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GENERAL NEWS

ROLLING CALENDAR

General

Oct 17 School budget drive

Oct 27 Dr. T. VanRaalte CRTS presentation

Oct 21 Craft Day

Oct 28 Music Concert

Oct 28-29 Creation Weekend

Nov 26 Bazaar

Barrhead

Nov 4 Appreciation dinner

Neerlandia South

Neerlandia North

CRTS CONFERENCE - RICH & RELEVANT: WHY THE REFORMATION STILL MATTERS AFTER 500 YEARS

In 2017 it will be 500 years since Martin Luther first nailed the ninety-five theses to the church door in Wittenberg. You are invited to our seventh annual conference on **Jan 12-14, 2017** (Thursday evening to Saturday morning) at the Ebenezer Canadian Reformed Church in Burlington. Our keynote speakers, Rev. Bill Boekestein, Dr. Chad Van Dixhoorn, Dr. Ted Van Raalte, Dr. Jason Van Vliet, and Dr. Jason Zuidema, will unpack the treasures of the Reformation, and in workshop groups we'll discuss how we can still benefit from those riches today. In addition to two free evening sessions, various registration options are available. For more details please go to our website, www.canadianreformedseminary.ca, and register soon for this special commemorative event.

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.

Prepared by Rev. Carl Van Dam and presented by Rev. Chris Bosch, these are the messages for October:

Jesus Gives Living Water

Give Thanks to the Living God

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Jesus Walks on Water

Righteousness from God Revealed in Jesus Christ

MUSIC CONCERT

You are invited to a unique concert. Special guests are Andre Knevel on the organ (just returned from Moscow, Germany and Holland.) and Liselotte Rokyta on the Panflute. Friday October 28 at 8pm in the Neerlandia Canadian Reformed Church. A special offering. Don't miss it!

BAZAAR AUCTION

Mark it on your calendar!!! Saturday, November 26, 2016 Bazaar!

At this time we are accumulating items from local businesses and from anyone who would like to donate to our afternoon Auction.

Talk to family and friends, dig up old treasures, donate new ones, start crafting everyone.

Please call Vanessa Taekema 780-674-5121 home or text 780-284-1476

Katrina Barendregt 780-674-2603 home or text 780-305-4480.

Saturday, November 19, will be our cut off date. Thank you in advance.

CRAFT DAY

On October 21, we plan to have a craft day at the Barrhead Church. We will start at 10:00 to 3:00. Bring your project and supplies along with your lunch and an extension cord if you need one. Feel free to join us.

BARRHEAD NEWS

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TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATION

Psalm 92, titled "A song; for the Sabbath day," shapes our perspective on this and every Lord's day: *"It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!"*

We are pleased to welcome into the congregation as a **Brianna Raap** from the Redeemer Canadian Reformed Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Brianna has found living arrangements with her grandparents, Bert & Tena Wierenga, and found employment opportunity as well. It is our prayer that she will soon find her place in our midst and that as a congregation we would welcome her with open arms.

On October 20 it will be a full year since the Lord called home to himself br. **John Jissink**. We pray that the Lord will strengthen and sustain our sister **Helen** and the family members left behind as they mark this anniversary of grief and loss. May the hope of the gospel continue to soften the sorrow as we await the bodily resurrection and life everlasting.

We extend congratulations to sr. **Dianne Tiggelaar** on the occasion of her birthday, this coming Saturday. We thank the Lord for his faithful care for you through another year of life and for all He enables you to do in his service within your home, church, and school community.

