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***BARRHEAD***

***NEERLANDIA***

**November 26**

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**South**

Rev. B. Beukema  
Reading  
**MERF**

**North**

Rev. J. VanSpronsen  
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**Urban Mission**

**December 3**

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## GENERAL NEWS

### ROLLING CALENDAR

#### General

Dec 8-9: 500th Anniversary- High Five(s) Reformation Celebration

Dec 15 Rejoicing Voices Christmas Concert

Jan 11-13 CRTS Conference

Jan 13 ARPA Fundraiser Dodgeball Tournament

#### Barrhead

Dec 17 Christmas Program

#### Neerlandia

#### Neerlandia South

#### Neerlandia North

Dec 1 Ladies Christmas Craft Night

### THANKYOU

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone for their cards, their verbal condolences and their prayers after the death of my grandfather a couple of weeks ago. It is such a rich blessing to be part of the communion of saints in this way and I am thankful to God for the comfort and encouragement that he has given me through you all. There is no doubt that my grandfather will be missed but we as a family are also thankful that the Lord has relieved him of the suffering and pain that he experienced for so many years.

Rev. Gerard Veurink

### REFORMATION - CHRISTMAS EVENSONG

The Neerlandia Canadian Reformed Church-South would like you all, the Canadian Reformed Church of Neerlandia, the Barrhead Canadian Reformed Church, and the United Reformed Church to join us on December 3rd, 2017 at 7:30 in the evening to celebrate Reformation and Christmas in song, followed by a coffee social. This will take place in the Canadian Reformed Church in Neerlandia.

### REJOICING VOICES CHOIR

A reminder to all choir members that we will be singing at Hillcrest this Monday, November 27th, 7 pm. After that we will resume regular practice at Neerlandia Canadian Reformed Church. Next week Monday, December 4th, 7pm we will sing at Shepherd's Care and again come to Neerlandia Canadian Reformed Church for another practice. Please make an effort to come out to the Homes and to regular practice as our annual Christmas concert is coming quickly.

### CRTS CONFERENCE – REAL GOSPEL: SOVEREIGN GRACE FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

What's the most pressing question you have about God's grace and . . . ? Maybe election and outreach, or election and assurance, or election and my classroom? We promise to address those. And, no, it won't go over your head. One of last year's attendees wrote, "My husband and I really appreciate these conferences . . . I think the conference is catching on in our community, because there were definitely more women attending this year than previously. Thank you!!!" When? **Jan 11-13, 2018** (Thurs. eve. to Sat. noon). Where? Ebenezer CanRC building in Burlington. The fee for the whole conference is \$65 (\$50 for students), with à la carte options available also. For registration and more info, including a list of speakers and a full schedule, go to [www.canadianreformedseminary.ca](http://www.canadianreformedseminary.ca). Please register by December 31.

## BARRHEAD NEWS

[barrheadcanrc.ca](http://barrheadcanrc.ca)

### TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATION

We begin by extending our condolences to br. and sr. Melvin and Jane Hoeksema and their family upon the passing on last week of Jane's brother-in-law, Martin Vanderzwan of Langley. The Lord took him home following a battle with cancer. We pray that the comfort of the gospel of Jesus Christ will soften the sorrow as you mourn your loved one. We also remember br. John Wemekamp who also lost a close friend to cancer recently. May the Lord uphold all who are grieving and give them strength with each new day.

I can thankfully report that the open heart surgery for sr. Martha Kobes' this past week appears to have gone well. Together with her family members in our congregation we thank God for this answer to prayer and for the good medical care she could receive.

These things, we confess, come to us not by chance but from the providential hand of our Heavenly Father. We pray that the Lord God will continue to provide for this sister and her loved ones over the next weeks as she embarks on the road to recovery. Meanwhile we continue to remember our sr. Tena Dykstra who remains in hospital at this point. It is closing in on a month since the date she was first admitted. May the Lord grant to her and her husband Louis much strength and patience as they bear with the increasing-frailties of age. We also remember our sr. Bieuwke Vanderveen as she battles bone cancer and melanoma, and we pray that the Lord will bless the chemo treatment. Thankfully she can receive this treatment at home and does not require hospitalization. May we as a congregation do all we can to bring our sister the comfort only a Christian community can provide through visits, cards, phone calls, or other expressions of love and care. At the time of writing this it is unknown if sr. Bev Morrow has returned home. That was the hope, but in any case recovery after major surgery always takes time and many hurdles need crossing. May we as fellow members in the congregation also in this case seek to be of good assistance and provide practical help in whichever ways we can.

