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Reading  
**Canadian Food Grains Bank**

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## **GENERAL NEWS**

### **ROLLING CALENDAR**

#### **General**

April 14 ARPA Tour

May 7 Rehoboth Concert/Silent Auction

May 11 Alberta Women's League Day

May 12 March for Life

August 8-12 Sunset Point Teen Camp

August 8-13 Calgary Youth Conference

August 12-15 Denver Family Camp

#### **Barrhead**

April 15 Dine and Dash

#### **Neerlandia**

March 20 Hillcrest and Kier Care Services

### **BARRHEAD/NEERLANDIA SENIORS**

Three score and ten.

My husband, Rev. Tiggelaar, turns 70!

Please join us on Friday, March 18th at the Barrhead Canadian Reformed Church building. Coffee and refreshments at 10 o'clock to.....; lunch to follow. Hope to see you all there.

Dianne and family

### **CCRS LADIES AID**

We are looking for some help over the next few months for some dinners. First we have the Dinner Theatre on March 31, April 1 and April 2. Then we have a dinner on May 28 in Hazel Bluff, Grad dinner on June 24, a wedding dinner on June 25, and finally another wedding dinner on July 8. If you can help with any of these dinners, please call Cynthia VanDasselaar (674-9666) to let her know. Your one phone call can save us ten phone calls. We couldn't do it without all the help! Thank you!

### **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). The messages for March were prepared by Rev. Ryan J. Kampen.

These are the titles:

1. The Glory of God's Name
2. The Use of God's Name
3. Paradise on Good Friday
4. Angels Testify on Easter

### **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN LAST DAY**

TODAY marks the END of the \*LOVE GOD \* LOVE FAMILIES \* SERVE OTHERS\* Campaign for the Pregnancy Care Centre. We are collecting the bottles to give them back to the Pregnancy Care Centre so that your change can help them continue to impact the lives of the women and families they serve! Please turn your bottle in at the back of church in the foyer. Or take this last opportunity to go online to [WWW.PREGNANCYCARECENTRE.CA](http://WWW.PREGNANCYCARECENTRE.CA) to the events tab - click on Baby Bottle Campaign (BBC) & click on the donation button to help fill our virtual Baby Bottle with milk.

For questions or information please contact your local representative

Bonnie Peters 780 305 9250

Rachel Breukelman 780 674 6558

Thank you to all who participated in this campaign!

### **ARPA TOUR**

**The times they are a-changin': responding to Alberta's radical education guidelines with grace and truth**

In recent months the Alberta government announced that it is requiring all schools in the province to change their policies to promote a secular understanding of transgenderism and LGBT rights. What can Christian parents and communities do to stand up for parental authority and fundamental freedoms? In this presentation, ARPA's Executive Director Mark Penninga and Director of Law and Policy André Schutten will explain the current challenge while also speaking directly to a Christian perspective on

transgenderism and civil disobedience. This presentation will take place, the Lord-willing, in Neerlandia at the Neerlandia CanRC on Thursday, April 14 from 7:30-9:00.

## **BOOTIES FOR BABIES**

Thank you to those who have already contributed to our booties of babies slipper collection. If you are able to continue to make them please do so. We have 150 slippers so far and would love to have more. I will be sending them off to Ottawa on May 1 so they have them before our God and Government conference. If you have any questions please contact Jacqueline Hamoen (780-674-6630)

## **GOD AND GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE**

Have you been thinking of coming to the God and Government? Now is the time to register. This May ARPA will host our signature event, the 5th biannual God and Government Conference in Ottawa. The events are held May 9-11th and the 12th if you are staying for the March for life. There is a poster at the back of the church for more details or you can call Jacqueline Hamoen (780-674-6630) if you have any questions. Please consider going, this is a great opportunity for us to take our stand and defend our faith. We need to let our voices be heard.

### **Last chance for early bird prices for God and Government**

March 18 is the early bird deadline and you can save \$50 on your delegate fee to this great event on either the 2 day or 3 day option. Cost includes hotel accommodations, most meals and all events and is only \$200 for 2 days or \$250 for 3 days, only until March 18. More details available at [www.arpacanada.ca/gg2016](http://www.arpacanada.ca/gg2016)

## **ALBERTA WOMEN'S LEAGUE DAY 2016**

### **Save the Date!**

The ladies of Taber Canadian Reformed Church are busy planning the next League day which has been set for **May 11, 2016**. Please write this date on your calendar and keep your eyes peeled for more details... coming soon.