This week Wednesday **Classis Alberta** is scheduled to convene in Calgary. The main item on the agenda is the peremptory examination of Br. **Gerard Veurink**. This particular examination requires the one being examined to exhibit not only the ability to preach God's Word (the sermon portion), but also demonstrate their knowledge and understanding in areas of exegesis of Old Testament and New Testament (interpretation and explanation of the biblical text), Scripture knowledge, familiarity with and faithfulness to the church's doctrinal standards, church history, ethics (how God's commandments apply to our lives), church polity (understanding of the Church Order), and pastoral care. As you can imagine this exam is quite long and rigorous – the bar is not set low – for as churches which prize sound doctrine, we must also demand that ministers who preach and teach be well-grounded in that sound doctrine. And so we pray that upon this examination the Lord will grant a positive outcome that Gerard may be enabled to take up his ministry in the service of the Lord among the congregation of Neerlandia North. We trust the Lord's will to be done in whatever the result may be.

As we exist in a federation of churches who are connected with sister-churches around the globe, I've been asked by our CanRC Committee for Relations with Churches Abroad to share word of **two upcoming synods happening in Indonesia**. From their communique, I quote: *"During the last two weeks of October the Reformed Churches in Indonesia will be meeting in two synods. From October 18-21 the Reformed Churches of Kalimantan Barat, of the NTT province, and of Papua will meet in a federal synod. From October 24-29 our sister church, the Reformed Churches of the NTT province, will meet in a synod. The Committee for Relations with Churches Abroad (CRCA) has requested that the Indonesian churches be remembered in prayer today. Two members of the CRCA are to attend these two synods on behalf of the CanRC."* It is our prayer that the delegates to these synods may be granted wisdom and that the unity of the Spirit may prevail in the bond of peace.

May the Lord give us all a blessed Sunday and a blessed week in his service!

CVL

BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE

October 16 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

October 16 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

October 23 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

October 23 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS

October: Mission Aviation Fellowship

November: Mission Prince George

CATECHISM INSTRUCTION:

The new Catechism-instruction season is now underway on Tuesday evenings. Classes 1 & 2 will meet from 7:30-8:30pm. Class 3 will meet from 8:30-9:30pm.

Class 1 led by Br. H. Stel

Class 2 led by Br. T. Vegter

Class 3 led by Rev. Vanderlinde

Pre-confession class will also meet at the church on Tuesday evenings, in the Consistory room from 7:30-8:30pm. This class is also open to those who may have already professed their faith and want to reinforce their learning. If you are interested to attend, please contact Rev. Vanderlinde.

Reminder: All students are expected to come prepared with a Bible, Book of Praise, binder and a writing utensil.

HOST FAMILY

This week's host family is **Henry & Hetty Stel**

October 23 Bert & Darlene Steenbergen

October 30 Albert-Jan & Louise Steenbergen

November 6 Ken & Alicia Schouten

SHORT REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 3, 2016

The chairman, Rev. Vanderlinde opened the meeting, read from 1 Peter 1:13-2:3 and requested the singing of Psalm 105: 1 and 2 and led in prayer. Brother R. Devink was absent with notification.

The agenda was adopted.

Minutes of September 6th 2016 were adopted and signed.

The following members were remembered in their individual circumstances; Br. Stoffer Vanderveen continued recuperation; Jessica Prins and Amy Hoeksema with their ongoing health concerns; Bill Vogelzang recuperating from surgery for cancer and received a good report; the baby born to the Vandermooren family; concerns regarding the Scheper's extended family; Br. D. Barendregt's brother in-law regarding a grizzly bear encounter; engagement of sr. Nancy Sandink and Damion Desrocher.

Mail

Incoming mail: Letter received from the clerk at the church at Taber. The provisional agenda for Classis Alberta October 19th was received. A request was received from l'ERQ in Quebec. A letter was received from sr. Darlene Steenbergen. A letter was received from the Library Committee.

Outgoing mail: A letter was sent to the C of A. Letter of congratulations sent to the church at Aldergrove re: installation of Rev. Witteveen. Travel attestation was given to sr. Hetty Stel. Travel attestation was returned to H and M Kobes.

Congregational matters.

Members in special circumstances were remembered.

General visits were discussed.

Other visits were reported on.