Some of you have inquired if there are any updates regarding the health of Rev. Ken Wieske. According to the latest report I've received, treatment will begin in the near future and will likely include radiation, surgery and chemotherapy. It appears that Pastor Wieske's treatment will be happening in Brazil. Recife offers state of the art medical care for those who have financial means and since our missionaries have good medical insurance, this is not an issue. In the meantime, Pastor Wieske has continued to speak at conferences and preach in congregations of the Reformed Churches of Brazil. He and Tamara are experiencing the strong comfort of the gospel and it is our prayer that this would continue in days to come.

With December right around the corner, the Lord willing, upcoming birthdays this month include sr. Bieuwke Vanderveen on Dec. 4 (85th), sr. Jenny Wemekamp on Dec. 7 (80th), sr. Tena Wierenga on Dec. 17 (68th), sr. Arlene Zuidema on Dec. 28 (86th), and sr. Fennechien Otten on Dec. 31 (91st). Though it's early to offer congratulations and thanks for some of these, nevertheless we pray that the Lord who has been good through all these years will continue to show his goodness to you all in the coming year. Today we welcome Rev. Gerard Veurink to lead our worship services in Barrhead as it is the monthly pulpit exchange. For my part, I will be in Edmonton-Immanuel to lead the worship services there. May our great God be honoured and glorified in every place where his people are gathered today in his presence!

CVL

## **BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE**

November 26 AM – Rev. G. Veurink

November 26 PM – Rev. G. Veurink

December 3 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

December 3 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

## **BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS**

November 19 & 26: M.E.R.F.

## **HOST FAMILY**

This week's host family is Travis & Bonnie Peters

December 3 Marcel & Jessica Peters

December 10 Jordan & Melissa Peters

December 17 Kurtis & Helena Olthuis

December 24 Ed & Cisca Jansen

December 31 Folkert & Fran Miedema

## **CATECHISM INSTRUCTION**

Catechism students are reminded to bring a Bible, Book of Praise, binder and pen.

Class One: Grades 7 & 8 - taught by Mr. H. Stel (7:30-8:30pm)

Class Two: Grades 9 & 10 - taught by Mr. J. Jagersma (7:30-8:30pm)

Class Three: Grades 11 & 12 - taught by Rev. Vanderlinde (7:30-8:30pm)

Pre-confession class: open to anyone who wishes to join - taught by Rev. Vanderlinde (8:30-9:30pm)

## **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Holiness and Faith- "By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." Hebrews 11:8

Our next study morning is Tuesday, November 28, 2017 beginning at 10:00 am. We will be looking at Session Eleven: Chapter 15.

Leader: Jolene Baking and snack for kids: Marian Babysitting will be available.

## **COFFEE CLEANUP**

This week the Brendan and Tara Tiggelaar will be in charge of the coffee cleanup. Next week Church Life Committee will be in charge of the coffee.

## **YOUNG PEOPLE'S**

Our next meeting will be after second service at Mr. and Mrs. Stel's residence. We will be studying sessions 5 chapter 6 of our book Just Do Something. Hope to see another great turnout! New members always more than welcome! JMP

## **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Mark it on your calendars, **Sunday DECEMBER 17th** beginning at **7:00 PM** we will be having our Christmas program . Following the program there will be a time for fellowship over coffee&dessert. We'd like to ask all those from our congregation who will be coming to please bring along a dessert or appetizer of your choice to share. ( ie. fruit tray, baking, bag of chips, meat & cheese, dessert etc.) If you would like to share your gifts and talents in music for the prelude of the evening please contact Jolene Vanderlinde by Monday, **November 27** at [780-284-2964](tel:780-284-2964) or by email at [jolene.vanderlinde@gmail.com](mailto:jolene.vanderlinde@gmail.com) or via facebook.

The children will begin practicing music between services on November 19th. Children ages 3-5 will meet in one of the classrooms and children ages 6-13 will meet at the front of the church.