## **DENVER FAMILY CAMP**

As we approach that time of year again and start thinking about summer vacation plans, please consider joining us at Denver Family Camp! Come fellowship with us in the Rocky Mountains August 12-15 with our speaker Dr van Vliet. For more info and registration contact Bea Sterk at [bea.sterk@gmail.com](mailto:bea.sterk@gmail.com).

# **BARRHEAD NEWS**

## **TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATION**

We begin by expressing our thankfulness that our sister **Val VanderDeen** could return home again from the hospital this past week. Doctors could determine that she was more stable and medical treatment seemed to be having a good effect. We hope and pray that the Lord may continue to give his blessed gift of healing to our sister so that the treatment may provide relief to mind and body.

This week, March 15, our sister **Kinie Selles** has her birthday. The Lord has provided for you through another year; and we thank the Lord for his unfailing care. May the Lord our God continue to be near and give his comfort to our sister Selles in the year ahead, as she awaits a surgical operation on her knee in the near future and help her to face times of loneliness with patience and hope.

Also our minister-emeritus, **Rev. Tiggelaar**, hopes to celebrate his birthday on Friday. We congratulate you on this occasion and give thanks for God's provision for you and over you in the past year, and we pray that the Lord will continue to sustain you with good health and vitality in the year ahead.

This past Tuesday **Classis Alberta** could be held in St. Albert. With thankfulness to the Lord, Classis could give concurring advice to our neighbouring congregation up north in Neerlandia to go ahead with plans to institute a new congregation. With so many factors that come into play in a situation like this, it is evident that the Lord has providentially allowed plans to fall into place, and for that we can be thankful for what has transpired and excited for what is yet to come.

Please find elsewhere in this bulletin a **request from Consistory** to provide names of brothers deemed suitable to be nominated for the offices (to fill the vacancies of 3 elders and 1 deacon). May we all do this work prayerfully, seeking the Lord's continued blessing over the governance of his church.

In the coming week, yours truly will be away on a week of spring holidays. Please relay any news items or requests or concerns, if you have any, to your ward elder. In my absence next week Sunday, we may welcome Rev. Pontier to lead our morning service and listen to a sermon-reading in the afternoon. I also thank Rev. Tiggelaar who was found willing to teach my Tuesday evening catechism class in my stead.

This Sunday may God reveal his grace towards us through the proclamation of His Word and strengthen our faith through the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. May we fix our thoughts on our Lord Jesus Christ and his great sacrifice in our place so that in Him we could have life! Have a blessed Lord's day!

CVL

## **\* FROM THE CONSISTORY: NOMINATIONS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS**

Due to the retirement from office of brothers **M. Helmus, J. Jagersma, and J. Tiggelaar** as elders and **G. Larson** as deacon, the congregation is requested to suggest names of brothers who would be suitable for the office of elder by **March 27**. Please consider the comments below when considering names for nomination.

Each year brothers are nominated to the office of elder and deacon for the purpose of the good governance of Christ's Church. This customarily occurs each spring in our Reformed churches. Names are submitted to the consistory and, after discussing these and perhaps adding to them, these names are presented to the congregation for consideration. A two-week period passes and elections are held.

While this is a good custom it is much more than that. The history of these offices is summarized for us in our Form for the Ordination of Elders and Deacons (Book of Praise, p. 611). Not only is it a good custom, but it is a requirement of the Lord. We can be thankful for our Reformed heritage that maintained these offices so that we may yet enjoy them today. God, in His good pleasure, appoints men for this office so that the good order of His Church is maintained.

In order to ensure that these elemental principles and directives are adhered to we often refer to 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. There are many other passages in Scripture which are applicable, and these are also supplied in the Form. Yet, being a long-standing custom, we are at risk of viewing this process as customary. In this way we do not maintain the elemental principles and directives. As congregation and consistory it is important to reflect upon choices for office. In order to do this we request that you consider the following:

A] Nominations from the congregation must be accompanied with evidence that the elements of 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 3 have been seriously considered. This includes specific reasons why a brother is eligible for office. It should include evidence that the brother is "known" to those sending in the nomination.

B] The consistory adheres to the principles in "A" when presenting names to the congregation: which includes 1. Brothers nominated will be contacted prior to announcing their names to the congregation. 2. Having evidence available with respect to the qualifications of the brothers being nominated.

