



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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January 29, 2022

Prayer Requests:

Please keep **Nancy's teenaged niece, Avaleigh** (and her family) in your prayers, as they deal with the day-to-day challenges of her leukemia diagnosis and lengthy treatment.

Please pray for our **1st offering** for our **church ministries and expenses**, faithful giving is a blessing to our whole church family.

Please pray for our **2nd offering** cause, Toronto City Mission (TCM). TCM helps children, youth, and adults rise above poverty by providing preventative programs. TCM programs are designed to equip them to make wise choices about school, friends, relationships, work, and the future.

<https://www.torontocitymission.com/>

From the Operations Team: At our January Operations Team meeting, Art DeWaard announced that he was resigning from the Team; in a previous meeting John DeWeerd had announced that he would be resigning after our January meeting. The Operations Team would like to thank Art DeWaard and John DeWeerd for their many years of service (John – about 10 years and Art about 40 years) on the Operations Team.

Through their work at the church and the parsonage they have saved the congregation a significant amount of money throughout the years and we would like to thank them for all the years they were on the team; we will miss them.

Friday Night In-Person Bible Studies on the Gospel of Mark:

Date and time: Fridays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Starting date: Friday, February 3

Where: 181 Connaught Ave. North York, M2M 1H3

Facilitators: Matthijs Kronemeijer, Andrew A.

All are welcome.

Contact person: Hye-jin Im 416 858 7400

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Birthdays:

February 2 — Farahnaz Hazegh S.

Preaching Schedule:

January 29 — Pastor Syd Hielema

February 5 — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

February 12 — Pastor Syd Hielema

February 19 — Pastor Greg Sinclair

February 22 — Ash Wednesday (TBD)

February 26 — Rev. Tom van Milligen

Zoom Host Schedule:

January 29 — Alana

February 5 — John

February 12 — Peter

February 19 — Alana

February 26 — Peter

Congregational Potluck with Meeting to Follow:

Dear WCRC Congregation,

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a congregational "Potluck" and meeting on **Sunday, Feb 12 at 5:30 p.m.** We will gather together to have dinner and enjoy a special time of fellowship. We will continue by holding a congregational meeting to focus on **the presentation of the 2023 church budget, followed by a Q & A session and discussion time.** Hope to see you all!

Welcoming the Other at Willowdale Christian

Reformed Church by Pastor Greg Sinclair: Dear WCRC Congregation. We are pleased to announce that Pastor Greg Sinclair has successfully defended his dissertation on his research titled; *Welcoming the Other at Willowdale Christian Reformed* on January 16th. He has now submitted his final copy for a style guide check for binding. That means that he can share the results more widely. He is planning to share the results for his research with our congregation on February 19 after the service. After a brief review of his methodology and some important sources from the literature, he will present an overview of the results with some theological reflection.

We hope you join us for this meaningful and exciting presentation.

Pastor Calling Committee Update: The Pastor Calling committee is made up of the Council Executive Committee plus two members of the prior committee and one new member (In alphabetic order: Joseph Batac, Sylvie Charliekaram, Nell DeBoer, Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink, Peter McBride, John Meiboom, and WilmaJoy Veenstra).

The congregation is invited to submit names of suggested pastors for us to contact. Please include the following in your email (send to pastorcallingcommittee@willowdalecrc.com) OR fill out the form and give to Alana or a member of the committee:

1. Name
 2. Where and in what position is this person currently serving
 3. Main reason why you suggest this person
 4. Have you reached out to this person? What was shared?
- Please remember to be in prayer for the calling team and the pastors who consider applying.

Coffee Serving Schedule:

January 29 — Fariba, Masoumeh, 1 volunteer needed

February 5 — 3 volunteers needed

February 12 — 3 volunteers needed

February 19 — 3 volunteers needed

February 26 — 3 volunteers needed

Greeting Schedule:

February 5 — 2 volunteers needed

February 12 — 2 volunteers needed

February 19 — 2 volunteers needed

February 26 — 2 volunteers needed

Willowdale Reading through the Bible in 10 months:

The preaching team hopes to lead the congregation through a chronological reading of the Bible. The team will preach from highlights of the various books to help paint the picture of God's redemptive story.

We have **highlighted** texts that folks might want to read if they cannot read all of the texts. Here are the texts for this week:

January 29 — Amos 6-9

January 30 — 2 Chr 27, Isa 9-12

January 31 — Mic 1-7

February 1 — 2 Chr 28, 2 Kgs 16-17

February 2 — Isa 13-17

February 3 — Isa 18-22

February 4 — Isa 23-27

Willowdale Christian School Fundraising Dinner:

The planning for the Willowdale Christian School annual fundraising dinner is well underway. Please join us at the Bayview Golf and country Club (25 Fairway Heights Dr, Thornhill) on April 28, 2023 with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. Book a babysitter now if needed and come and have a great evening with us.

To book a seat please use the link below:

<https://forms.gle/WGd4p7SGDkaBKaB4A>