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WORSHIP SERVICES

BARRHEAD

NEERLANDIA

March 6

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March 13(Lord's Supper)

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GENERAL NEWS

ROLLING CALENDAR

General

March 6 Young Peoples Speech

March 12 Pembina ProLife Banquet

May 7 Rehoboth Concert/Silent Auction

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

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!

LEARN TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH!

Neerlandia Young People Society is hosting a speech on Sunday, March 6th, at 8:00 in the basement of the Canadian Reformed Church of Neerlandia. All young people aged +16 are invited. Dr. Helder will be speaking about *Defending our Faith*. All Neerlandia young peoples are asked to bring a dozen baked goods for the evening and if you wish, your favourite game. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Janaye W @ 780-284-4032.

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Rehoboth Christian Ministries is celebrating a 40 Year Anniversary! To commemorate this milestone we are hosting a Celebration Concert and Silent Auction on May 7, 2016 from 2 – 5 p.m. at the Evangel Pentecostal Assembly; 4461 50th Street, Edmonton. We invite you to enjoy renowned Christian artist Brian Doerksen and his Band, Debbie Fortnum, and the Joyful Noise Choir. Tickets are \$25.00/person and can be purchased at www.rehoboth.ab.ca or call the administration office at (780) 968-4315.

CALGARY YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Calgary youth conference has a new name and new web site. The name is *Summit 2016 Reformed Youth Conference* and the website is www.summitrefcon.org. The conference is scheduled to begin Monday afternoon, August 8 and conclude Friday Noon, August 12. It will be held on the campus of Mt. Royal University in Calgary. It is intended for high school age youth (grade 10 and above) and young adult singles up to age 30. Soccer, basketball, and volleyball tournaments are planned along with a talent show, a 5K run, and an optional white water rafting event. Registration and cost information are at the web site. The theme is "Our Earthly Mission: Why in the world are we here?" with keynote speakers, Rev. Alan Strange and Rev. Richard Bout. Six other speakers will lead small group break out sessions on related topics.

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 as well as 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

Your change could be part of a positive CHANGE in a client's life! When you donate a baby bottle filled with change, it contributes to providing peer counselling for clients experiencing unplanned pregnancy. Your change also contributes to supporting the **Wait! Let's Talk Sex!** Program. Community education efforts in the schools and churches. Please continue to fill the bottles to help the Pregnancy Care Centre support women, men and families in crisis.

Didn't grab a bottle yet?! Don't worry you can still participate - just go online to www.pregnancycentre.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

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.

BARRHEAD NEWS

TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATION

Our sister **Alie Vogelzang** suffered a fracture in her hand as a result of a fall while out on a walk this past Wednesday. Thanks to the diligent and hard work of doctors the break could be repaired and reset through surgery without experiencing too much pain, and the hope is that healing may transpire over the next few weeks, if all goes well. Nevertheless in the meantime Alie will be required to be off of work from her role at the Flower Shoppe and this accident also increases the caution that will be taken when it comes to venturing out for future winter walks. Yet all things considered our sister remains in good spirits and is thankful that she was spared of worse harm and pain. May we as a congregation be of good support to you, Alie, during this time.

There are also those among us who don't have obvious physical sickness or injury, but who still suffer and struggle. In this regard our sister **Val VanderDeen** was admitted to hospital this past week with respect to her struggle with depression. We pray that the Lord will bless the care provided and received, that it may be good and helpful, leading Val to return home in due time to resume her regular daily tasks. Our prayers also extend to John and all the family members in this situation.

Tomorrow our **br. John and sr. Barb VanLeeuwen** hope to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. We congratulate you on this special milestone and a gift of God's grace to you and your marriage. May the Lord continue to reflect his love and faithfulness through you as you move ahead from this point!

Finally, keeping within the same family, we welcome into our midst **br. Travis and sr. Kim VanLeeuwen** and their two baptized children **Lillian and Zayden**, who've joined us from the Neerlandia CanRC congregation. We're happy to have you with us and we hope that your membership in our congregation is a blessing to you. May your talents and gifts also be a blessing to us! May the Lord build up our faith in Him through His Word today, and may we also properly prepare ourselves for celebrating the Lord's Supper next week. May we all the while focus our faith on Jesus Christ in whom we find our only comfort in life and in death.

CVL

BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

March 13 PM – 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. If you have not handed in your signed Catechism test, please don't forget to do so. I will be contacting those who have not. CVL

Pre-confession/Post-confession class: Meets weekly at the manse on Wednesday at 8pm – taught by Rev. Vanderlinde. Hope to see many of you come out as we continue our study through the Belgic Confession. If you are unable to make it to class, please be courteous and inform me. Thank you. CVL

HOST FAMILY

This week's host family is **Gerrit & Mennie Helmus**

March 13 Stuart & Sherri Harsevoort

March 20 Rieks & Janna DeVink

March 27 Rick & Stephanie DeVink

April 3 Adrian & Stephanie DeVink

SHORT REPORT OF THE CONSISTORY MEETING JANUARY 18, 2016

The Chairman, Rev. VanderLinde called the meeting to order, read Galatians 5:16-6:10, requested the singing of Hymn 47:2 and led in opening prayer. The brothers present were welcomed. Br Jordan Tiggelaar was absent with notification.

The **minutes** from December 14th meeting were signed.

The **Agenda** was adopted.

Mail – Incoming

A letter was received from Scott Hoople.

Mail - Outgoing

A letter was sent to Scott Hoople.