## **BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE**

March 13 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde (Lord's Supper)

March 13 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

March 20 AM – Rev. R. Pontier

March 20 PM – Reading

March 25 (Good Friday) – 10 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

## **BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS**

March: Mission Aviation Fellowship

Good Friday: Campaign-Life

April: Anchor Homes

## **CATECHISM INSTRUCTION**

Reminder for all: please come prepared with a Bible, Book of Praise, binder and a writing utensil.

Class Three: We will continue our study through the articles of the Belgic Confession. Rev. Tiggelaar will be filling in for me, in my absence. CVL

Pre-confession/Post-confession class: We will not be having a class this Wednesday (March 16). We will resume again the following week. CVL

## **HOST FAMILY**

This week's host family is **Stuart & Sherri Harsevoort**

March 20 Rieks & Janna DeVink

March 27 Rick & Stephanie DeVink

April 3 Adrian & Stephanie DeVink

## **SERVICES ON YOUTUBE**

Recordings of the Worship Services are now available on YouTube. To find the recordings simply go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for Barrhead Canadian Reformed Church. Alternately the services can be accessed through the Recorded Sermons link on the church website which can be found at <http://barrheadcanrc.ca>

## **DINE & DASH!**

The Church Life Committee is planning a dine and dash for **April 15, 2016!** All those 18 years and up are invited to participate. The evening will begin at 5:30. There will be three separate locations where you will be eating. First up, cold appetizers, followed by a hot meal/appetizer of the host's choosing and finally delectable desserts to end off the evening of fun and fellowship! If you would like to attend or host please let Jolene Vanderlinde know by **March 27** via email: [jolene.vanderlinde@gmail.com](mailto:jolene.vanderlinde@gmail.com) or by

phone: 780-284-2964. If you are hosting, please let her know what course you would like to host in your home and how many people you are willing to host.

## **GEMS**

Hello Gems Girls and Parents, Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, March 16** from **6:30-8:30 PM**. Please bring your book, scarf, a Bible, and a pen or pencil. We will be doing the prayer badge. Laila and Hayden will bring snacks and drinks. Hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, please contact Miranda or Stephanie Larson.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Our next meeting will take place Sunday march 20th after second service until 5:30pm. Please take your iPod to the next meeting. See you then!!

## **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

This week we are discussing chapter three in our book "Living the Faith" by Rev. Sikkema. Linda is leading and Irene is babysitting and bringing a snack. Coffee is on at 9:45 and the meeting begins at 10:00. See you Tuesday morning! New members always welcome.

## **LIVING WATERS**

We will meet on Sunday March 13 at 7:30 in the church building. We hope to be studying the first chapter of The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis. Jordan T will lead and Jordan P will be in charge of coffee. For those who have not paid, the cost of the book is \$15.

## **BABYSITTING**

March 13 LS AM (INF) **Kim M**, Lydia V, Jessalyn H, Missy P (TOD) Jeselina T, Amber V, Mckenna W, Sydney W  
PM (INF) Brittany L (TOD) Rhonda V, Nadiya S  
March 20 AM (INF) **Stephanie J**, Amy H, Morgan W (TOD) Kim V, Christine V, Maddisyn B  
PM (INF) Dana V (TOD) Regina W, Jenna S

# **NEERLANDIA NEWS**

## **FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK**

It has been another wonderful week, with spring in the air. We see God's word being fulfilled as He promised that seasons will follow each other. This gives us the comfort that we know His Word is true and sure.

We can see His care for His church also this past week. We attended the classis meeting, and we got the concurring advice to proceed to instituting a new church in Neerlandia. Let us come together, continuing in the knowledge that He has provided us His blessing, and will continue to provide for His church. We can be thankful that we may be part of His church gathering work.

We also want to mention our sister Brittany Fennema who arrived here from Houston, B.C. We overlooked welcoming her in the bulletin, but she arrived here a number of weeks ago, and we would still like to welcome her to Neerlandia. May you feel welcome and at home here. I am sure there is a certain someone who would help you with that.

We know how fragile life is, and we saw that again last week Saturday, when the mother of Br. Peter Aikema passed away, after a bad fall, at the age of 92. May the Lord be with the family as they deal with their grief. May they find comfort in the sure knowledge of the glorious resurrection.

We are thankful with Larry and Rosanne Olson that they could come home safely from Mexico. We pray that the extended treatments resulting in their extended stay may have the desired results. We pray that Larry can find comfort and put his trust in the Lord.

