



# WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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**November 8, 2020**

## Prayer Requests:

Pray for families who are separated by borders and seas to be reunited.

Pray for everyone who needs to get a COVID-19 test, that they can do so safely, and get results in a timely manner.

Please continue to pray for all our essential workers in health care, and other vital services to our community, *especially as they prepare for the second wave, and flu season.*

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 our 2<sup>nd</sup> offering cause: Disability Concerns. Disability Concerns helps churches become healthier communities that embody the whole body of Christ. Also, Disability Concerns works closely with Friendship Ministries, whose mission is to help people with and without disabilities grow in faith together. <https://network.crcna.org/disability>

**A Message from your Deacons:** These are difficult times and government is trying to help. However, if you are needing to choose between paying the rent and buying food, the deacons can help with grocery coupons. This is a totally confidential service. Only the 6 deacons would know you asked for help. We are here to show God's Grace for basic needs. Contact us at: [deacons@willowdalecrc.com](mailto:deacons@willowdalecrc.com)

## Anniversary in November:

With joy and thankfulness to God, the children, grandchildren, and extended family announce the **60th Wedding Anniversary** of Syd and Joanne Sytsma this coming Thursday, November 12, 2020!

You are welcome to send a card of congratulations (address in church directory or contact the church office).

Note: Please no visitations because of COVID-19 and health precautions.

Praise the Lord for sixty amazing, blessed years!

## Birthday this week:

November 8 — Gerdina C.

November 8 — Parna S.

November 11 — Stanley N.

November 12 — Peter G.

## Preaching Schedule:

November 8 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

November 15 — Pastor Syd Hielema

November 22 — Dr. Peter Schuurman

November 29 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen — Lord's Supper

**Farsi Fellowship:** Farsi Fellowship Zoom meetings are held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Translations will be provided if need be.

مشارکت فارسی زبان و مطالعه کتاب مقدس، پنجشنبه ها .  
از ساعت ۷ الی ۹ از طریق زوم برقرار می باشد

**Pastor Calling Committee:** The Pastor Calling Committee (PCC) has been meeting regularly and been working on the process of identifying a new Pastor candidate for Willowdale CRC. Part of our process last year was to solicit suggestions for Pastor candidates from the congregation. Since it has been some time since we last asked for your suggestions, we wanted to offer the opportunity to you again. If you have a Pastor suggestion that you would like the PCC to consider, we ask that you complete the attached PCC Candidate Suggestion Form and send it to our email address: [pastorcallingcommittee@willowdalecrc.com](mailto:pastorcallingcommittee@willowdalecrc.com). Any questions you have for us can also be sent to this email address. The member of the PCC (Leanne Chuba, Peter McBride, Joseph Batac and Rita Houwers) thank the congregation for their words of encouragement, and your continued prayers.

**From The Lighthouse:** Dear Friends of the Lighthouse: Come and join The Lighthouse on November 21, 2020 for its Gala event via ZOOM. You will have an opportunity hear from staff about the significant work taking place at The Lighthouse during Covid-19. The evening program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:30 pm. You will have an opportunity to join the event at 6:30 p.m. to check for any technical issues as well as greet others who joined early. We hope to introduce and kick-off our first online auction which will run for three to four weeks. You will need to register for this Gala Event by November 19, 2020. To register for this event you can contact The Lighthouse at [info@lighthousecentre.ca](mailto:info@lighthousecentre.ca) or 416-535-6262.

**From Willowdale Christian School:** This year our Annual Christmas Bazaar has been canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

However, we are STILL able to offer a selection of products that can pre-ordered. Please complete to the attached form OR fill in the Google sheet linked below.

Make your payment and your delicious goods will be ready for pick up on Saturday, November 28 at 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at WCS. This is a great opportunity to get some stocking stuffers, delicious treats, and support the school!

**PICK UP INSTRUCTIONS:**

This will be done OUTSIDE the main school entrance (across from the flagpole).

You will not be able to enter the building.

Your purchase will be handed to you by volunteers who are following proper protocols. Please wear a mask on the school grounds.

Follow the social distancing guidelines while waiting outside to pick up your treats.

Online Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/TYEogGTAEAr7GhHu7>

Do you need groceries? Of course, you do!! WCS sells Loblaw company gift cards This is a way to raise funds for WCS by buying items we all need – groceries! These cards can be used at all Loblaw company stores (Supercentre, No Frills, Zehrs, ValuMart) etc. You can even use these cards to buy gift cards from those stores for teacher's gifts, birthday presents and Christmas gifts! Please contact Nancy Fernhout to purchase your gift cards and support the school.

### **Highlights from November 3, 2020 Council meeting:**

- Council discussed upcoming Baptisms/Profession of Faith – Plan and Recommendations
- Council discussed the “Care Team” and ongoing Pastoral Care visits.
- A workshop for Council facilitated by Shalem is in the works
- Council Executive shared an update
- Elders and Deacons shared an update
- Council discussed ongoing Discipleship plans for the whole congregation via Zoom, starting from January 2021. More information will be shared in the next few weeks.
- Council discussed the results of the congregational (and friends) Zoom worship survey. A complete report will be shared with the congregation in a few weeks.
- WCRC delegates (Elders: John Meiboom, Jennifer Dekker, Rob Datema, and Deacon: Suzanne Christie) shared some updates from the Classis Toronto meetings on the evenings of October 20 and 22 via Zoom. Former WCRC intern Ben Gresik, who was examined during these meetings will be ordained as the Pastor for Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church on November 22, 2020. Official representation by the Council from WCRC was also discussed.
- As part of the Operations Team updates, Council discussed the financials. Proposed Budget for 2021 is in the works.
- Council will meet again on Monday, December 7, 2020.

## Joyfully Giving - October 2020

	<b>Actual for October</b>	<b>Budget for October</b>	<b>Actual Year to Date</b>	<b>Budget Year to Date</b>
<b>Church Operations</b>	\$8,100.00	\$22,288.00	\$165,798.69	\$222,880.00
<b>Other Causes</b>	\$3,152.00		\$36,321.45	