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ROLLING CALENDAR

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November 20 Dinner & Auction

Barrhead
November 13 Light up

Neerlandia
November 18 Word and Deed Presentation

INVITATION--------BARRHEAD DINNER & AUCTION

You are all invited on November 20th starting at 5:30pm to the Barrhead Elementary School Gym, for dinner with the auction to follow at 7:30pm.You will have a chance to browse the auction items starting at 5:30pm as well. This event is for ages 16 and up, and tickets for the dinner will be sold at the door.
We are really excited for this event to bring in some funds for our kitchen! Thank you to all who have donated to our auction, we really appreciate all your support.
If any of you can help that day for setting up starting at 4:00pm at the Barrhead school gym please let us know. Thank you, Jessica Peters, Marian Scheper or Anita Vegter

BARRHEAD NEWS

TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATION

I write this column from Lynden, WA during a brief break at the Cedar Springs retreat centre where the annual **CanRC-URC ministerial conference** is on-going. The conference has thus far been a wonderful time of growth in fellowship and learning. When it is all said and done, I will provide a more extensive summary of the highlights (in the next pastoral column).
Last week br. **Bill Vogelzang** was admitted to Barrhead hospital for a few days having been diagnosed with a kidney infection that spread through his body via his bloodstream. Thankfully it was caught soon enough that the damage was minimal and antibiotic treatment could be given to resolve the issue. If all went well, Bill should be back home again by now. It is our prayer that the Lord will grant renewed health and wellness to our brother and supply him and his wife Alie with everything they need at this time.
Today we may celebrate the **Lord's Supper** once again, but for the first time in our new building. May the Lord bless us in our partaking of the sacrament, so that through this means of grace we are strengthened in our weak faith, and we again remember the blessed death of our Saviour and Lord.
This week Wednesday marks the annual **Remembrance Day**. This year is the 70th anniversary since the Second World War was ended. Again we may give thanks for the peace we continue to enjoy, for those who paid their lives for this peace or who serve presently for the sake of peace. So let us strive to pray for continued peace in our country and in our world, knowing as we do that true and lasting peace is only found in the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ – in the message of truth that God's messengers may bring us again this day in the preaching of the Word. Concerning that, I will be leading our morning worship service, while Rev. Pontier from our United Reformed sister church in Neerlandia will trade places with me in the afternoon. May God bless the proclamation of his Word that it may touch our hearts and direct us to Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life! For there is no other name under heaven by which man can be saved. Let that truth be carried with you as you walk courageously by faith in the week that lies ahead!
CVL

BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE

November 8 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde (Lord's Supper)
November 8 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde
November 15 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde
November 15 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS

November 8: Prince George Mission
November 15 – end of November: C.R.W.R.F.

CATECHISM INSTRUCTION

Reminder for all: please come prepared with a Bible, Book of Praise, binder and a writing utensil. Remember that the Catechism classes will now also take place at our new building, keeping the same scheduled times.

Class Three: For our next class, remember to review the questions at the end of your latest worksheet. If you are unable to make it to class, please be courteous and inform me. Thank you. 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 again this week 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 the **Folkert & Fran Miedema** family.
November 15 – James & Kim Meinen family.
November 22 – Dave & Grietje Manning family.

CHURCH BOOKING UPDATE:

If anyone would like to book the church for a functions please contact Helena Olthius.
We should have a phone installed shortly, we are able to keep the same phone number as before 780-674-3055.
Thank you, Bhd CofA

LIGHT UP!

On November 13, Barrhead will hold their Light Up! festivities. The Evangelism Committee will have a float again this year. We hope to take advantage of some technology so that we don't need to sing and try to drown out other floats with our voices alone! We hope to fill Bert Steenbergen's trailer with people, young and old! We are also considering handing out candy canes with a Christian message. Are there any strong, healthy members of the congregation who would be willing to help in this way? Thanks!
Berdien V, BJ V, Irene J, James V, Matt V

LADIES AID

A Ladies Aid meeting is scheduled for 8 o'clock Monday November 9th at Stephanie (Rick) DeVink's house. We will be ironing out all the details for the upcoming dinner and auction as well as discussing other fundraising ideas.
Looking forward to another great turnout!!!