This week we heard that Rev. Roukema from the church at St. Albert, accepted the call extended to him by the church of Burlington, ON. We will miss him here in the classis Alberta, but we wish him the Lord's blessing as he answers the Lord's call to that church.

This morning we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. May this celebration strengthen us and our faith as we celebrate this special day. May we find our comfort in the fact that our Savior died for our sins.

We welcome Rev. Tiggelaar to our pulpit this week and may we be fed by His Word. Have a blessed Sunday.  
AV

## **PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS**

March 13 AM Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar (Lord's Supper)  
PM Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar  
March 20 AM Rev. H. Kalkman  
PM Rev. H. Kalkman  
March 25 AM Reading (Good Friday)

## **PRESS RELEASE COUNCIL MEETING –MARCH 7, 2016**

**Opening**-Chairman Br A VanLeeuwen calls meeting to order and requests the singing of Hymn 35:1 he then reads from Ephesians 6:10-20 and leads in opening prayer.

**Welcome**-Chairman welcomes elders and deacons. Absent with notification, Brs F Breukelman, J Breukelman.

**Incoming Mail**- Letters: a) Minister survey results from Brs H Vermeulen and W VanderHeide.

b) Invitation from Edmonton Immanuel CanRC re: installation of Rev J VanSpronsen April 10 and celebration evening April 29.

c) Second provisional agenda and guidelines for General Synod 2016.

d) Second provisional agenda for Classis Alberta.

e) Letter from ARPA.

h) Invitation from Aldergrove CanRC to farewell for Rev J VanSpronsen.

- Attestations: Received attestations from sr Brittany Fenema coming from the CanRC at Houston BC and from br and sr Kevin and Sherri VanGrootheest and 2 baptized children coming from the CanRC at Barrhead.

**Outgoing Mail**- a) Letter to br H Stel. b) Classis material.

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

**C of A Report** –Income for February: \$32351.95

**Deacons Report**- January:

Needy: \$3891.05

Maf (Feunekes): \$4547.95

Merf: \$100

Support given: \$4200

Bank balance: \$46919.58

February:

Needy: \$3115.95

Anchor Association: \$3821.55

Support given: \$7300

Bank balance: \$42706.88

**Congregational Matters**- Church growth: a) Letters will be prepared and send to the Neerlandia CRC, Barrhead CanRC and the schoolboard to thank them for their considerations on our questions regarding worship locations.

b) Letter will be prepared and send to the Neerlandia URC regarding the upcoming 4 worship services of proposed north and south congregations in our church building.

c) Received attestations from sr Brittany Fenema coming from the CanRC at Houston BC,

placed in ward 3, and from br and sr Kevin and Sherri VanGrootheest and 2 baptized children coming from the CanRC at Barrhead placed in ward 5.

**General Discussion**- Letter from ARPA regarding their “God and Government” conference is read.

**Service Arrangements**- March 13: Rev B Tiggelaar am (Lords Supper celebration, ward 2 table attendants) &pm.

March 20: Rev H Kalkman am&pm.

March 25 Good Friday: Br A VanLeeuwen.

March 27: Br B VanDasselaar pm.

**Matters of Church Federation**- a) Classis material with regards to the proposed split is discussed. Requested will be to appoint Rev B Tiggelaar as counselor for the proposed south congregation. Advice will be asked with regards to the situation of office bearers in the proposed north congregation.

Requested will also pulpit supply for the proposed south congregation.

b) Reports to the General Synod have been read and are discussed.

c) Second provisional agenda and guidelines for General Synod 2016 and second provisional agenda for Classis Alberta are received.

d) Invitation from Aldergrove CanRC to farewell for Rev J VanSpronsen, response letter will be send.

e) Invitation from Edmonton Immanuel CanRC re: installation of Rev J VanSpronsen April 10 and celebration evening April 29. Br A Doornbos will represent Council.

f) Minister survey results from Brs H Vermeulen and W VanderHeide is emailed to all office bearers.

