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GENERAL NEWS

ROLLING CALENDAR

General

June 11 Office-bearers' Conference

June 11 Rehoboth AGM

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

Barrhead

June 4 Games Evening

June 11 Youth Group Year End Barbeque

Neerlandia

June 7 Singing at Keir Care

June 7 Baby Shower

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CALL FOR PRAYER

ARPA Canada is respectfully calling our Canadian brothers and sisters in the Lord to a day of sobriety, humility, prayer, and fasting on Monday, May 30. Bill C-14, which would legalize and normalize killing the weak and vulnerable, may receive its final vote in our House of Commons as early as May 30, and if passed, will be voted on in the Senate shortly thereafter. Sadly, much of the opposition to C-14 is coming from MPs and Senators who are demanding that it be even more radical, for example, by extending the killing to children. Our repeated calls for Parliament to correct the Supreme Court's mistake and pass a new law that continues to prohibit euthanasia are largely being ignored by most MPs and Senators. Hearts are being hardened and many are being deceived. We respectfully suggest that this is an appropriate time to come before God with humble, prayerful, and repentant hearts, seeking God's mercy and grace on our land. More information, including some Bible passages to reflect on, can be found at <http://ARPACanada.ca/dayofprayer>.

OFFICE-BEARERS CONFERENCE JUNE 11, 2016

Office-bearers past, present, and future: come join us for a day of fellowship, instruction, and preparation for the roles of servants who are charged with guiding God's flock! The Canadian Reformed Church at Barrhead will be hosting an Office-bearers Conference in our church building on Saturday, June 11, 2016, D.V. We hope to start the day with a pancake breakfast at 8:30 am, followed by a presentation by Rev. W.B. Slomp on the topic: "**Comforting Those Who are Dying or Grieving**" at 9:30. After lunch, Rev. H. Vanderwoerd will speak on how to encourage the flock with his introduction: "**Guidance to the Discovery of God's Will in Decision Making**". The conference should come to a close by 3:30 pm. This event is open to the men of all the Canadian and United Reformed Churches in Alberta. We ask that you please register by June 1 so that we can make the necessary preparations. RSVP to Carl Werkman at carlwerkman@gmail.com, or call 780-674-6168.

SOCCER

Men and women (age 16+) from Neerlandia and Barrhead... We are hoping to put a team together for the Canadian Reformed Soccer Tournament on August long weekend, so if you are interested in playing some soccer, come out to Cecile Martin Park (across from Kier Care) at 7:30 on Saturday nights.

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 May were prepared by Rev. Paul Aasman, missionary at Streetlight Ministries in Hamilton, Ontario.

1. Too Young to Take Charge?
2. Who Tests Whom?
3. Do We Deserve God's Blessings?
4. A Showdown!
5. Are You a Good Tree?

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES CAMP PROGRAM

Camp Rehoboth provides a one-week camp experience for people with disabilities (and a week of respite for their caregivers). It is a life-changing and faith-building week for the campers and for the volunteers as well. This year promises to be the best yet as we now have a beautiful new mess hall and improved washroom/laundry facilities. We are still looking to fill the following volunteer positions:

R&R (June 27-July 1): **2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Adult (July 9-15): **35 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Independent (July 16-22): **12 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Youth (July 23-29): **16 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Check out our website at www.rehoboth.ab.ca for descriptions of the weeks. No experience is necessary and full training and support is provided. Bring a friend! For more information please contact Wendy Fuglsang at 780-968-8482 or wendy.fuglsang@rehoboth.ab.ca. See you at camp!

BARRHEAD NEWS

TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATION

There is joyful news to begin with. On Wednesday morning our br. and sr. **Nathan and Stephanie Larson** were blessed by the Lord with their firstborn child, a daughter whom they've named **London Paige**. What a gracious gift this is to your family! We thank the Lord for making all go well with the birth for mother and child, despite the concerns that were present early on. We praise God who has entrusted someone very precious to your love and care and we pray that the Lord would strengthen and equip you with every gift necessary for your new task as father and mother. May the love and faithfulness of God in fulfilling his promises be a great encouragement to you in this.

