



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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August 2, 2020

Prayer Requests:

Pray for all young children and families of our church and community. May the Lord provide ample patience and grace during the summer months ahead.

Pray for everyone who is burnt out by physical distancing, as we continue to adjust to this new normal, praise that the Lord provides us with creative ways to stay connected.

Pray that we all continue to adjust to our new normal of wearing masks in public places, especially in the heat of the summer. May the Lord give all strength, stamina, and patience to endure this challenging time.

At Holland Christian Homes, both Grace Manor and Faith Manor have no new resident or staff cases of COVID-19. In the Towers, the COVID-19 case has been resolved and there are no new cases at this time, praise the Lord. More information may be found at: <http://www.hch.ca/latest-hch-covid-19-updates/>. Please continue to pray for the staff and residents of Holland Christian Homes, and all care homes dealing with the challenges of COVID-19.

Pray for our second offering cause, Friendship Community Church. Our sister church, Friendship Community Church is a place where whole communities of newcomers to Canada land and begin another life. Struggles with poverty, education and employment are common. See www.friendshipintoronto.com members who do not use email and they will be contacted directly by telephone.

Second Offering for August 9: Hope and Healing International (formerly CBM – Christian Blind Missions). Help us care for children with disabilities. We are doctors, teachers, health workers, community advocates and funding partners like you – passionate about giving hope and medical care to children and families trapped in poverty and disability. For more information see www.hopeandhealing.org.

Birthdays this week:

August 2 — Nathan C.

August 4 — Leanne C.

August 5 — Danielle V. H.

August 6 — Hendrieke Anna S.

August 7 — Art d. W.

August 8 — Sungho J.

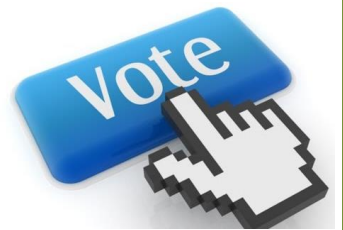
Voting for Elders and

Deacons: There will be a congregational meeting on **Sunday, August 9**, right after the ZOOM service.

The purpose of this

meeting will be to **explain**

the process for voting for office bearers. In this time of not meeting physically, we need to explore alternate ways of voting. The bylaws of Willowdale CRC allow for different methods of voting, if approved by members of the congregation. Council's recommended method of voting will be shared then and a vote will take place to approve – or not – the process. A written explanation of the process will also be sent to all members via email after the service. There are a few members who do not use email and they will be contacted directly by telephone.



Thank you from Ruth Hofman: Our church had a thank you note from Ruth Hofman recently who works with LOGOS, the campus ministry at York University. One of their recent graduates was returning to China for master's study. "This young woman is not a Christian yet. We can see God working in her life and we're grateful to be a part of it. So are you! With your prayers and offering we have and will continue to show the love of God in Jesus Christ to her and many more students." Thank you for your gifts to the campus ministries.

The Passing of Former Member James "Jim"

Gehrels: Former member of Willowdale CRC James "Jim" Gehrels died suddenly on July 28, 2020. Jim will be dearly missed by his wife, Lynda; son Benjamin (Naomi); daughter Hannah (Kate); parents Jack and Lenie; brother Ken (Sharon); sisters Angela (Karl) and Betty-Ann (Evan); and brother-in-law Bill, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was pre-deceased by his sister Corrine on July 28, 2013. A Celebration of this remarkable man's life will be held in Thunder Bay, by invitation only, at Bethlehem Christian Reformed Church, on Friday, July 31, 2020. Current COVID protocol will be followed. A recording of the service will be posted online at a future date. If friends so desire, in lieu of flowers or in honour of Jim's life and passion, donations may be made to the continuing work of www.Lifewater.ca. Jim's full obituary can be found here:

www.arbormemorial.ca/harbourview/obituaries/james-gehrels/52399/

Weekly Zoom Events – Join us!:

- Worship Service – Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.
- Bible Study – Sunday afternoon at 7:30 p.m., contact Hye-jin Im or Rob Datema
- Bible Study – Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m., contact Rob Datema
- College & Careers Virtual Pizza & Board Games – Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m., contact Jennifer Dekker or Suanne Miedema
- Alpha Course – Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., contact Alana Yoneyama for meeting details

Zoom Video Conferencing is available for your small group, Bible study, or special visits with friends for free through the church Zoom account. To book your Zoom gathering please contact Jennifer Dekker (jenniferanndekker@gmail.com).

Preaching Schedule:

August 2 — Pastor Syd Heilema — Psalm 23

August 9 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen — Psalm 51

August 16 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen — Psalm 32

August 23 — Peter Schuurman

August 30 — Pastor Syd Heilema — Psalm 139 — Lord's Supper

September 6 — TBD

September 13 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen — Psalm 103

September 20 — Pastor Syd Heilema — Psalm 46

September 27 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen — Lord's Supper