## **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**

### **BIBLE/PSALM BOOK COLLECTION PROJECT**

The South morning Women's Bible Study group is collecting any of your unused Bibles (any translation) and old versions of our Book of Praise that you wish to part with. You can bring them along to church and place them in the box provided under the table in the foyer. We will be bringing them to Bibles For Mission where they will be distributed for further use. Let us help spread the Gospel message through these means. Thank you

### **NORTH/SOUTH BIBLE STORY HOUR PRACTICE**

There will be a combined north and south Bible story hour practice on December 12th at 10am, dv. If the moms could please bring them to the church that day and time Alice and Rachel will be there to lead the practice.

The songs to practice are Hy.5 , Hy 21 , Hy 7 , Thanks

## **NEERLANDIA SOUTH**

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

Another week has come and gone and again we are blessed to be gathered as God's people. Today we are under the true and living preaching of God's word. This morning we are blessed to have Rev Beukema bring us the gospel preached and this afternoon Br Jan Otten will lead a reading service for us. May we be edified by the preaching and may God be glorified in our worship.

As we enter the holiday season, may we make every effort to show love and kindness to those around us. At this time we especially think of those who are elderly, dealing with hardship or those who are without family close by. May the light of Christ shine in and through us in these ways.

Have a blessed Sunday.

RVA

### **SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS**

November 26 am – Rev. B. Beukema pm – Reading

December 3 am – Reading pm – Reading

December 10 am – Dr. G.H. Visscher pm – Rev. G. Veurink

### **REFORMATION - CHRISTMAS EVENSONG**

Could the ladies of our congregation please bring baking to this event as our congregation is hosting it.

### **KEIR CARE, HILLCREST AND SHEPHERD'S CARE SERVICES**

December 17th is our turn to provide the seniors in Keir Care, Hillcrest, and Shepherd's Care with the gospel message and an evening of singing and fellowship. Keir Care is at 6:30 pm and Hillcrest at 7:30 pm and Shepherd's Care is at 7 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend one of these homes to support those presenting the message and to sing along with those living in these homes. The seniors very much appreciate a little of our time.

## **LADIES' AID INVITATION**

The Ladies' Aid will be having a meeting and fun Sinta Klaas evening at the home of Lucille Terpsma on Thursday evening, December 7, 2017 at 8 p.m. the Lord willing. We would love to see more ladies join us as we discuss Fundraising Events for our new church. Please bring a Food Bank Donation, a small gift for a fellow member and a fun snack to share with everyone. If you have any questions just give Lucille a call.

## **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (John 3:5) Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2017, D.V. beginning at 10 am. We will be discussing Chapter 9 (vol 2) **Repentance and Faith**. Suggested readings: Genesis 15:1-6; Ezekiel 33: 10-20.

Leader: **Jen O** Babysitter: **Jolene B** Coffee/Prayer/Baking (both): **Karen Bouwman**

\*\*Thursday morning ladies: If you have not signed your name on the food list for the senior's lunch, please make sure you contact either Anita or Debbie. Thanks \*\*

There will also be a practice for the Story Hour children. See elsewhere in the bulletin for details.

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

Next meeting will be November 29 at Ron Hamoen's shop. Study will be on chapter 8 of "Growing in the Gospel". Fred Breukelman will be the leader. Hope to see many men there!

## **YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY**

Last meeting we had a great turnout of a little over than 20 people which allowed for a stimulating discussion. It is wonderful to see the youth of the church setting time aside to get together and meditate on God's Word. On Nov. 26 D.V., we will be having our next meeting at the Viersen residence. Dakota Tiggelaar has offered to lead the upcoming topic which is on Hosea 3 and 4. Please do not forget to pay \$20 for your dues for the year! May you all have a wonderful and blessed week! RF

## **HELPING HAND**

The Young Peoples Society of Neerlandia South is ready and willing to offer their assistance to any member of the congregation with tasks such as shoveling, chopping wood, visiting, or any other way you can think of. All you need to do is phone either Wyatt Jissink at 284-3215 or Joshua VanAssen at 394-7338 and see if they can work something out with you.

Ephesians 4:15,16 "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."