From newborns to older-newborns, we make special note of a significant birthday on the horizon tomorrow. Br. **Bill Vogelzang** may celebrate his 80th birthday, the Lord willing. What a milestone in your life! We thank God with you for his blessings upon you and we pray that God will grant you a great day as you rejoice in the Lord's goodness together with your loved ones. May God continue to sustain you every day to do his will and fulfil your calling in whatever the future holds in store for you!

We are thankful that our sr. **Janna DeVink** could return home from the hospital this past Tuesday evening (ahead of what was scheduled!). It is good to be back in familiar surroundings and closer again to your loved ones who are nearby to help. We are thankful for the good progress in healing experienced thus far and we pray that God may graciously continue to bless your recovery. Also celebrating your wedding anniversary at home, rather than in the hospital, is surely more desirable, one thinks. In all this God's Word rings true: "*The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him*" (Nahum 1:7). Today is the regular monthly pulpit exchange. For this reason we welcome Rev. Julius VanSpronsen to lead our worship services today. We hope that the transition back to living in Canada has gone smoothly for the VanSpronsen family so that they are beginning to feel settled in their new place, new routines, and new work of ministering to God's people. Meanwhile I will be leading the services in Edmonton-Providence today. May the Lord bless his Word wherever it goes out today in this world!

May the Lord bless us today as we worship him and as He shapes us by the gospel to serve and live for him!
CVL

TODAY'S SERMONS THEME & POINTS

AM Sermon:

God chose you for the same reason He chose Jacob over Esau: Undeserved Grace!

God's grace is evident in our

- 1. Birth**
- 2. Election**
- 3. Faith**

PM Sermon:

We will stand up and lift up our heads to meet our Master.

- 1. Our Master's rule**
- 2. Our Master's return**
- 3. Our Master's reward**

BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 29 AM – Rev. J. VanSpronsen

May 29 PM – Rev. J. VanSpronsen

June 5 AM – Rev. R. Pontier

June 5 PM – Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar

BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS

May: Prince George Mission

June: CRWRF

HOST FAMILY

This week's host family is **Thad & Anita Vegter**

June 5 Shaun & Berdien VanLeeuwen

June 12 Josh & Dana VanLeeuwen

June 19 John & Barb VanLeeuwen

GAMES EVENING

Everyone is invited to a games evening on June 4 beginning at 8PM in the church building. Please bring your favourite game, a healthy competitive spirit (=D) and a plate of baking to share. Looking forward to seeing you there!

YOUTH GROUP

We plan to have a year end barbecue for youth group at the Wierda's residence in Sangudo. The planned time is June 11, from 3 till 7 PM. We are looking for parents who are willing to drive to get everyone there. We hope to meet at the church at 2 o'clock. Anyone willing to drive or have any questions can call or text Jessica at 780-284-0518 or Bj at 780-674-6347. Any questions for Mrs.Wierda can call or text 780-717-1202. See you then!!

BABYSITTING

May29	AM	(INF) Anita V , Stephanie D (A), Jenna S (TOD) Jessica P, Heather A, Bailey T
	PM	(INF) Tania B (TOD) Bonnie P, Delaney S
June 5	AM	(INF) Helena O , Rhonda V, Amber V (TOD) Miranda L, Marcella V, Brittany P
	PM	(INF) Sherri H (TOD) Marny V, Missy P

NEERLANDIA NEWS

SINGING AT KIER CARE

It is our turn to sing at KIER CARE on TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2015 from 10:30 to 11:30 am. It will be the last time we sing for the season. I am also asking the children from Tuesday Morning Bible Hour to come and sing with us. Would the moms please let me know if you can make it, so I know what to plan. Please be on time so we can start on time. Thank-you to all of you who made it possible to sing every month for the seniors. Any questions call me at 780-674-4187. Thank-you, Alice K.

BABY SHOWER

All ladies are invited to join us for a Baby Shower to celebrate the arrival of Camilla Judith, daughter of Kelsey and Cory Dening. The shower is Tuesday, June 7th at 8pm in the Neerlandia Canadian Reformed church basement.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY!