The current membership statistics are:

Communicant 191

Non-communicant 141

Total 332

Preaching arrangements were made for upcoming Sundays.

Not serving at the next Lord's Supper on November 13th are brs. C. Werkman and B. Wierenga. Brs. J. Vanleeuwen, M. Vogelzang will be welcoming elders.

The deacons presented their report. Visits were made and reported on. The collections for October are for MAF and the collections for November are scheduled to be for Mission Prince George. A diaconal financial update was given. Collected for Asia Mission was \$3038.00.

The C of A report was brought by the liaison. Suggestions for a new sign were discussed. C of A informed us about names brought forward as suggestions for new ushers.

Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee liaison reported on their activities. Discussion regarding the website was held. The upcoming Christmas light up was discussed. Other activities were discussed.

Church Budget Financial Report: (brackets indicate short-fall) Budget Budget: \$ 32,786.69/mo

Performance of Office

Article 43 of the church order regarding the archives of the church and article 44 regarding Classis were discussed by the brothers. Articles 45-48 will be discussed at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous matters were discussed. Changes to office bearer election regulations were discussed, approved and adopted.

Changes will be presented to the congregation at a later date.

The library committee informed us of their activities. Some discussion was held regarding future possibilities. A letter will be sent in reply.

Matters for Churches in Common.

A request from l'ERQ for funding for translation of "Covenant of Love" into French was received. Congregation will be informed of this request.

The provisional agenda for the upcoming Classis Alberta October 19th 2016 was received.

Questions from Taber Canadian Reformed Church clerk were received regarding the church archiving process.

A presentation by Dr. Ted Vanraalte from the CRTS will be held on Oct. 27 at 8pm in Neerlandia

Mission Brazil – Rev. Witten has declined the call. The Witteveens have obtained permanent custody of their foster children and are now set to go to Brazil in early 2017.

Christian Censure: Article 73 of the Church Order was thankfully not needed.

This month's consistory meeting will be held, the Lord willing, on October 17, 2016.

Next month's council meeting will be held the Lord willing, on November 7, 2016.

Short Report was read and approved.

Br G. Scheper ended in prayer.

The chairman closed the meeting.

MH

SUPPORT REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

October is Rehoboth Membership Month! Why not join thousands across Alberta as a Rehoboth member to support the ministry of supporting persons with developmental disabilities. Membership fees are just \$10 each, and donations of any amount are also greatly appreciated. Look for the "October is Member Month" postcard in your mail slot or from your canvasser (Alie Vogelzang, 780-674-3039). Thank you.

FROM THE LIBRARY

The library? We don't have a library! No, not yet, but we are in the beginning stages of developing one and we need your help! Please fill out the survey you've found in your mailboxes, or take the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6BXSQJQ> and complete or hand it in before Reformation Day! Thanks for your input. Hetty, Sherri, and Marika

LADIES AID MEETING

Tomorrow night, Monday, Oct 17th is our next ladies aid meeting at Anita Vegters' home @8:00pm. We will be discussing the appreciation dinner as well as some other upcoming events. Please come out and join us in our efforts.

YOUTH GROUP

We will be having our meeting this Sunday, October 16th, after the second service till 5:00pm. See you then!!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be this Sunday, October 16 at Bailey and Dakota Tiggelaar's home following the second service. We will be discussing session 5: Pride and Selfishness which is chapters 11 and 12. Jeremy Hoeksema will be leading the meeting. Hope to see you all there. JMP

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).

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

This week we are studying chapter five in our book, The Covenant of Love by Rev. Stam. Fran is leading, Darlene is bringing a snack to go with our coffee and Irene is taking care of the little ones. Please be sure to arrive on time so we can begin our meeting at 10:00. See you there!

LIVING WATERS

We will have our next meeting on Sunday, October 16 at 7:30in the church building. We will continue with Week 8 in the book The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis. New members are always welcome.

