



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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December 8, 2024

Joyfully Giving – November 2024				
	Actual For November	Budget	Actual Year to Date	Budget
Church Ops	\$12,817.00	\$21,531.00	\$190,738.02	\$236,841.00
Other Causes	\$2,315.00		\$36,399.00	

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: Scan the QR code on the back of this liturgy, or click here to access the link: [CanadaHelps](#)

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

Thank you for supporting the church's operations budget!

Birthdays:

- December 11 — Mary M.
- December 12 — Nasser Z.
- December 14 — Lovin M.
- December 14 — Margaret S.

Faith Promise 2025 PLEDGING YOUR SUPPORT FOR WCRC: Dear Congregation: Your Willowdale Council is asking that you prayerfully consider pledging your financial support for Willowdale CRC for 2025 by returning the pledge form by **December 8th** by email to either John Meiboom (john.meiboom@gmail.com) or Nasser Zand (zand.nasser@yahoo.ca) OR to hand it in to them at church.

In the Old Testament, God urged his people to give from the first fruits of the harvest to the temple. Your cooperation with this process is a way of doing that in our context. It will help us to finalize the 2025 budget. Thank you for your support!

Intercultural Potluck December 8: Dear Willowdale CRC, Our Intercultural Learning and Potluck Gathering will take place this evening, December 8, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the church. This session will focus on the **Dutch Canadian** culture, with our Dutch Canadian brothers and sisters presenting on this rich and vibrant heritage.

Since it's a potluck, everyone is welcome to bring a dish of their choice to share. Should you have any questions or suggestions, please email Sylvie at sylvieckaram@gmail.com We value your input and look forward to creating enriching experiences together. Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope to see you there!

Prayer Requests:

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

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**; The Lighthouse is an inner-city ministry operated by Christian Reformed Churches in the Toronto area. At the Lighthouse we offer community services such as a food bank, life skills and ESL classes, programs for youth and seniors, counselling and specialized services for Vietnamese and Hispanic people, and assistance to churches in refugee sponsorship. For more information visit www.lighthousecentre.ca

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

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

ZOOM Host Schedule:

December 8 – Peter
December 15 – Alana
December 22 – Peter
December 25 – Alana
December 29 – Alana

Greeters Schedule:

December 8 – Ann G.
December 15 – Batac Family
December 22 – Rob D.
December 25 – Gerard D.
December 29 – Ferdinand & Nathan C.

Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:

December 8 – Zohre (2 more to be determined)
December 15 – Zohre, Joyce, Audrey
December 22 – Zohre, Cici, Lyn
December 29 – Alana, Zohre

Children's Ministry News! Children's Ministry is growing in numbers and this is such good news!

We are planning a few activities in December to focus on Christmas and the precious gift of Jesus!

- * December 15 we will be sharing the Nativity Story in a wonderful play!
- * Each Sunday in December we will be involved in the Advent Candle Lighting.
- * We will be learning about the promise of God to save us all by sending His Son
- * We will be doing crafts and playing games
- * And somewhere in there will be a Christmas Party!!

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Advent & Christmas Schedule – Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, December 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent, worship service starts at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 8 – Intercultural Potluck – Evening Christmas Gathering, more details will be shared as they become available.

Sunday, December 15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent, worship service starts at 10:00 a.m., includes Children's Ministry skit, more details will be shared as they become available.

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 – 4th 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.!**