



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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March 23, 2025

Prayers for Eleanor (Ellie):

Gerard's granddaughter Eleanor ("Ellie") Butler is Alida and Jeff's 8-year-old daughter. She has now been moved to the Bloorview Kids Rehab Centre. Ellie has a large tumour in her brain and is having daily radiation at Princess Margaret Hospital. The treatments have had some positive effects to date and Bloorview is a great place for her. Please pray for her and her family that God will continue to 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); Spiritual Growth Ministry**. Pastor Nasser Zand and Pastor Sylvie Charliekaram reach out to Iranians seeking Christianity. During the past year the outreach and evangelism work has reached an audience of over 6,000 Farsi speakers worldwide. His social media contacts daily receive devotionals, church history lessons/articles in relation to Christianity in Iran. These are shared on the SGM Facebook page and/or on its Telegram Application channels and receive a great response from followers. This offering supports their ministry. For more information go to <http://www.spiritualgrowthministry.com/>.

From Cal Seerveld:

Dear Congregation,

So many persons of the congregation sent me sensitive cards and messages of condolence upon my eldest daughter Anya's passing, it makes it difficult to respond individually. So this note wants to thank you all for the communion of the saints I experienced during this expected but tough time of coping with the last enemy we mortals face. Praise God believers are safe!

Calvin Seerveld

Birthdays:

March 23 — Hamid B.

March 24 — Beth L.

March 24 — Maryam P.

March 26 — Hye-jin I.

March 27 — Lydia N.

March 28 — Fariba J.

Food and Faith Conversation: Youth and young adults are invited to gather right after the church service today (March 23) for food, fellowship, catechism, and Bible study. For more information, please contact Pastor Greg.

Monday Lenten Bible Reading Continues: 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.

Reminder Church Potluck Lunch Next Sunday: 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.

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 April 26** 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

ZOOM Host Schedule:

March 23 – Peter
March 30 – Alana

Greeters Schedule:

March 23 – Rob D.
March 30 – Kate and Joseph

Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:

March 23 – Leila A., Maryam F., Marjan P., Homayoun Y.
March 30 – Alana Y., Zohre S.