Our season of Bible Study has come to an end! A big thank you to all the ladies that came out and helped us to have good discussions on topics pertaining to God's Word! Also, a BIG thank you to Alice Kippers for all her time and effort teaching our preschool children Bible stories!

Next Bible Season we will be splitting as we are now two congregations, but thought we could study the same material still! The book on Titus by Rev. Bouwman, "Leadership for Growing Churches: Paul's Recipe for Prospering the Church in Crete", seems fitting as we are smaller congregations, and if its the Lord's will, to experience growth as well! If you have any questions or comments or would like to order a book, for the North you can call Tamara (4713) or text (305-3810) and for the South call Marcia (3507) or text (282-2008)!

NEERLANDIA SOUTH

FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK

Psalm 111: 2 "Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them".

We can stand in awe of our God! A month ago the land was dry and dusty with remarkably warm temperatures. This past week, the Lord, in mercy heard our prayers for rain. He alone is faithful and provides for His people in His time and way. May we humbly thank Him for His unfailing love and mercy each day again.

Last Sunday afternoon we could witness the baptism of little Ruth Anne Verhelst. We pray that Gerry and Arlene will continue to be blessed with all they need to raise these covenant children in His way.

Mr. Reinder Steenbergen is doing much better and was able to return home early this week. We are thankful for the wonderful care provided for you Mr. Steenbergen and pray that you will continue to gain strength and experience good health.

Congratulations to Josh and Abigail VanDongen! This young couple were married in the Lord this past Friday and had a wonderful day of celebration. We pray that the Lord will bless you as you begin your life together as husband and wife. May your marriage be built on that firm foundation: the truth of the gospel and the saving work of our faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

Today you will find the new ward lists in your mailboxes. May we all accept these men as ambassadors of Christ and pray for them in the work they do among God's people.

A short congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, June 5th, after the afternoon service, for the purpose of calling of a minister. Another congregational meeting will be held at a later date to give us an opportunity to discuss future plans for the church.

The council feels it is important to encourage the congregation in the matter of society life. We are now our own congregation. We need to build up and encourage each other in active society life. Therefore the council encourages all members to actively participate in our own various societies. It is our prayer that you all will seek to work together and initiate these societies once the society season arrives. May we experience a living zeal to worship and serve the Lord together with His people in our newly instituted congregation.

Ephesians 4: 15-16 "Instead speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work".

This morning we welcome Rev. Pontier in our midst and this afternoon elder John Froma will lead the worship service. We thank you for your willingness to help us in this way and so bring the true and living word to us. May we rejoice in another day of worship and give glory to His Name!

RVA

MEMBERSHIP

Baptized on May 22, 2016: *Ruth Anne Verhelst*, born May 18, 2016, daughter of Gerry & Arlene Verhelst:

PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS

May 29 am Rev. R. Pontier	June 19 am Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar
pm Br. J Froma	pm Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar
June 5 am Br. C. Hooimeyer	June 26 am Rev. H. Kalkman
pm Br. J. VanAssen	pm Rev. H. Kalkman
June 12am Rev. H. Kalkman	
pm Rev. H. Kalkman	

NEERLANDIA SOUTH BANK ACCOUNT

Due to a new account being set up with the TD Bank, we are requesting either cheques or cash for the month of May. Please do not use internet banking with the North account or try to set up with our new one even if you see it as ready. For those of you who use automatic deposits every month, please discontinue. We will update when available.

If you have any questions, you may call either Gerry VanGrootheest or Katrina Barendregt. Thank-you for being patient during this time.

BABYSITTING

May 29	AM-Joanne VA, Christina VDZ, Kiahna B
	PM - Marcia VG, Jewel B, Madison T
June 4	AM - Sarah VR, Arlene V, Rolyann B
	PM - Rianne V, Cara D, Brooklyn St
June 12	AM - Gloria W, Ashlee V, Gelsey B
	PM - Katrina B, Becky F, Leanne J

NEERLANDIA NORTH

FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK

Last week we could hear Candidate Veurink bring us God's Word and the comfort of His promises. What a blessing it is to have young men willing to dedicate their life to serve the Lord and His people in this way. Let us all remember this brother in our prayers as he seeks to find an answer as to which call to accept. He will be in Smithville this weekend and preach there this Sunday. This will give him two weeks to make up his mind. Let us hope and pray he will see his way to come to Neerlandia.

