chapter 9. Peter Viersen will open the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Nelson Wierenga @ 780-305-5099 or Andrew Schouten @ 780-305-8914.

## **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Our next meeting will be held on March 14, 2017. We will be studying Chapter 2 from the book Growing in the Gospel. Leader will be Laura VanBeek. Baking :Kathleen Tuininga. Prayer :Yvonne VanLaar. Babysitters are Deanna Doornbos, Nicole Vanleeuwen. Helper: Benita Dejong. Kids Baking: Tamara Breukelman.

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING MEN'S SOCIETY**

Mens society will meet on March 15 in the church basement. We will be studying the last 2 chapters of Acts. Please come with thoughts on these chapters as well as ideas for what to study next.

## **SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 18, DV. We will be studying Chapter 9 from the book Leadership for Growing Churches, dealing with the subject of "Slaves". John Bruekelman is leading, breakfast will be ready at 7:45, and meeting will start at 8:00.

## **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**

Mar 12 AM L.S. Colette, Julianna, Tara, Abigail, Trinity, Jenessa  
Mom helper: Nicole VL  
PM Missy, Marja, Averi  
Mar 19 AM Tamara, Benita, Kira, Danika  
PM Judith, Whitney, Rachel