



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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Prayer Requests:

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**. Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is an international, Christian relief and development organization that serves God through aviation and technology. MAF flights are used by organizations such as World Renew, Resonate Global Mission and Wycliffe Bible translators to reach isolated people with God's love through word and deed. For more information visit www.mafc.org.
January 23 Resonate Global Mission (General Fund)

Congregational Potluck: The Hospitality Fellowship Team looks forward to hosting our 2nd of 4 planned potluck lunches that will take place after church today, January 14. Bring a dish to share of your choice, homemade or store bought!

Discipleship Opportunity – Letter to the Romans:

Thursday evenings running now through Lent we will be studying the Letter to the Romans (we will take a break from January 24 to February 4 while Pastor Greg is on vacation). This will add to the sermons on Sunday. In Romans, Paul writes about the human predicament and the solution that God provides for us – one of the clearest explanations of the Gospel. This is Paul's longest letter at 7,114 words, so we will take time to go through it carefully. Come out and learn more.

We will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays (at the church - 70 Hilda Ave) with worship and then a time of teaching followed by questions and some social time. We plan to be finished by 9:00 p.m. We will meet in the sanctuary and there will be simultaneous translation. All are invited.



Birthdays:

January 14 — Ann G.
January 17 — Peter d. B.
January 17 — Klaas T.

Guest Preaching Schedule:

January 28 — Pastor Tom van Milligen
February 4 — Pablo Kim Sun
March 3 — Beth Fellingner

ZOOM Host Schedule:

January 14 – Peter G.
January 21 – Asal & Alana
January 28 – Peter G.

Greeters Schedule:

January 14 – Cici & Lyn
January 21 – Gerard
January 28 – Ardi

Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:

January 14 – Cici Luy, Lin Lyu, Alana
January 21 – Lydia, Hye-jin, Suzanne
January 28 – Kate & Joseph, Sylvie

Christian Stewardship Services – Winter

Conversation Series: Is there a charity close to your heart that you would love to see thrive for years to come? Christian Stewardship Services is hosting open Q&A sessions every other week this winter to answer all of your questions on charitable giving and estate planning. Explore the topics and register [here!](https://csservices.ca) <https://csservices.ca>
Each session will have a 10 minute introduction, and then an interactive Q&A. The first three topics are: adding a Charity Child, estate documents, and donating life insurance. For more information, contact: info@csservices.ca.

Diaconal Ministries Canada: Your Deacons Need You! -

A new year is upon us... Why not make this year your best one yet by getting involved in diaconal work! Your classis is looking for a Diaconal Coach, a rewarding way to equip and encourage deacons as they lead their congregations in ministries of justice and mercy. Diaconal Ministries Canada has a network of Diaconal Coaches that are trained to hold workshops, provide relevant resources, and connect deacons and churches to local organizations. You'll receive training and support from our regional staff as well as modest compensation and an expense budget. Coaches normally work around 8-10 hours per month so it can fit into any schedule! Want to learn more? Email Mark at mvanderwees@crcna.org (Eastern Canada Regional Ministry Developer) or visit our website for more information: diaconalministries.com/diaconal-coaches

Year Long Willowdale Christian School (WCS)

Fundraiser: GROCERY GIFT CARDS – Fundraising is very important to help defray the tuition costs for all WCS families. A practical way for you to support the school in this initiative is to purchase Grocery Gift Cards. These cards can be used at Valu-Mart, Loblaws, No Frills, etc. For each dollar that we sell, we receive 5% back. Annually we hope to raise \$8,000 - \$10,000. Gift Cards are always available at the school office (60 Hilda Ave.) or speak to Nancy Fernhout for more information or to obtain cards. Please note that we only carry \$100 denominations.

Basement apartment available immediately: The apartment is in a quiet neighbourhood right near Christie subway station (downtown) and has a separate kitchen, bathroom, and entrance. There's parking for bike(s) and a small car. Cost is \$1250 a month for rent, internet, utilities (slightly more, if it's a couple, as we split utilities per person). Please note that there is a pet cat who lives upstairs and will not enter the apartment. Reach out to Brenda or Matthijs for more info:

mkronemeijer@gmail.com