**Mutual Instruction**- Article 73 of the CO is read. Noted with thankfulness that this is not needed.

**Date for Next Meeting**- April 4, 2016 DV.

**Closing prayer**- Br G VanAssen leads in thanksgiving prayer and the Chairman closes the meeting.

## **FROM THE DEACONS**

On Good Friday March the 25 we are going to be collecting for the Canadian Food Grains Bank, Neerlandia, Vega are going to be planting and the Lord willing harvesting a quarter of land here in our community, this collection is to help with the input cost to get things started. The money raised from the sale of this crop is matched and multiplied 4 times by the Canadian government.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank, in conjunction with its members and their partners around the world, works to end global hunger by:

-supporting [international programs](#) to meet [immediate food needs](#), [reduce malnutrition](#), and achieve sustainable [food security](#);

-influencing improvements in national and international [policies](#) that contribute to ending global hunger; and

Your support in this community project is greatly appreciated if you would like more info you can go to their website.

KK

## **HOME MISSION COMMITTEE**

Our turn has come to lead the services at the Kier Care ( 6:30) and Hillcrest homes at( 7:30) on March 20. Please come out and join our elderly as we listen to short meditation on God's Word and join in singing with them. They really enjoy seeing us there. Please note the time change at the Hillcrest.

Please put these dates on your calendar for our turns at Kier Care & Hillcrest, June 19, Sept 11 and Dec 4. Our turns for the Shepherd's care are May 15, Sept 4 and Dec 18.

Thanks for the support.

KK

## **COVENANT OF LOVE YOUTH GROUP**

The next study evening is this Sunday, March 13/16 at 7:30pm DV. We will be studying Outline 4 (Philippians 3) from the book *Enduring Joy* by Dr. K. Deddens.

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

Information can also be viewed on the church website under the Societies, Youth Group tab. [www.neerlandicanrc.ca](http://www.neerlandicanrc.ca).

Juice: Jenessa D.

Snacks: Mason K.

## **YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY**

Read and study Chapter 19 before the next meeting. Please do the *For Personal Study* questions on page 70. Our next meeting will be held at Amelie Viersen's place at 8:00 pm on March 13, 2016 D.V. Levi Wierenga will be opening this meeting. For the speech we will be hosting tonight, March 6, guys will be bringing drinks and girls will bring baking. Contact Levi Wierenga @ 780-284-3739 or Pieter Steenbergen @ 780-284-4060 if you have any questions. SVA

## **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Next meeting is March 15. We will be studying the last lesson of our book dealing with Philippians 4:14-23.

Leader: Mel Hooimeyer

Baking & Prayer: Tamara Breukelman

Babysit: Rachel B, Bec P, Kym P

Storyhour baking: Francine Schouten

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S SOCIETY**

Our next meeting on Luke 10 is to be on Wednesday Mar 16, 2016 at 8:00pm. We are going to study chapter 10 – *Christ and the Blessing Upon His Messianic Ministry* (pages 149-158) of the book "Messiah, the Holy One of God".

Baking & Prayer: Netty VanAssen

Please join us in our study of God's word even if only for a time or two. We would love to see you there.

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

Our next bible study session will take place on March 19th @ 8am in the church basement. We will be studying and focusing on Hebrews chapter 10. This chapter discusses Christ's sufficient sacrifice for us as sinners. As well as the need to persevere for what the Lord requires from us as believers, being up-building and encouraging to one another along the way. A reminder that the dues are \$20 to cover breakfast cost. Come join us!

## **SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

We have completed our study of Corinthians. We now plan to study the book of Deuteronomy. The study guide by the late Rev. G. VanRongen will be followed. On Sunday March 20th we will deal with chapters 1-4. The meeting will be held at John and Henrietta Froma,s place. All are 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 Nelson W. @ 780-305-5099 or Kurt V. @ 780-206-6604. We would love to help you!

## **HOST FAMILY**

**Mar 13** Rob & Jodi VanAssen

**Mar 20** Darcy & Laura VanBeek

**Mar 27** Brad & Cynthia VanDasselaar

## **BABYSITTING**

Toy Cleaning for March 28: Shondelle VL, Sarah V, Missy A

- Mar. 13      LS Up – **Mercedes W**, Colette D, Marian H, Simone P Down – Angela K, Brooke VA, Julia VR, Mya P  
Mother helpers: Shondelle VL, Sarah VR  
PM Up – **Flaura VZ**, Angela VL, Rachel W Down – Deanna D, Amily V
- Mar. 20      AM Up – Jocelyn VL, Arlene V, Gelsey B, Raelynn H Down – Sally VL, Kim VL, Kira D, Brooklyn St.  
PM Up – Sarah VR, Irene V, Kiahna B Down – Leanne VL, Esther VA