## **HOST FAMILY**

November 26 Gerry & Karen Breukelman

December 03 John & Henrietta Froma

December 10 Peter & Elly Hoeve

December 17 Curtis & Lorraine Hooimeyer

## **BABYSITTING LIST**

Nov 26 am – Jolene B, Autumn VA, Carla H pm – Becky dB, Brooke VA

Dec 03 am – Henrietta F, Tessa V, Marian H pm – Char H, Julia V

Dec 10 am – Lorraine H, Daphne VDZ, Dana J pm – Kristen H, Flaura VDZ

Dec 17 am – Melissa M, Mackenzie B, Savanah J pm – Christien H, Amelie V

## **NURSERY CLEANING**

Nov 27 Bec P, Kym P, Vonessa VA

# **NEERLANDIA NORTH**

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

In Lords Day 9 we confess that the Almighty God has become our Faithful Father in Jesus Christ and that he is both able and willing to provide us with all things that we need for body and soul in this life. There is no doubt that this is such a rich and comforting confession. As so many experience the brokenness of life, it is our prayer that this Loving and Gracious Father would indeed provide everything that is needed. That goes for both the struggles that we know about and also the difficulties that remain more private matters.

Tomorrow, our Br. Joe Van Assen will be going for a hernia operation and so we pray that the Lord would bless the work that the doctors do so that our brother may be restored to health. May our Heavenly Father also grant a good and swift recovery!

Br. Jeff Van Leeuwen was blessed with a good surgery this past week and we give thanks to God for this. There was still a fair amount of pain throughout the week and at the time of writing our brother was still in the hospital. If all went well, he was released

sometime since then. We pray that the Lord would continue to bless our brother with a good recovery so that he may regain his full health and strength in due time.

The health of the mother of Sr. Sarah Van Assen continues to decline, which is noticeable in both the decreasing amounts that she eats and that she speaks. We pray that in this difficult time, the Lord our God would grant to Sarah and Ivan along with each one in the family the comfort and strength that they need as they wait for the time when Sr. Linker is taken to her eternal home. As part of our monthly exchange I will be in Barrhead today while here we may welcome to our pulpit Rev. J. Van Spronsen from Edmonton-Immanuel. We pray that the Lord would bless him as he leads us in worship and proclaims to us the good news of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Through the proclamation of this gospel may our faith be strengthened and may we be encouraged and motivated for our life of thankfulness to God's glory.

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## **PREACHING SCHEDULE**

November 26 AM: Rev. J. VanSpronsen

PM: Rev. J. VanSpronsen

December 3 AM: Rev. G. Veurink

PM: Rev. G. Veurink

## **LADIES CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT**

The Ladies Aid will be hosting a Ladies night on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm in the church basement. Come join us for a fun filled evening with fellowship, yummy snacks and a simple craft. All Ladies 16 and up are invited to join us. Please bring five dollars to cover some costs. Looking forward to seeing you there! Our next meeting will be tonight, Nov 26th 2017. It will be held at Nelson and Marks and will begin at 8:00pm. We will continue looking at Proverbs 14 and begin on Part 88 in our book.

Please prepare for the meeting by reading the Proverb and reading through the following parts. Hinne will be opening this meeting. Also please remember to pay your dues of \$20 per person. Have a blessed Sunday!

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## **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Our next meeting will be on Nov. 28. We will study Chapter 6, 'The Holy Spirit: His Person and Work', of the second volume of Growing in the Gospel. Suggested reading is Psalm 51: 7-12 and John 14: 15-31. Leader: Missy Babysitters: Leanne, Judith Baking&Prayer: Christina Peters Kids Baking: Missy

There will also be a practice for the Story Hour children with the South. Please see elsewhere in the bulletin for details.

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

Mens society will have its next meeting on Nov 29 at 8 pm in the church. We will be studying Chapter 5 of our guide and the reading is Exodus 3. Hope to see you all there as we have had a good turn out for the last few meetings.

## **SATURDAY MORNING MENS BIBLE STUDY**

Our next meeting will be the Lord willing on December 2 at 8am. We will be studying Chapter 5 of Growing in the Gospel.

## **NEERLANDIA NORTH YOUNG PEOPLE'S 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 Andrew Schouten @ 780-305-8914 or Pieter Steenberg @ 780-284-4060

## **HOST FAMILY**

**November 26** Nathan & Nicole Van Assen

**December 3** Peter & Margaret Van Assen

**December 10** Shirley VanBeek

## **BABYSITTING**

Nov.26 AM: Mel H, Julianna, Meaghan PM: Steph, Christy, Leanne W

Dec. 3 AM: Angela K, Rhea, Alyshia PM: Mel K, Dianne, Tasha S