We can congratulate Justin and Rochelle Harink with a birth of their first born on May 23. They received a healthy daughter, Shanae Julia and all is well. May they receive the Lord's blessing in bringing this child up in the fear of His name.

When you read this we hope Susan Isabelle, daughter to Andrew and Rhea Knol, will have received the sign and seal of baptism. May the Lord bless them as they take up the task of bringing up this child with their other children .

We congratulate Levi Wieringa and Brittany Fennema with their engagement. We are thankful for them and their families that the Lord has brought them together. We pray that they may continue in His service as they plan for this special day, when they will be married in the Lord.

We congratulate Sister Gerrie Terpsma with her upcoming birthday and may she have a wonderful day with family and friends.

This week we will have Rev. Slomp on our pulpit, and now that we have a Neerlandia south, we will be competing for the retired ministers in our area. May we all have a blessed day.

AV

PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS

May 29 11 AM Rev. W.B. Slomp
 3 PM Rev. W.B. Slomp
June 5 11 AM Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar
 3 PM Reading

CONTACT INFO FOR CANDIDATE VEURINK

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MAILBOX UPDATE

#75 – Andrew Schouten
#132 – Josh and Abigail VanDongen

PRESS RELEASE OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 12, 2016

The chairman, Br. A. Vanleeuwen calls the meeting to order. We sing Hy. 49:1,3 , he reads Rom 8:1-9, and leads in opening prayer.

All the brothers are welcomed to the meeting; a special welcome is extended to the new officebearers who were recently installed. Br. A. Doornbos is absent with notification.

The subscription form is read and then signed by Br. J. Kippers, K. Vangrootheest, W. VanLaar, P. deJong, T. Peters, and Derek Terpsma.

Visits made by all the officebearers are reported on.

The chairman speaks words of appreciation for the work done to the outgoing officbearers and wishes them a blessed time of rest.

They also speak words of thanks and encouragement for the Council. The outgoing officebearers then leave the meeting.

The duties with in the Council are divided as follows; Chairman –A. VanLeeuwen, Vice-chairman- W. VanLaar, Recording Clerk- A. Hamoen, Corresponding Clerk- K. Hamoen, Treasurer- K. VanGrootheest, Announcement book – P. deJong, Archives- B. Vandasselaar, Press Release- A. Doornbos.

The proposed ward lists are discussed and approved for publication.

Br. Konroy Kippers reports on the work done by the finance committee on the final division of monies between the North and South Churches. This will be summarized and published.

C of A. update. They are working on arrangements for trustees, Sr. Kathy Kippers is taking up her work as bookkeeper, Br. Darren Krikke is appointed to replace Br. Derek Terpsma who has resigned from the C of A.

Service Arrangements May 22- Br. G. Veurink, May 29- Rev. W. Slomp.

It is noted that Br. Veurink has also received a call from the church at Smithville to serve as co-pastor there. He has asked for a two week extension, and will inform us of his decision by June 12, 2016.

Question Period is not used.

The next regular Council meeting will be held June 6, 2016 DV.

Br. A. Hamoen reads the Press Release and it is adopted.

Br. W. VanLaar leads in thanksgiving prayer and the chairman closes the meeting.

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

May 29 Stan & Irene Viersen

June 5 John and Felicia Wierenga

BABYSITTING

Cleaning Nursery for the week of June 12: Marja B, Tamara B, Deanna D

May 29 AM Up – **Shelley VB**, Roseanne V, Abigail D Down –**Cynthia V**, Stacey P

 PM Up – **Jannie V**, Rachel W Down – **Dawna VD**, Jenessa D

June 5 AM Up – **Sarah VA**, Roseanne V, Alyssa D Down - **Dawna VD**, Maddisson H

 PM Up – **Angela VL**, Marissa D Down **Leanne VL**, Rachel W