



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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April 13, 2025

Prayers for Eleanor (Ellie):

Eleanor Butler is still in Bloorview Kids Rehab Centre. She has been able to go home for the weekends which is a wonderful break from daily radiation and physio. There have been some minor improvements to her condition. Please continue to pray for God's healing mercies.

More Prayer Requests:

Please keep **Suzanne Christie** and her family in your prayers as they continue to mourn the passing of Suzanne's husband Bob.

Please pray for Alana's parents **Allen and Ann** who live in Hunstville, ON. Allen is having eye problems and had laser treatment in Gravenhurst on April 10 and will see an eye surgeon at Sunnybrook on April 28.

Please pray for the **Council nomination process**.

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); Lifewater Canada** ensures people have a maximum 30-minute round trip to gather safe water that is available year-round. Lifewater Canada also develops community ownership of the water projects and the community's commitment to long term maintenance. They provide safe, clean water for communities throughout Nigeria, Kenya, and Liberia as well as Haiti. For more information see <https://www.lifewater.ca>

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.

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Birthdays:

April 14 – Cathy D. P.

April 18 – Bobby V.d.B.

Council Nominations: Dear Willowdale CRC congregation, we would like to announce that the process of recruiting new elders and deacons has begun. If the Spirit prompts you, please send suggestions for nomination to WilmaJoy Veenstra at wilmajoyv@gmail.com by April 27 at 6:00 p.m. 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.

Easter Sunday Children's Song: The Sunday School Children have been learning an Easter song with Miss Hye-jin and they will be singing this in church on Easter Sunday, April 20. Please have the children come to the Sunday School room by **9:50 a.m. on April 20** so we can get ready. We will be sitting together on the front bench and we have a special Easter celebration planned in our Sunday School room.

Forward Together - Willowdale Christian School 65th Anniversary Celebration: Saturday May 3rd, 2025. We are thrilled to invite you to celebrate 65 years of 'Educating for Life' at WCS! We'll celebrate our rich history and look forward to an exciting future! Perhaps some of you remember the earlier days when WCS was just starting. We would love to have you join us!

Join us for an afternoon filled with inspiring stories, heartfelt connections and a shared vision for the years ahead. The event starts at 2:00 pm. There will be coffee, tea and snacks. Please RSVP by April 18 to office@willowdalechristianschool.org

Patty Schuurman (Principal) shares an [exciting message](#) about the 65th Anniversary Celebration. See you then!

Church Picnic – Save the Date!: After church coffee time on **Sunday, June 22**, we will have a special church picnic at G. Ross Lord Park, rain or shine! More details will be shared as we get closer to the date.

ZOOM Host Schedule:

April 13 – Nafise CZ.
April 20 – Alana Y.
April 27 – Alana Y.
May 4 – John M.
May 11 – Nafise CZ.
May 18 – Alana A.
May 25 – Alana A.

Greeters Schedule:

April 13 – Ferdinand & Nathan C.
April 18 – Suzanne C.
April 20 – Cici L.
April 27 – Asal P.

Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:

April 13 – Nasim K, Maryam F, and Marjan P
April 20 – Leila T, Hamideh D, and Sepideh F, Alana Y.
April 27 – Ahmad A, Yalda H and Nastaran H, Alana Y.



Holy Week

Please note the following services that we hope you will plan to attend:

April 13 - Palm Sunday Morning Worship at Willowdale CRC at 10:00 am

April 13 - Palm Sunday Evening Service at First Christian Reformed Church 67 Taunton Road, Toronto, ON M4S 2P2 – **fellowship will begin at 6:30 pm, the service will start at 7:00 pm** Pastor Syd Hielema is preaching. All CRC GTA churches (south of Hwy 9) are invited, parking is limited so carpooling is advised.

April 17 - Maundy Thursday - Joint Service with Joyful Sohrae and River of God Church - **this service will start at 7:30 pm** at Willowdale CRC. Please note if you would like to participate in the **joint choir** please contact Hye-jin directly for more information: hyejin.im33@yahoo.ca We would also like to serve some light refreshments after the service, **if you can contribute some finger foods** please let Alana know.

April 18 - Good Friday Service at 2:00 p.m. at Willowdale CRC.

April 20 - Easter Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. at Willowdale CRC

All are welcome to attend all the services of Holy Week and beyond. Come to reflect and rejoice.

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