GRAND OPENING PROGRAM

Please forward any submissions to our Grand Opening Program to Jessica Wiersema (jessdave@telus.net) by November 18th.
Date to be confirmed.

CHOIR

We will be having choir at 7:45 on Tuesdays in the church building. We are practicing three songs for the Christmas program. Please feel free to join if you would like to give it a try.

MISSION TRIP HONDURAS

I, Patrick Hofsink , hope to go to Honduras , together with Neerlandia Youth Missions. We hope to go to Las Minas from March 23 -April 3 2016 to work together with the families there to provide a whole village with clean running water .Our main goal is digging a trench to be hooked up to a well and building on new and lasting relationships within this community and together work on spreading Gods word and worship Him there together. To raise money for this trip, we have a Gouda cheese & roketten, frikandellen en bitterballen sale. Since we don't have mailboxes yet, we are hoping to hand out order forms on request.
So please feel free to get our attention if you are interested in this fundraiser and help in this way reach out to the people in Honduras.
Thank you greatly,
Patrick Hofsink and family.

GEMS

Hello Gems Girls and Parents, Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, November 25** from **6:30-8:30 PM.** Please bring your books, a Bible, and a pen or pencil. We will be doing the stenciling badge. Takyra and Jayleen will bring snacks and drinks.
Hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, please contact Miranda or Stephanie Larson.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

This week we are studying session five in our book Respectable Sins by Jerry Bridges. Sherri is leading and Megan is babysitting and bringing a snack. Coffee is on at 9:45. See you all ready to participate at 10:00. New members are always welcome!

LIVING WATERS

We will meet at the home of Jordan + Jeselina Tiggelaar at 7:30 on November 15. We will be studying Session 3 of Respectable Sins.

COMBINED BIBLE STUDY

We will be having our next Meeting on November 11 at 8:00 in the church building. We will be studying Amos 2, chapter 3 in the book "You Only" by Rev.Feenstra. If you don't have your own copy there are some available. Call Hetty at 8801.

A HELPING HAND

The Young Peoples would like to offer their services to the elderly in the congregation who may need help around their homes with tasks such as mowing lawns, weeding, etc. You may contact either Ryan Mul at 780-674-2027 or Kurtis Wattel at 780-674-1021 to set up a date and time.

BABYSITTING

Nov 8	AM	(INF) **Jessica W**, Tania B, Justine K (TOD) Claire L, Amy H, Missy P
	PM	Fran M, Noah S
NOV 15	AM	(INF) **Sherri H**, Hermina V, Ashley W (TOD) Melanie J, Meaghan K, Sydney W
	PM	Leanne V, Mckenna W

NEERLANDIA NEWS

FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK

What a blessing to come together as God's people again, this first day of the week. Begin our week with reading His word, singing His praise and rejoicing in His goodness and mercy to us, a sinful people.

"Let us the approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Heb. 4:16

In this week, we will remember the wars present and past, and those that gave their lives for the safety and freedom we enjoy. The sacrifice of men and women, who bravely fought for peace, will be celebrated this Wednesday, November 11. While reflecting on these events, we can also remember with much joy and adoration, the ultimate sacrifice made for us on Calvary. The shame and humiliation Christ endured on our behalf. That He was forsaken by God so we will never be forsaken. What blessed gifts we share in and give thanks for as we participate in the celebration of the Lord's Supper this morning. May our lives reflect this deep sorrow for sin and a life filled with joy, knowing the sacrifice made in our place.

We also hope to witness the sign and seal of baptism administered to Kylie Jane, daughter of Brad and Cynthia VanDasselaar, this afternoon. We pray that God will bless you with wisdom and strength as you seek to raise your children to know and love their Lord and King.

Little Marissa Paige VanAssen was able to come home this past week. What a rich blessing! After being so tiny and sick, she is growing strong and healthy! In due time, we look forward to seeing her also brought before your people to receive the promises of baptism.