Congregational Matters

Home visit were reported on to the following brothers and sisters: Miranda Larson, Daniel Veldkamp, Shawn and Berdien VanLeeuwen, John and Roberta VanderVeen, Brendan and Tara Tiggelaar, Case and Dinie Hamoen, Kevin and Sherry Vangrootheest, Matthew and Christine Vandenhoven, Justin Froma, Kevin Hoeksema, Shawn and Meaghan Kobes, Bert Harsevoort and Roberto Boers.

Special visits were made to various members.

Welcome visits were brought to br. and sr. Dale and Sharon Rutledge and to br. Ryan Froma.

Pastoral Matters were dealt with.

Matters of Oversight were discussed.

Ministry

Rev. Vanderlinde gave a report on his activities within the congregation over the past month. Pre-marriage counseling classes will be offered in February.

Rev. Vanderlinde has been involved in the Open House and Grand Opening of the church building. He also attended the annual CRTS conference on Jan 14-15. Consistory was also made aware of future plans for sermon series topic. Some suggestions for sermons from the brothers were also brought forward.

Young Peoples

The elders continue to attend the Young Peoples' meetings for guidance and encouragement.

First Fruits

The brothers were reminded to discuss monthly voluntary contributions on their home visits.

Question Period

Some good study material for elders was suggested. The Elder by Dr. VanDam was suggested, also, Called to Serve edited by Rev. Michael Brown (a URC minister).

The upcoming meeting with the congregation was discussed.

Christian Censure (Art 73 CO)

Thankfulness was expressed that we are able to work together towards the glory of God.

Upcoming Meetings

The next council meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2016 and the next meeting of Consistory is scheduled for February 8, 2016.

Br. M. Hoeksema ended the meeting with prayer and the chairman closed the meeting.

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 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.

YOUNG PEOPLES

The next Young People's meeting will take place on March 6th, 2016 at the church after the second service. We encourage all the young adults to participate. Dakota T will be bringing snacks and Amber V will bring drinks. Please read over the material, *Blessed are the Persecuted*, before our next meeting. It can be found in the Young People's mailbox. Our next study material, *Respectable Sins* has arrived. If you would like one, please ask Amber and pay a fee of \$20. If you have any questions please email Amber at amber.vanleeuwen@covenantschool.ca.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

This week we are discussing chapter two in our book "Living the Faith" by Rev. Sikkema. Anita is leading and Sherri 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 6 AM (INF) **Marcella V**, Helena O, Olivia V (TOD) Heather A, Alicia S, Berenda H
PM (INF) Marny V (TOD) Jessica W, Laura O
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

NEERLANDIA NEWS

FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK

We gather again in worship today with joy and thanksgiving! What a privilege we have in worshipping our heavenly Father in peace and freedom. May we be blessed with renewed zeal to give praise to His Holy Name!

The Council wishes to thank the members for the good turn out and positive response given at the last held congregational meeting. We are thankful for the direction given by the members and look forward to the response from Classis. We pray that God will continue to guide and bless us as we continue to move forward as we deal with the blessing of church growth! "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." Prov. 16:3

This coming Monday, Larry and Rosanne Olson will be celebrating 30 years of marriage! We pray that the Lord will bless you as you celebrate His goodness and mercy to you as a couple. Even though the past few years have been a struggle health wise for you Larry, the Lord has blessed you with treatment opportunity and improvement. We rejoice with you in this beautiful milestone and pray that God will give you more years together. Have a wonderful celebration with your loved ones.

We also remember a few of our student that will be going on the Orange Maple Exchange in the weeks ahead. We wish you God's blessings as you travel and we hope you have an experience filled with wonderful memories.

Today we welcome Rev. Slomp! Thank you for being willing to come and preach the gospel of grace to us here in Neerlandia! We have been richly blest with pulpit supply and for that we give thanks to our heavenly Father. He has provided for us in abundance! Have a blessed day of worship.

RV

PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS

March 6 AM Rev. W.B. Slomp
PM Rev. W.B. Slomp

MAILBOX UPDATE

#130 – Kevin and Sherry VanGrootheest
#158 – Brittany Fennema

COVENANT OF LOVE YOUTH GROUP

The bowling evening is this Friday, March 11th from 7:30 - 9:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person for 2 games including shoe rental. If you need a ride to Barrhead, we will be meeting at the church at 7:00pm.

The next study evening is on 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.neerlandiacanrc.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 DV March 8.

Topic: Philippians 4:10-13

Baking and prayer: Cynthia VanD Babysit: Missy, Kathy K, Kathleen Story hour baking: Sally VL

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEN'S SOCIETY

Mens society meets next on March 9 in the church. We are studying Acts 11. Keep up the participation we had a good turn out last meeting but more men could still come. More men make for a better discussion and varying views.

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Night Bible Study will be this Sunday, March 6 at 8pm, at Bert & Cindy VandeRiet's house. We will be studying 2 Cor. 11-13, outlines 13-15 of the study book on Corinthians by Selles. Everyone 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 6 Peter & Margaret VanAssen

Mar 13 Rob & Jodi VanAssen

Mar 20 Darcy & Laura VanBeek

BABYSITTING

Toy Cleaning for March 7: Angela VL, Sally VL, Jocelyn VL

Mar. 6 AM Up – **Sharon VA**, Cynthia V, Sierra W Down – Vonessa VA, Jannie VK, Teegan W, Kaitlyn VB
PM Up – **Cindy VR**, Marcia VG, Iris B Down – Christina VZ, Shyanne VA

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