COMBINED BIBLE STUDY

We will be meeting on Oct. 19 at 8:00 in the church building. We are studying the book "Respectable Sins" by Jerry Bridges, Small Group Curriculum. If you have this book and are willing to let someone use it, could you call Hetty ? We will be discussing session one. Please take the time to read the book and answer the questions. Hope to see you all there.

NEERLANDIA NEWS

YOUTH GROUP

We are inviting all children, ages 12-15, who are interested in joining Youth Group, to come and join us for a games evening in the church basement DV on October 16. Please bring along any games that you are interested in playing.

We ask that all parents please stay so we can discuss the future of Youth Group in Neerlandia. We are looking for at least one more parent on the parent committee, ideas on study books to do, and whether or not we have enough or too many people to keep it as one group. We are happy to say, the Br. Rob Wierenga was found willing to lead Youth Group again this year. If you are unable to make this date, but plan on attending Youth Group, please let either Elly Hoeve(674-6279) or Christina Kippers(674-6359) know prior to the meeting, so we can get an accurate number of children wishing to participate.

LADIES COFFEE TIME WITH THE BACK PORCH

The Thursday Morning Bible Study ladies (South) would like to invite all ladies to a time of coffee, fellowship, and learning! We will have a presentation from The Back Porch, a pregnancy resource center that ministers to abortion-minded women and men. You will also have the opportunity to give financially to support this work. Please join us in the church basement on Thursday, November 3rd at 9:45am. We look forward to catching up with our neighbours in the North! :)

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19, 2016. We will meet at 8:00pm in the basement of the Neerlandia CanRC. We are to study chapter 15 of the book Messiah, the Holy One of God - Christ Calls us to Celebrate the Banquet of His Messianic Ministry, pages 199-204.

Baking and Prayer – Rosanne Olsen

Because we are such a small group at present we will stay together. Women from both Neerlandia South and North churches are welcome to come study with us.

NEERLANDIA SOUTH

FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK

PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS

October 16 am & pm Reading

October 23 am & pm Rev. R. Vermeulen

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Next Meeting: October 20, 2016

Topic: Chapter 4 of Leadership for Growing Churches

Leader: Katrina Barendregt

Prayer/Baking: Charlene Hamoen

Babysitters: We will see based on how many kids are there ☺

Also, please remember to pay dues of \$25.00 by October 27. If you are interested in coming to our bible study, you are more than welcome! The book we are studying is Leadership for Growing Churches by Clarence Bouwman. If you have any questions, contact Marcia VG. Hope to see you all there!

YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY

Our first meeting with the Young People of the South will be held at Mackenzie and Mercedes Werkman's place at 8:00 p.m. on October 16, 2016 D.V. The dues for this year are \$20 as usual. Jamie Barendregt will open this meeting and read an introduction to our topic on holiness. Read 1 Peter 1: 13-25 for pre-study. Please also come prepared with study book suggestions. Contact Jos Bikker @ 780-206-0104 or Jamie Barendregt @ 780-674-0098 if you have any questions.

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 Jos B. @ 780-206-0104 or Jamie T. @ 780-305-1440. We would love to help you!

HOST FAMILY

October 16 Jerold & Sharon Van Assen

October 23 Robert & Jodi Van Assen

October 30 Bert & Cindy VandeRiet

November 6 Kevin & Christina Vanderzyl

BABYSITTING LIST

October 16 AM – Kristen H, Bethany VA, Raina S
PM – Lorraine H, Esther VA

October 23 AM – Melanie K, Saralyn VA, Tianna S
PM – Larissa K, Shyanne VA

October 30 AM – Gwen M, Brooke VA, Madisson T
PM – Melissa M, Autumn VA

November 6 AM – Rosanne O, Martina VR, Candace VR
PM – Saakje O, Tessa VR

NEERLANDIA NORTH

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Another week has come and gone. We are seeing the changing of the seasons in a very real way. We know that the Lord promised that the seasons would follow each other until the end of time, so we can all witness that His Word is sure. We can be comforted that we have a Father that is always faithful to His Word. We are blessed to begin another week with the hearing of His Word proclaimed, and assuring us of His providence and protection for the week ahead.

