



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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January 10, 2021

Prayer Requests:

Pray for all our Willowdale students of all ages as they continue their studies at home until at least January 25.

Please pray for the staff and residents of Holland Christian Homes. Harry A. is in Faith Manor and doing well. More information may be found at: <http://www.hch.ca/latest-hch-covid-19-updates/>.

Please pray for those who are experiencing financial hardship due to the latest COVID-19 lockdown in Toronto. Lord give us the courage to ask for help when we need it.

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.

Pray for the safe distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, praise the Lord that vaccinations are happening in Ontario.

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 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 2nd offering cause: Toronto City Mission. Toronto City Mission has been reaching out to the poor in the city of Toronto since 1879. The missionaries and volunteers live and work in five communities in Toronto, including Willowtree Housing on Willowdale Avenue, offering programs such as after-school tutoring, mentoring, employment counselling, high school equivalency classes, women's Bible studies, children's choirs, youth groups, and March Break and summer day camps, sharing the love and hope of Christ to help break cycles of poverty. See www.torontocitymission.com.

Birthdays this week:

January 14 — Ann G

January 15 — Fred d. J.

Preaching Schedule & Learning Resource:

From Pastor Lesli:

This week we begin our study of the book of 1 John. I am including a chapter from another great resource that students of scripture will find useful in their

Bible study: [How to Read the Bible through the Jesus Lens by Michael Williams](#).

I am praying that this will be a rich experience for our entire community.

January 10 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen — 1 John 1:1-2:2, Love one another: Love that comes from Belonging to Christ and His People

January 17 — Pastor Syd Hielema — 1 John 2:3-11, Love one another: Love that comes from Knowing God

January 24 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen — 1 John 2:18-28, Love one another: Love that comes from Hoping in Christ

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 needed. Contact Sylvie Charliekaram.

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New Fellowship Starting Next Week - The Chosen!:

Starting on **January 15, 2021** we will begin a new online fellowship similar to the way we did Alpha earlier this year.

This time, we will watch an episode of The Chosen - a new series that documents the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

We will watch an episode in English with Farsi subtitles, and have small group discussions afterwards. We hope

many of you will be able to join us on alternating Friday evenings starting on **Friday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m.!**

Weekly Zoom Events – Join us!:

- **Worship Service** – Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.
- **Bible Study** – Sunday evening 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** – Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Contact Suzanne Christie
- **Bible Study** – Wednesday mornings 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
- **Farsi Fellowship** – Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., contact Sylvie Charliekaram
- **The Chosen** – Starting on January 15 on alternate Friday nights, contact Jennifer Dekker.

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 (jenniferandekker@gmail.com).

Willowdale CRC Ward Elders and Deacons:

Moore Park Ward

(North of Drewry Ave./Cummer Ave. and west of Leslie St. south of Steeles Ave; Yonge St. north of Steeles Ave.)
Elders: Corrie Vanderhoef and Sarah Moghadam
Deacons: Suzanne Christie and Ashkan Razaghi

Branson Ward

(South of Drewry Ave./Cummer Ave. and west of Leslie St. plus Brampton and Mississauga)
Elders: Rob Datema and John Meiboom
Deacons: Nell de Boer and Kyle Pippel

Markham Ward

(East of Yonge St. for region north of Steeles Ave.; east of Leslie St. south of Steeles Ave.)
Elders: Jennifer Dekker, Sylvie Charliekaram & Nasser Zand
Deacons: Peter Grauds and Joyce McBride

For the contact information for your Ward Elders and/or Deacons, please email Alana at office@willowdalecrc.com or alana.yoneyama@willowdalecrc.com