



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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October 3, 2021

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for the family and friends of Janet Antonides as they mourn her passing. Janet's funeral is tomorrow (Monday, October 3) at the church at 1:00 p.m., if you would like to attend in person, please let Alana know.

Pray for God's people to fervently intercede in prayer for the pandemic to stop. Give thanks for the vaccines and the inoculation of our population.

Please continue to pray for all our essential workers in health care, and other vital services to our community, as they cope with their new normal in their work settings.

Please pray for our 2nd offering cause, All Nations Children's Ministry (Pauline Ho).

Praise report from the Re-opening Team: We thank the Lord for a positive return to the church building, and for all the volunteer support and constructive feedback! Everyone is invited to attend church in person when they feel ready to do so.

From The Lighthouse:

Lighthouse Fall Food Drive – The Lighthouse is in need of non-perishable food donations to help meet the increase in need and the decrease in food supply. Consider starting a food drive amongst your friends, family, and church family in support of our clients in need. We appreciate any support we receive. Below is a list of items we could use in our food bank:

Cans of soup

Canned vegetables

Pasta/Ramen/Instant noodles/Pasta Sauce

Rice

Canned meat (tuna, sardines, spam, corned beef)

Cereal/Juice packs

Lighthouse Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity – The Lighthouse is looking for the support of two more volunteers to assist with food bank distribution. Volunteers must be able to work in moderate-fast paced environment, have a friendly and kind personality, able to be on their feet for 2-3 hours and able to lift 20-25 lbs. If this is something you're interested in please reach out to Neighbourhood Programs Director Tabitha Eastman – tabitha@lighthousecentre.ca for more information

Birthdays:

No birthdays to report.

Preaching Schedule:

October 3 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

October 10 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

October 17 — Pastor Syd Heilema

October 24 — Guest

October 31 — Pastor Syd Heilema

November 7 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

November 14 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

November 21 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

Zoom Host Schedule:

October 3 — John Meiboom

October 10 — Sonay

October 17 – TBD

October 24 — Sonay

October 31 — Alana Yoneyama

TDChristian High School Fall Open House: What do you want when choosing a high school during a pandemic and beyond? You want a school where each student is known and valued. You want a friendly, supportive atmosphere. You want caring teachers who engage students in dynamic learning. You want a school where serving God and one's neighbours is at the core of our existence. Find out why so many families choose TDChristian High School. RSVP now for our safe, in person Fall Open House on **Thursday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.** Meet students and teachers, tour our beautiful building, ask questions and see why YOU BELONG HERE. The whole family is welcome! Email Joel Dykxhoorn, VP of Admissions at dykxhoorn@tdchristian.ca and we'll be in touch. Can't wait? Check out tdchristian.ca today!

Thank you!

Highlights from the September 21, 2021 Council meeting:

WCRC Council met on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 via Zoom to discuss the following items

- Council discussed PCC updates and the next steps to be followed
- Council also discussed the preaching schedule for the months of October and November
- Budget for 2022 was also discussed by Council
- Council discussed the Baptismal classes outline for future Baptisms at WCRC
- The idea of allowing small group activities in the church, which was not permitted in the re-opening plan was also discussed by Council. The reopening team will engage in further research on this matter to report in next Council meeting
- Youth Group Budget and future planning were discussed
- Training sessions for Elders on The Elder's Handbook over the next few months was discussed and approved by council
- Council tentatively confirmed scheduling October 23rd for Church Leader's Training Day by Shalem
- Council discussed the Congregational Picnic details
- Membership transfer from long time WCRC members Corrie and Bert VanderHoef was discussed and approved by Council
- Council appointed delegates (Elder: John Meiboom and Deacon: Nell deBoer) for the October 26th Classis Meeting
- Council discussed the idea of engaging the congregation in a conversation on the Human Sexuality Report over the next few months. The Report may be accessed through the following link:
https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/human_sexuality_report_2021.pdf
- Council is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Council (elders and deacons) is here to serve the congregation, to email all the elders: consistory@willowdalecrc.com. To email all the deacons: deacons@willowdalecrc.com. Or you can email the office at office@willowdalecrc.com