



# WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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**March 15, 2020**

**Coronaviris (COVID – 19) Response:** On Saturday, March 7 Council sent out a document via email containing a response to the ongoing COVID-19 situation. A copy is posted on the bulletin board at the back doors.

**Council met in person on Tuesday, March 10.**

**Matters discussed included:**

- COVID-19 – other ways to mitigate the risks. We will use tongs to pass out the bread in the sanctuary during Lord's Supper.
- An update from the Pastor Calling Committee concerning the planned visit of Pastor Jay Blankespoor and Pastor Elizabeth Vander Haagen from March 28-30. There will be two services on Sunday, March 29 to allow both pastors to lead a service – our usual 10:00 a.m. service and a service at 6:30 p.m. The evening service will be preceded by a potluck meal.
- The preaching schedule through Easter.
- The Congregational Conversation of February 27. It was a busy evening with a lot of conversation! People were engaged and some new connections were made. Thanks to all those who came to the evening!
- A rather sad activity Council undertook was to review the list of members who are listed as active but have not participated in church life for some time. Follow-up will be conducted as appropriate by Council members.
- Visit Reports – We listened with concern to circumstances some members are undergoing.
- New Council members for the coming year as seven Council members will be retiring.

**Ministry to Seafarers (M2S):** Remember the drawstring bags some of us made last November which we filled with gifts for the Seafarers in Montreal? They handed out 1,584 bags! Check out the bulletin board by the back door for more news on M2S.

**Birthdays this week:**

March 15 — Marlyn L.  
March 15 — Norman L.  
March 15 — WilmaJoy V.  
March 16 — Ewa G.  
March 16 — Jeff R.  
March 20 — Jean d. P.  
March 20 — Willy M.  
March 21 — Navid B.  
March 21 — Hossein E.

**Today's Guest Preacher:** Preaching for us today is Rev. Lesli van Milligen.

**1<sup>st</sup> Offering Collection is for the Church Budget**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering – Diaconate:** Our deacons use these funds to help those within and outside the congregation who are temporarily encountering difficulties for basic needs. The deacons also host some social functions for those who are elderly and alone. These funds are also used to sponsor the CAP (Congregational Assistance Plan), a program for any member of Willowdale needing professional counselling for any reason from Shalem Mental Health Network, see [www.shalemnetwork.org](http://www.shalemnetwork.org).

**College & Careers:** On Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. we'll gather for pizza and board games at Adrian & Suanne's. If you are between the ages of 18-30 (ish) please join us! You are welcome to bring a favourite board game if you have one. Check out the Willowdale CRC College and Careers Facebook page for more info about C&C.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** This group is open to all. On Tuesday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m. we will study Ephesians 1:1-14, *The Purpose of God*. For more info call Corrie at 905-237-1138 or Suzanne at 416-223-3894

**Update from the Pastor Calling Committee:** We have been busy planning for the visit of Pastors Jay and Elizabeth on the Weekend of March 28 -30. During the day on Saturday they will be meeting with a number of groups and people to learn about us, and us about them. On Sunday the schedule is expected to be as follows:

Morning Worship service (10:00 a.m.) followed by a time of discussion.

Potluck Dinner (5:00 p.m.)

Evening Worship service (6:30 p.m.) Note: for this Sunday only, we will be holding two worship services in order to allow an opportunity for the congregation to hear both Pastors Jay and Elizabeth preach.

What you can do to help: we need volunteers to help with setting up of tables, chairs etc. (at 4:30 p.m.) before dinner. Plan on coming to the Potluck! Please bring a dish to share (salad, main course, or dessert). We will start promptly at 5:00 p.m.!

And, we need volunteers to help with the clean-up. If you can help, please email either Leanne [Leanne.chuba@sympatico.ca](mailto:Leanne.chuba@sympatico.ca) or Alana ([office@willowdalecrc.com](mailto:office@willowdalecrc.com)).

We continue to finalize plans for the weekend; we will share updates and needs for assistance with the congregation via the Weekly in the coming weeks.

A reminder: if you did not receive the package of information on Pastors Jay and Elizabeth you can request one from the office at [office@willowdalecrc.com](mailto:office@willowdalecrc.com). If you have questions or comments for the Pastor Calling Committee, you can reach us at [pastorcallingcommittee@willowdalecrc.com](mailto:pastorcallingcommittee@willowdalecrc.com).

### Week at a Glance: March 15 - 21

Day	Time	Location	Event
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary	Morning Worship
	11:50 a.m.	Sanctuary	Sermon Discussion
	5:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall	Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Seniors Exercise
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary	Joyfully Singing
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Room #1	Morning Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 a.m.	Room #1	Bible & Bagels Fellowship
<b>Thursday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall	Seniors Exercise

## Schedules

### Nursery

The nursery is a drop-in room for parents with babies and toddlers to use. No one else should be in the nursery during the service for safety and privacy reasons.

For more information please contact our Safe Church Coordinator, Emily Dekker or Office Administrator, Alana Yoneyama (emilyfdekker@gmail.com / alana.yoneyama@willowdalecrc.com)

### Coffee Servers

#### Today

Adrian & Suanne Miedema

#### March 22

TBD

*Reminder – coffee servers are to lock all outside doors – thank you!*

### Willowdale Greeters

#### Today

Bobbie Vendenbrink, Narges Fathi Fahim

#### March 22

Suzanne Christie, Abbas Mashak

### Second Offering

#### Today

Diaconate

#### March 22

World Vision (Nishant & Erin Das)

### Preaching

#### March 22

Lesli van Milligen

#### March 29

Pastor Jay Blankespoor &  
Pastor Elizabeth Vander Haagen