Sr. Sarah VanAssen remains in hospital. While there is growth with the little one and things appear to be going well, she continues to be under observation. We pray that the Lord will provide strength and patience for the days ahead.

Br. and Sr. Arnold and Melissa Viersen and their children Aliyah and Seeley, are moving to Ottawa this coming week. We wish you the Lord's blessing in your move and also getting settled in your new church family. We pray that you will be a blessing there as you take on your new job as Member of Parliament. May this also serve to bring praise and glory to God's name.

At first thought Rosanna Jansen was going to leave us and become a member of the URC at Calgary. However, the grass seems greener in Taber, so this is where she is now going to become a member. Rosanna, we wish you God's blessing and we'll surely see you around while you visit family.

Sr. Rachelle Rutledge and Sr. Nancy Sandink have requested attestations for the church of Barrhead. We pray that you will be a blessing to the church family there and that you will be living members among God's people.

We welcome Rev. Tiggelaar into our midst today and thank him for administering two sacraments among us today. What a blessing to have these living signs and seals given to us as promise of the forgiveness of sin and life everlasting! What a blessed assurance we have as children of our heavenly Father!

PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS

November 8	AM Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar (Lord's Supper)
	PM Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar
November 15	AM Rev. H. Kalkman
	PM Rev. H. Kalkman

PRESS RELEASE FOR CONSISTORY MEETING OCT. 28/2015

Chairman requests singing Ps.33:1. He then reads Ps.33:1-11and leads in prayer.
Absent with notification: Brs.J.Froma and Adrian Hamoen. Br.J.Breukelman is late with notification.
Minutes of consistory meeting Aug.17 and Sept.14/2015 are adopted.
Incoming mail:
Letter from Br.Kevin Vanderzyl
Letter from Br.Bert Wierenga
Letter from Darlene Beekman
Outgoing mail:
Attestation for Sr.Adanna DeVries to Coaldale
Attestation for Sr.Shania VanBeek
to Calgary URC
Agenda is adopted.
Visits are reported on.
Br.Rob Wierenga will lead the youth group this year.
Br.Tyler and Sr.Ashley VanLeeuwen request catechism instruction.
Home visits are reported on.
Matters of supervision, discipline and church attendance are dealt with.
Letter from Br. Bert Wierenga is dealt with. A response will be sent.
Letter from Darlene Beekman requesting membership. A visit will be made.
Mutual Instruction is made use of.
Question period is used.
Next meeting is Nov.16/2015 D.V.
Br.J.VanGrootheest leads in prayer.

PRESS RELEASE OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOV.2/2015

Chairman requests singing Ps.84:1 and reads Ps.84. He leads in prayer.
Absent with notification is Br.J.Froma and Br.A.Hamoen.
Memorabilia is held.
Incoming mail:
Letter from Br.C.Hooimeyer
Six nomination letters
Acts of classis
Letter from CRTS annual report
St.Albert request for classis material
Outgoing mail:
Letter to fellowship committee
Travel attestation to Br.Fred and
Sr.Jane Breukelman
Travel attestation to Br.Laurie and
Sr.Lucille Terpsma
Attestations to Sr.Adanna DeVries,
Sr.Nancy Sandink, Sr.Rachelle
Rutledge, and Sr.Roseanne Jansen
C of A report:
Income October : $34, 723.37
New chairman is chosen
Deacon's report:
September Needy :$3,318.70
Support given :$5,450.00
CRWRF :$11, 187.70
Bank balance :$58, 885.72
October Needy :$3,817.52
Anchor Association:$10, 000.00
Bank balance : $55, 004.67.
Support given:$4,850.00
Discussion is held on implementing a "safe church policy".
Calling committee reports on their work.
Church growth proposal is discussed.
A special meeting is planned for Nov.12/2015 to discuss the proposal.
Letter from Br.C.Hooimeyer is discussed.

Six letters with nominations for elder were received from the congregation.
Service arrangements:
Nov.8 Rev.Tiggelaar (Lord's Supper)
Nov.15 Rev.Kalkman
Nov.22 Reading
Nov.18 is the mission evening with Word and Deed . The speakers are
Dr.Yeny Agila and Arlene Jonkman.
Christian censure is thankfully not needed.
Br.Ken Hamoen leads in prayer.
Chairman closes the meeting.