I have very little news this week. First, we remember the little baby girl the Lord entrusted to Marvin and Stephanie Jissink. They named her Scarlette Danielle and we are thankful all is well with mother and child. Marvin and Stephanie, we wish you the Lord's blessing in bringing up this child with her siblings in the way of His Word. We look forward to Scarlette receiving the sign and seal of baptism, hopefully next Sunday. Also, may you feel at home in Neerlandia as you have left the life of the big town of Barrhead and are now living in the beautiful country.

May the Lord be with Candidate Veurink on Wednesday, October 19, as he is examined by Classis. Also be with the delegates as they travel and meet in Calgary for this Classis.

We again welcome Rev. Nederveen on our pulpit today and may we all be blessed by the preaching of God's Word.

AV

PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS

Oct. 16 AM Rev. G. Nederveen
PM Rev. G. Nederveen

Oct. 23 AM Rev. H. Kalkman
PM Rev. H. Kalkman

HOST FAMILY

October 16 Nathan & Karen Schouten

October 23 Richard & Francine Schouten

October 30 Gert & Marie Steenbergen

FROM THE DEACONS

On Sunday, October 9th and 23rd, the afternoon collections will be for MERF. Here is a brief introduction on this organization and the work they do. More info is on their web site at merf.org where you can read more about the help they are giving in the Middle East. "Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF) is an evangelical Christian missionary organization which serves in the Middle East, North Africa and Asia on behalf of Reformed and Presbyterian Family of Churches and believers worldwide. Their work is bearing fruit for the Kingdom of Christ among the twenty-two nations of the Arab League and other Muslim areas in Africa and Asia. MERF strengthens national churches with ministries of evangelism, church extension, biblical training, and diaconal aid."

FROM THE COUNCIL

The following numbers is an update on the funds that have been dispersed to the south as was part of the accepted agreement;

We agreed to pay the south for there share of all the assets = \$795,110.00

We split the bank account at time of split 50% SAVINGS \$226,813.78 = \$113,406.89

Chequing account balance \$157,273.18 split 50% = \$78,636.59

Balance owed to south after May 16 2016. = \$603,066.52

Funds donated to north from south members so we pay back = \$968.75

Amount funded now for south manse October 7th 2016. = \$160,000.00

Amount still owed as of Oct. 7th to the south as agreed = \$442,097.77

To date we did not have to borrow any money. We can be thankful for the blessings the Lord has bestowed on our congregations.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Last week we started our study on the Book of Titus (Rev. Bouwman) Tuesday October 18 is our next meeting, DV. We will be studying chapter 2. There should be a photocopy in your mailbox and if not, there are extra copies under the mailboxes. Also a reminder to pay your dues \$25 to Whitney DeJong.

Leader: Mel Hooimeyer

Prayer & Baking: Sonja VanLeeuwen

Babysitters: Whitney, Natasha

Baking for kids: Christina Otten

YOUNG PEOPLES

Our next meeting will be held on October 16th (not the 9th) at 8:00 pm still to be held at Pieter and Randy Steenbergen's. As chosen in the first meeting, our new presidents are Nelson Wierenga and Andrew Schouten. The dues will also be the same as the previous years, \$20, which should be paid ASAP to our treasurer Randy Steenbergen. We hope to see you all again!

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 Brett Hamoen @ 780-284-0163 or Hinne Janssen @ 780-284-0364 We would love to help!

BABYSITTING

Oct 16	AM Leanne VL, Shondelle VL, Abigail D, Kira D PM Sally VL, Irene V, Alexa S
Oct 23	AM Felicia W, Janaye W, Raelynn H, Sienna P PM Missy A, Marja B, Avery A