



# WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

## Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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December 15, 2024

### Prayer Requests:

Please pray for **Lou Kuipers and family**, as Lou is in the hospital.

Please pray for our **newly baptized church members**, baptism stories were sent out via email on Saturday, November 30.

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

Please pray for our **2<sup>nd</sup> offering**; the 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](http://www.shalemnetwork.org)

**The Giving Tree:** During the Advent season we will be collecting items for the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Markham, On.

See below a short introduction:

Hi, my name is Julie and I am the Client Services Director at RISE Support Centre. As we approach Christmas our centre gets busier and busier to make sure that our Mamas and their little ones have what they need for the Holiday season, and we are currently serving almost 100 clients and their children. Right now our food cupboard is very low on supplies, here is a list of the items we need to keep it well stocked.

- Baby food jars or pouches
- Infant cereal, NO rice cereal
- Baby Mum Mum Rice Rusks
- Arrowroot cookies
- Plain Cheerios
- Formula, stage 1 and stage 2, liquid or powder

### Birthdays:

December 18 — Kourosh M. E.

December 20 — Adam G.

### Advent & Christmas Schedule – Mark Your Calendars!

**Saturday, December 21 – Christmas Party** hosted by our **Farsi Fellowship**, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Willowdale Christian School, 60 Hilda Ave. All are welcome!

**Sunday, December 22 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**, worship service starts at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, December 22 – Lessons & Carols Service**, join us at 7:30 p.m. for this special service of reflection on our Saviour's birth.

**Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day Service**, come and rejoice, the service starts at **10:30 a.m.!**

### The Banner:

Dear *Banner* reader,

The Canada Post strike has delayed the delivery of your *Banner*. Thank you for your patience in this matter! In the meantime, you can **read the full issue in PDF form online here**. And just for your information, from this link you can read the past issues going back to 2005. You can also check back each month, as new issues are posted to this page as well. We hope this serves as a helpful option as we wait for the strike to be resolved.

Also, please note the January and February issues will be combined. This will be similar to the way our July/August issue works, where it will come a bit later in the month. The issue to follow will be the March issue.

Happy (online) reading! And for those wanting a little Advent smile, check out **this short video** on the postage strike from the CRCNA staff in Burlington.

Shiao Chong  
Editor in Chief, *The Banner*

**From The Lighthouse: There is still time to support The Lighthouse in 2024:** It is still easy to give despite the mail strike. You can go to The Lighthouse's website [www.lighthousecentre.ca](http://www.lighthousecentre.ca) and click on the donate button. You can also send an E-Transfer to [info@lighthousecentre.ca](mailto:info@lighthousecentre.ca) or call The Lighthouse at 416-535-6262 to make a donation with your credit card. If you like a copy of our recent newsletter, send an email to Nicolette at [nicolette@lighthousecentre.ca](mailto:nicolette@lighthousecentre.ca). The Lighthouse thanks you for your continued support.

**ZOOM Host Schedule:**

December 15 – Alana  
December 22 – Peter  
December 25 – Alana  
December 29 – Alana

**Greeters Schedule:**

December 15 – Batac Family  
December 22 – Rob D.  
December 25 – Gerard D.  
December 29 – Ferdinand & Nathan C.

**Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:**

December 15 – Zohre, Joyce, Audrey  
December 22 – Zohre, Cici, Lyn  
December 29 – Alana, Zohre