



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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Council Nominations: Dear Willowdale CRC congregation, we would like to announce that the process of recruiting new elders and deacons has begun again. If the Spirit prompts you, please send suggestions for nomination to John Meiboom at john.meiboom@gmail.com by April 28, 2024. It is best to not first ask permission from the person before submitting their name. Not all names will be approached by council, since they will review the names based on who has the gifts that are needed at this time on council. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Praise Report: Pastor Greg and Nelly are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their granddaughter. Mira Lynn was born on April 12. Mira Lynn's parents Alicia and Josiah were a great team and Alicia did really well after 24 hours of labour! Praise be to God!

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for **Cal Seerveld's daughter Anya**, as she continues the long journey of treatment for cancer.

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**, Diaconate. Our deacons use these funds to help those within and outside the congregation who are temporarily encountering difficulties for basic needs. The deacons also host some social functions for those who are elderly and alone. These funds are also used to sponsor the CAP (Congregational Assistance Plan), a program for any member of Willowdale needing professional counselling for any reason from Shalem Mental Health Network, see www.shalemnetwork.org



Birthdays:

April 23 — Jacob C. **Happy 90th birthday Jacob!**

April 23 — Nicholas V. L.

April 26 — Lydia K-H.

Food and Faith Conversation: If you are between your mid-teens and early twenties, you are invited to join Pastor Greg for lunch after church today in the Council Room. We will begin a series on faith formation and conversation together. This will take place after church for approximately one hour. The series will run for 8 weeks with some intermittent breaks. Lunch will be provided. Mark your calendars for the remaining Food and Faith dates: April 28, May 12, 26, June 9, 16, 23.



Intercultural Gathering: Dear WCRC Congregation, We are excited to remind you that our next Intercultural learning and fellowship event and potluck will be held on **Sunday, April 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** At this session, we will continue to focus on four other provinces from Iran (Isfahan, Fars, Kerman and Yazd).

Kouroush M. has prepared the presentation slides and will present them in English. He will also collaborate with our next cultural group to prepare for our gathering on Sunday, Jun 23rd.

We hope you can join us and bring a cultural dish or dessert to share!

Sunday School Request: The Sunday School Team is enjoying our time with the children in the church! And we are growing, which is a wonderful blessing. Currently, we have 2 teachers in the classroom each week and we are in need of a third pair of hands to help with the younger ones. We welcome any teenagers who would like to become involved to sign up for a few Sundays between now and mid-June. Please approach us on any Sunday or you can email us as well! Thank you!

Anita Kuipers - anitakuipers@rogers.com

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Part-Time Bookkeeper: Willowdale Christian Reformed Church (www.willowdalecrc.com) is looking for someone to fill the role of Bookkeeper on a part-time basis. The Bookkeeper plays an important role in ensuring regular invoice entry to support the timely payment of bills and recording in the accounting system (QuickBooks online) and supporting the Treasurer. Duties include entry of all regular utility bills, supplier invoices, visiting minister entries and other bookkeeping items including expense reimbursements / reconciliation. Additional duties may include HST filings, second collection disbursements, etc.

This is a part-time role for 2 – 3 hours per week and will report to the Treasurer. This role offers the flexibility to work remotely or in-office, but is required to work on-site at least twice per month to coordinate necessary paperwork, cheques, etc. Pay range is \$25 - \$30 per hour but will depend on experience level. Candidates are expected to have bookkeeping experience ideally within a non-profit / charity or church setting. If interested please contact Mark VanHelden, Treasurer, at 647-808-8264 or treasurer@willowdalecrc.com

Home Missions – Bike Ministry: Dear Toronto area friends: Greetings - we are ramping up for our bike program beginning the end of May. We have quite a few little kids' bikes, but very few of the teen/adult bikes which are in great demand for our refugee neighbours. If you have any you're not using, and would like to see them put to good use, we would be glad to pick them up the last week of May (or sooner by my friends if necessary). I am currently on a pre-"retirement" road trip, and will not be back until the last week of May. However, a couple of my good friends in the area are willing to work on and pick up bikes in the meantime if you absolutely need to get them out of your garage before that time. Please call me: 416 371 9660 if you have bikes to donate, and I will pass on the info to local friends. Thanks to all of you for the hundreds of bikes received in the past 20 plus years. In Christ - Steve Frieswick and friends.

Greeters Schedule:

April 21 – Gerard
April 28 – Ardi
May 5 – Rob
May 12 – Asal
May 19 – Kate & Joseph
May 26 – Suzanne

Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:

April 21 - Lydia, Weria, Maryam, Nelly
April 28 - Ashkan, Kate & Joseph
May 5 - Toktam, Sylvie, Mahboubeh,
May 12 – Lydia, Sarah M., Suzanne, Cici Luy, Lin Lyu
May 19 - Alana, Ashkan, Hye-jin
May 26 - Potluck Sunday - Alana, Lydia

ZOOM Host Schedule:

April 21 – Alana
April 28 – John
May 5 - Peter
May 12 - Peter
May 19 - Asal
May 26 - Alana

From The Lighthouse:

The Lighthouse thanks everyone who supported The Lighthouse in the "Walk Anywhere" Walk-a-thon. We are thankful for those who walked and for those who supported the walkers by sponsoring the them. You can still sponsor any walker by sending your donation to The Lighthouse.

Once again we say a great big thank you to all who walk for The Lighthouse.

Job opportunities at The Lighthouse: The Lighthouse is looking to hire two summers students to begin working June, 2024 for 8 to 10 weeks and is looking to hire someone to coordinate the foodbank full-time. Details of the job descriptions will be posted on The Lighthouse website at www.lighthousecentre.ca. To apply for either position you can send your resume along with a cover letter to info@lighthousecentre.ca. For more information, please contact Rob at 416-535-6262 or rob@lighthousecentre.ca.