



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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March 16, 2025

Joyfully Giving – February 2025

	Actual For February	Budget	Actual Year to Date	Budget
Church Ops	\$19,484.30	\$20,667.00	\$40,495.43	\$41,334.00
Other Causes	\$3,960.00		\$5,730.00	

Urgent Prayer Request:

Gerard's granddaughter Eleanor ("Ellie") Butler is Alida and Jeff's 8-year old daughter. She is in the oncology department at Sick Kids Hospital. Ellie has a large tumour in her brain and has started radiation treatments this week. Please pray for her and her family that God will bless her with healing miracles.

More Prayer Requests:

Please pray for the family of beloved church member **Margaret Steller** who passed away on March 13.

Please pray for our **1st offering (red bag)** for our **church ministries and expenses**, faithful giving is a blessing to our whole church family.

Please pray for our **2nd offering (blue bag)**; World Vision - Nishant Das. Nishant Das is with World Vision in Somalia. Through his work, World Vision has helped 1,435,108 participants with 59% of whom are children and 49% of whom are adults. World Vision's key interventions encompass Food Security and Agricultural Recovery, Health and Nutrition, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene, Education, Advocacy, and Emergency Response. This holistic approach directly contributes to enhancing the well-being and resilience of communities in Somalia, with a specific emphasis on health, education, water, sanitation, and food security. <https://www.wvi.org/somalia>

Food and Faith Conversation: Youth and young adults are invited to gather right after the church service today (March 16) for food, fellowship, catechism, and Bible study. For more information, please contact Pastor Greg.

Birthdays:

- March 16 — Ewa G.
- March 20 — Willy M.
- March 21 — Navid B.
- March 21 — Hossein M. E.

Monday Lenten Bible Reading: Set your alarm for 8 -9 p.m. on the Monday evenings of Lent to read aloud together through the Bible book of Luke on ZOOM: Ages 3-99. All church members and friends welcome. The Zoom link email will be sent out from church office before each Monday evening. A Hard copy of the Bible is helpful to have handy during the zoom reading time. Contact wilmajoyv@gmail.com for more info.

Reformational Journey Through Lent: During the Sundays in Lent we will be focussing on our Reformed tradition and how we speak with a Reformed accent. How do we live into this rich biblical tradition that we have learned from Calvin, Kuyper, Bavinck, Seerveld, Mouw and others? For example, we will learn about divine sovereignty and the four derivatives: common grace, antithesis, sphere sovereignty and the church as institute and organism. We will go from there together on our journey towards the cross where Jesus brings renewal and redemption, grace restoring nature, God's sovereign plan.

Church Potluck Lunch: On Sunday, March 30, 2025 all are welcome to stay after church to enjoy a potluck lunch! Bring a dish of food to share (homemade or store-bought). If you are available to assist with hosting and clean up that day please let Alana know.

Pancake Supper: Many thanks to all who participated and volunteered in our Pancake supper fundraiser. We raised \$940.49! What a great start to raising support for our newcomers and refugees in our community and other church needs.

From The Lighthouse: The Lighthouse is hosting a walk-a-thon on Saturday April 12, 2025! This year, walkers will gather to walk together in three locations: Brampton, Mt Pleasant/Eglinton area, and The Lighthouse. You're also welcome to walk in your own neighbourhood. This walk-a-thon will raise funds for the general programs & operations of The Lighthouse. We invite you to consider this opportunity to support The Lighthouse by registering as a walker or by sponsoring a walker! When you register, please indicate your location and someone will contact you with location details. Here is the link to register as a walker or a team: <https://tinyurl.com/lighthousewalkathon>. For more information contact info@lighthousecentre.ca Thank You.

Plan to Protect Training Webinar for New Volunteers: Attention new volunteers - on **Saturday, March 22** there will be Plan to Protect Orientation Webinar at 1:00 p.m. on ZOOM. All volunteers in positions of trust at Willowdale CRC require this training (and re-training yearly). The cost of the training is paid for by the church. Plan to Protect® provides the HIGHEST STANDARD of abuse prevention and protection for organizations serving the vulnerable sector and you will receive a certificate after completing the webinar. Contact Alana Yoneyama ASAP for registration instructions, or if you have any questions. Alana.yoneyama@willowdalecrc.com

Many Hands for Abaco: DRS is partnering with Many Hands for Abaco (MH4A) to arrange reconstruction help in the Bahamas on Abaco Island. For volunteers who previously wanted to serve on Abaco Island, you may still volunteer through MH4A. Volunteers and home repairs will be needed there for months to come. A portion of transportation, housing, and meal costs will be reimbursed through Many Hands. If interested, more info can be found at [Many Hands for Abaco](#). If you want to volunteer, please complete the volunteer form located at the bottom of the link provided. If you have questions, please contact Pam Osborn (Office: 641-629-6633)!

ZOOM Host Schedule:

March 16 – Alana and Nafise
March 23 – Peter
March 30 – Alana

Greeters Schedule:

March 16 – Ann G.
March 23 – Rob D.
March 30 – Kate and Joseph

Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:

March 16 – Beatrice V., Audrey K., Leila T., Torkan M.
March 23 – Leila A., Maryam F., Marjan P., Homayoun Y.
March 30 – Alana Y., Zohre S.

Joyfully Giving:

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

Cash or Cheques: Cash and cheques may be dropped off in an offering bag that will be passed in the pews during the service. 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: Click here to access the link: [CanadaHelps](#)

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

Thank you for supporting the church's operations budget!

Willowdale Christian School

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FORWARD TOGETHER

Join us for an afternoon of
honoring the past and building the future



HIGH TEA
PERFORMANCES
SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION
HALL OF MEMORIES
VISION TOURS



SAT. MAY 3, 2025. 2 - 5 PM

Special presentations to begin at 2:30pm



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Answering the call to rebuild, restore, and renew lives for the people of Abaco, Bahamas.



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