WORD & DEED FALL TOUR:

You are invited to a dessert evening on Wednesday, November 18, at 8pm at the church with keynote speakers Dr. Yeny Agila, Executive Director of Corporacion Mision San Lucas in Ecuador, and Arlene Jonkman of Ecuador Missions. Our partners in Ecuador are running a project which ministers to 200 children in two of the most impoverished communities of Quininde, Ecuador. Come and hear how a community is being changed even in the face of death threats. We hope to see you there!

FROM THE DEACONS

On November the 18th there will be a Word and Deed evening we would like to have a collection after the presentation to support this cause, please come out and show your support.

PLEASE CLAIM YOUR BELONGINGS

There is quite a collection of dishes on the counter in the kitchen. Please check if there is anything there that belongs to you. Also the items in the coat room are going to be brought to the second hand store on Monday November 9th, so please also check there too! Thanks.

CLARION YEAR END GREETINGS

If you would like your name (s) included in the year end greeting of “Clarion”, please put the envelope included in a recent Clarion with your name in my mailbox #143. The deadline is Nov. 10. If anyone would like to subscribe to "Clarion" please contact me @ 780--674-5729 Thanks. Carol Werkman.

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

If you have not renewed your membership for Rehoboth, you can still do so, until NOVEMBER 8, 2015. Let us show love and compassion to those who are disabled, by becoming a member and sending a donation. You can put the envelopes in my church mailbox (42). I will be sending the memberships and donations away on Nov.9, 2015 Thank-you Alice K.

REJOICING VOICES CHOIR

Please come and join us on Thursday evenings at 8 as we practice new songs for the Christmas season. Also, please remember to pay your dues of $15 to our treasurer Megan Hultink. We are looking forward to see you join us as we sing festive praise to our Lord.

COVENANT OF LOVE YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting is on Sunday Nov. 8 at 7:30 DV. We will be studying Philippians from the book *Enduring Joy* by Dr. K. Deddens. Copies of the book will be available at the meeting if you do not already have one in your household. We hope to look at the Introduction and Outline 1 (Philippians 1:1-26) 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: Logan H.
Snacks: Jantiena H.

YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY

We have begun the study of the book *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges. Read and study Chapters 2&3 before the next meeting. This pre-study is really beneficial when it comes to further discussions at our meetings, so please do so! Our next meeting will be held at Caleb and Angela Kos’ place at 8:00 pm on November 8, 2015 D.V. We as Young Peoples were also wondering if any members of the congregation would be willing to host us throughout the year. If you are willing to do so, please contact our presidents. Thank-you to those who have already opened their homes to us, the youth of this church! A reminder: the dues for this year are $20 and are to be paid to our previous treasurer, Caleb Kos, within the next two months. The cost for the study book

(including the textbook) for this year is $32. This must be paid when you receive your books. Our two new presidents were decided at the first meeting: Levi Wierenga @ 780-284-3739 and Pieter Steenbergen @ 780-284-4060. Feel free to contact them if you have any questions. SVA

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be Nov 10, on Phil. 2: 1-4 Please fell free to join us we begin at 10am. Leading Judith Sitting Debbie Jolene, Missy Baking Kat Praying Karen B

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

Nov 8 Ed & Diane Kos
Nov 15 Trevor & Gwen Mast
Nov 22 Aaldert & Saakje Otten

BABYSITTNG

Nov 8	LS Up- Raelynn H, Janaye W, Kiahna B, Simone P Down- Mercedes W, Colette D, Julianna J, Angela K
	Mother helpers: Bec P, Dawna VD
	PM Up- Maria H, Danika H Down- Kristen H, Trinity T
Nov 15	AM Up- Elly H, Lorraine H, Mya P Down- Natasha H, Melanie H, Marina H, Brooklyn St
	PM Up- Paulina J, Christy K, Candace VR Down- Cathy K, Stacy P