



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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September 6, 2020

Prayer Requests:

Pray for all students within our congregation as they prepare for the upcoming school year, a school year unlike any other.

Pray continue to pray for all our essential workers in health care, and other vital services to our community.

Please continue to pray for the staff and residents of Holland Christian Homes, and all care homes dealing with the challenges of COVID-19. More information may be found at: <http://www.hch.ca/latest-hch-covid-19-updates/>.

Please pray for our church council - elders, deacons, ministry teams and committees, Operations Team, and staff as they continue to navigate this pandemic reality.

Please pray for the continued work of Barbara Kayanja with World Renew. Barbara Kayanja is the World Renew Team Leader for East Africa. In this position she provides overall regional direction, administration, and leadership to ensure team organization, development, and performance. She provides oversight to the management for the Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania country teams. The main program focus areas include improving people's livelihoods, relief and disaster response, agriculture and food security and enhancing community health resilience. For more information see worldrenew.net/barbarakyanja

Sermon series: "Dear God, I've always wondered..." We will be exploring the important role of questions to our faith formation and discipleship and are excited to announce a sermon series that will start early in October which will be guided by the faith questions of our younger members and perhaps, those who are young at heart. We are interested in what younger folks are wondering about who God is or about his creation or how he works in his world today. One way for families with young children in Sunday School or students in youth group to share your questions is to email their question, or even better record them asking their question, to Pastor Lesli van Milligen (Ivanmilligen@crcna.org). We would like questions to be submitted by September 15 in order for the preachers to have time to prepare their sermons.

Birthday this week:

September 6 — Sid S.

September 10 — Nicholas C.

September 11 — Behnoush K.

September 12 — Zoe R.

Council Notes: Council met on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 via ZOOM

Among items discussed were:

New elders and deacons were welcomed to the meeting!

For the first part of the meeting we were joined by the Pastor Calling Committee to discuss next steps with respect to Pastor Elizabeth Vander Haagen and Pastor Jay Blankespoor. Council members spoke strongly in favour of continuing conversations with the pastors - while still acknowledging that the pandemic adds significant uncertainty not only to our lives but also to the process of finding and calling a pastor for Willowdale CRC. More plans will be shared in the coming weeks. Please continue to pray for this process and for everyone involved.

A few in-process projects were discussed, so that new members would be aware of matters that had been started, but not finished.

Council executive elections were held. This coming church year, John Meiboom will be chair of council, Jennifer Dekker will be vice-chair and Sylvie Charliekaram will be clerk.

Retiring council members were thanked and we closed in prayer.

Preaching Schedule:

September 6 — Pastor Steve Venhuizen

September 13 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen — Psalm 103

September 20 — Pastor Syd Heilema — Psalm 46

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

Bookkeeper Required – Volunteer: Willowdale Christian Reformed Church is looking for someone to fill the role of Bookkeeper on a volunteer basis. The Bookkeeper plays an important role in ensuring regular invoice entry to support the timely payment of bills and recording in the accounting system and supporting the Treasurer. Duties currently include entry of all regular utility bills, supplier invoices, visiting minister entries and other bookkeeping items. Additional duties which would further assist the volunteer Treasurer might include invoicing ministry shares and second collection payments, cheque issuance, monthly bank reconciliations, etc. Exact duties will be tailored to the individual depending on experience and time availability.

Existing hours of work would be approximately 1.5 – 2 hours per week and are flexible. Depending on the final duties agreed with the individual it might involve more time. The work can be done mainly from home using Quickbooks online software. Full training will be provided and can be done virtually via zoom meetings. If interested please contact Mark VanHelden, Treasurer, at 647-808-8264 or mvh@rogers.com.

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
- Singing Gathering – Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m., contact Hye-jin Im
- 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).

From The Lighthouse: You can help The Lighthouse by participating in Ride for Refuge. There are so many ways to RIDE! This year, RIDE Freestyle – register a team, gather friends and select a fundraising activity you all love. Do what you can, wherever you can #nobikesrequired. Customize your activity that lets you read hike, game and/or knit...for Refuge! Or you can dream up something fun and unique to raise funds for The Lighthouse. Check out options at <https://rideforrefuge.org/freestyle> or <https://rideforrefuge.org/charity/thelighthouse>. If you want to do something unique for The Lighthouse this fall register a team. If you have questions you can also reach Rob Datema at rob@lighthousecentre.ca or 416-802-5943.

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Are you the woman we need?

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Long-term position for an organized, compassionate, tolerant individual who thrives on small-town life, time in nature, a relaxed home environment, caring for others, keeping a tidy space, and cooking comfort food.

You'll be the live-in housekeeper for a retired senior couple in a smaller town in Southern Ontario, two hours from Toronto, who want to remain in their own home as long as possible.

Duties are daily but light. Some night shifts are required with mobility assistance but no intimate care. Flexible vacation time and sick days, ample free time. Room, board, weekly personal allowance, and perks.

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Joyfully Giving – August 2020

	Actual for August	Budget for August	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Church Operations	\$32,195.00	\$22,288.00	\$142,333.69	\$178,304.00
Other Causes	\$1,270.00		\$25,903.45	