



# WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

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## Today's 2<sup>nd</sup> Offering - The Lighthouse:

The Lighthouse is an inner city ministry operated by Christian Reformed Churches in the Toronto area. At the Lighthouse we offer community services such as a food bank, life skills and ESL classes, programs for youth and seniors, counselling and specialized services for Vietnamese and Hispanic people, and assistance to churches in refugee sponsorship. For more information visit [www.lighthousecentre.ca](http://www.lighthousecentre.ca)

**Discipleship Time in Lent:** At 11:40 a.m., we will meet for a Discipleship Time that will take a musical look at the season of Lent. We will conclude the session at approximately 12:20 p.m. Everyone is invited.

**College & Careers:** After church today (March 11) the Dekkers have graciously offered to host us for lunch. We will discuss Chapter 7 of "God In My Everything" which is the first chapter in the section about relationships. Preparation is not required to participate in the discussion. Check out the Willowdale CRC College and Careers Facebook page for more info about this event and the C&C.

**Evening fellowship:** Evening Fellowship takes place tonight (March 11) and begins at 5:30 p.m. with Listen and Pray. At 6:30 p.m., Pastor Joel will lead a Bible study.

**Pastoral Care Fellowship:** Last Sunday we had a good Discipleship Hour sharing ideas about the new Pastoral Care Fellowship. This group will be formed by a number of congregational members who have a desire to visit and journey with a person in need. If you were unable to attend the Discipleship Hour and would like some information, there are extra handouts available on the table by the mailboxes. If you would like to join us or know of someone that would benefit from a pastoral care visit, please give Betty Carter a call 905 294-9710. We will start with a few meetings. To organize ourselves and come up with a list of names of those individuals who would benefit from such visits. Stay tuned for our next meeting.

I Peter 5:2

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them, not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve.

**Ladies Bible Reading Group:** Our next gathering will take place in the church Narthex on Tuesday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m. We will read and discuss John 12. Newcomers are welcome.

## Birthdays this week:

March 11 — Bert VanderHoef  
March 13 — Joanne Sytsma  
March 15 — Wilma Joy Veenstra  
March 16 — Ewa Guillaume  
March 16 — Jeff Russell

**Pizza and Catechism:** We'll meet again this month on Thursday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. We hope you'll join us.

**Willowdale Youth Group:** We're having a joint event with College & Careers this month to play archery tag on March 20th at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 and pre-registration is required, so if you're interested send an email to [wrcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:wrcyouth@gmail.com) before March 13th to secure a spot.

**Congregational Potluck #1 is cancelled:** Our potluck lunch originally scheduled for March 18 has been **cancelled** due to time constraints. Our next prescheduled potluck will take place on May 27, reminders will appear in the Willowdale Weekly.

## Birthday Open House for Jan Roeleveld:

The children and grandchildren of Jan Roeleveld invite you to an Open House to celebrate his 90th birthday.

Location: Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. W (Gibson Room 2nd floor)

Date and Time: Saturday, March 24th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Combined Palm-Passion Evening Service:** On March 25, several Christian Reformed congregations and ministries will gather for a combined Palm-Passion Sunday evening service. The gathering will take place at 1<sup>st</sup> CRC in Toronto (67 Taunton Road). It will begin with refreshments and fellowship at 5:00 p.m., and the service will begin at 6:00 p.m. The theme will be: "Joy in God Empowering Justice for All," and it will culminate in a beautiful sharing of the Lord's Supper together. This will be our fourth annual combined service, and everyone is welcome. You will feel glad you participated.

**Easter Potluck Breakfast:** Resurrection Sunday comes on April 1 this year. We will begin our Easter celebration with an Easter potluck breakfast. We will have more details next week. In the meantime, mark your calendar to come in early (9:00 a.m.) for breakfast, and consider bringing a friend. The Lord is risen. The Lord is risen indeed.

**Easter Invitation:** Pastor Joel and Tricia invite you to come to their home for an Easter meal after morning worship on Easter Sunday (April 1). If you can join us, please let us know by sending us an email at: koksipa@msn.com

**The Lighthouse celebrates 50 years in 2018:** On Sunday, April 22, 2018, the Lighthouse will host a celebration service at First CRC in Toronto (67 Taunton Road). You are invited to come and celebrate with The Lighthouse its first 50 years. There will be a time for reflection and sharing as well as a time of giving thanks and praise. For more information, please contact Rob at 416-535-6262 | 416-802-5943 or rob@lighthousecentre.ca

**Upcoming High School Reunions:** The Class of 2008 celebrates its 10 Year Reunion on Saturday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the TDChristian High School Atrium. Tell your friends and enjoy getting together to share stories and see each other again! If you are part of the Class of '91, '92, '93, you are invited to a 25 Year Reunion also on Saturday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m., in the TDChristian Commons. Check out the Facebook invitation and plan on coming out for a great evening of strolling down memory lane. Any questions about either reunion? Contact Patty Schuurman at schuurman@tdchristian.ca. Interested in a 40 Year Reunion? Contact William Groot (Class of '78) at groot@tdchristian.ca. Who knows what may happen?!

**Aging: Challenges and Opportunities:** A training event called "Aging: Challenges and Opportunities" will help pastors, elders, deacons, disability advocates, and people in their third third of life, and their loved ones minister within and embrace the life God gives us as we age. Dr. Syd Hielema will keynote this event at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock ON, on Saturday, April 21. Sponsored by Disability Concerns, the keynote and workshop topics will include growing in faith in the third third of life, resources for ministry with older adults, caring for aging parents, and aging and mental health. For more information and to register, see [www.disabilityconference.org](http://www.disabilityconference.org).

## Week at a Glance: March 11 – March 17

Day	Time	Location	Event
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	11:40 a.m.	Sanctuary	Discipleship Time
	12:00 p.m.	Dekker Residence	College & Careers
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Evening Gathering
<b>Monday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Senior's Exercise Class
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary	Joyfully Singing
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Reading	Narthex
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 a.m.	Room #1	Men's Bible Study
	1:30 p.m.	Room #1	Afternoon Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	9:45 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Senior's Exercise Class
	7:00 p.m.	Narthex	Pizza & Catechism

## Schedules

Nursery Volunteers	
<b>Today</b> May Lynne Fong & Aemilia Groot	<b>March 18</b> Suanne Miedema & Xanthe van Lingen
<i>Reminder – please wait in the nursery until 10:15 a.m. to receive late arrivals – thank you!</i>	

Coffee Servers	
<b>Today</b> WilmaJoy Veenstra, Henry Hengeveld, Suanne & Adrian Miedema	<b>March 18</b> Rajan Gauchan, Peter Grauds, May Lynne Fong & Kim Wong
<i>Reminder – coffee servers are to lock all outside doors – thank you!</i>	

Second Offering	
<b>Today</b> The Lighthouse	<b>March 18</b> Diaconate