

WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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March 10, 2024



Joyfully Giving – February 2024

	Actual For February	Budget	Actual Year to Date	Budget
Church Ops	\$7,711.88	\$21,531.00	\$32,299.19	\$43,062.00
Other Causes	\$1,490.00		\$5,345.00	

Update from Juan & Miriam: Miriam was discharged from North York General on Monday (March 4) afternoon. Her pain is being managed much better now and she's able to move around the apartment without the use of a walker. Chemo treatment started last week, while still in hospital. The duration of the treatment is going to be between 6-8 hours. Once all that's completed, she will need a stem cell transplant (from her own bone marrow). Thank you for adding the notification to the weekly and please thank the congregation, as we have received cards and messages from several members.

Thank you!
Juan & Miriam

Prayer Requests:

NEW: Please pray for **Cal Seerveld's daughter Anje**, as she begins the long journey of treatment for cancer found during surgery this past week.

NEW: Please pray for continued healing for **Dan and Betty's daughter Erin**, updates have been shared via email.

Please keep **Miriam and Juan** in your prayers, as they continue to navigate through Miriam's health situation.

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**, Willowdale Christian School (WCS). WCS continues to serve Christian families from a large geographical area (Aurora to the north, Scarborough to the east, downtown Toronto to the south and Keele to the west). These families represent diverse cultures and churches, but all desire Christ Jesus to be acknowledged as Lord of all of life. www.willowdalechristianschool.org

Joyfully Giving – Ways to Give: Thank you for remembering to honour your pledge commitment!

As a reminder there are several convenient ways to joyfully give for our Willowdale CRC's day to day operations such as:

Cash or Cheques: Cash and cheques may be dropped off in an offering plate after Sunday services. Please use your offering envelopes, this helps our counting team to accurately record your giving for year-end donation receipts.

E-transfers: All e-Transfers should be remitted to the following email address - treasurer@willowdalecrc.com A password is not necessary as we are signed up for AUTO-DEPOSIT. Please ensure you mention your **envelope number** in the memo section so that your donation can be properly recorded towards your annual donation receipt. If you don't have an envelope number please send a separate email with your full name and address so a tax receipt can be issued at year end. **For second collections/offerings please be reminded that donations continue to be accepted by cheques mailed to the church.**

Online Bill Payment: Add Willowdale Christian Reformed Church as a **payee** in your online banking account. Your 3-digit envelope number is your account number.

Credit Card through CanadaHelps: Visit canadahelps.org and search for: WILLOWDALE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF TORONTO to make your offering with a credit card.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mark VanHelden at treasurer@willowdalecrc.com or Cathy DePeuter at cathydepeuter@gmail.com

Thank you again for supporting the church's operations budget!

Holy Week Service Schedule:

Sunday, March 24 - **Combined Palm Sunday Evening Service** at 1st CRC in Toronto (67 Taunton Rd.) details to be shared soon.

Thursday, March 28 – **Maundy Thursday Service** at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 29 – **Good Friday Service** at 2:30 p.m.

Next Potluck - Date Changed: Our next potluck lunch originally scheduled for Sunday, March 24 will be rescheduled for **Sunday, April 7**. Please note the change in your calendar. Thank you!

Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2024 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/9077 to answer the survey questions by **March 31**.

The Lighthouse Walk Anywhere Walk-a-thon: The Lighthouse is having a family-friendly fundraising walk on Saturday April 6, 2024. A walk you can do in your own neighbourhood. A walk which will impact the programs at The Lighthouse. If you are wondering “How can I be involved?”, there are some simple things you can do. You can register to walk for The Lighthouse on Saturday April 6, 2024. You can invite friends to join you in the walk. You can invite family, friends and others to make a donation with a simple email requesting them to assist you in the walk. If you don’t want to walk, you can donate by supporting someone who is walking. You can also share with others and encourage them to register and walk for The Lighthouse. Will you play a part in making The Lighthouse’s Walk Anywhere Walk a success? You can register for the walk at <https://t.ly/APeri> or contact The Lighthouse at info@lighthousecentre.ca or call 416-535-6262.

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: mcronemeijer@gmail.com

Birthdays:

March 13 – Joanne S.

March 15 – WilmaJoy V.

March 16 – Ewa G.

Nourooz Celebration - March 23, 2024:

Join us for the Farsi Fellowship Nourooz celebration gathering. All are welcome!

Details:

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2024

Time: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m

Location: 15 Greenview Ave, North York, ON, M2M 4M7

It's going to be a Potluck dinner, and we kindly ask you to bring a cold dish or dessert to share.

RSVP: Please let us know if you can join us by **March 10, 2024**. Kindly **RSVP to Sylvie** at sylvieckaram@gmail.com.

Your participation will make this celebration even more special. We look forward to sharing the joy of Nourooz with you!

ZOOM Host Schedule:

March 10 – Peter

March 17 – Alana

March 24 – Peter

March 31 – Asal

Greeters Schedule:

March 10 – Joseph & Kate

March 17 – Ardi

March 24 – Rob

March 29 – Asal (Good Friday)

March 31 – Kate & Joseph (Easter)

Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:

March 10 – Lydia, Weria, Maryam

March 17 – Ashkan, Suzanne, Nelly

March 24 – Alana, Hye-jin, Sarah M.

March 31 – Ashkan, Cici, Lin

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 26, 2024 with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. To book a seat please use this link:

<https://forms.gle/tyvD1ZAit7cto4SB6>