



# WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

## Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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**April 27, 2025**

**Thank you from the Christie Family:** Suzanne Christie and Family wish to thank the people in the congregation for the support, cards, phone calls, meals, soup and love given over the past few weeks through Bob's illness and passing. All were much appreciated. In times of stress we have learned what a difference a loving church family can make. You are a family of caring and support.

**Prayers for Eleanor (Ellie):** Ellie has finished the radiation treatments and is now home. She will continue to come in to Bloorview Rehab Centre for therapy three days a week. An MRI is scheduled in June to check the status of her brain tumour. Not much in the way of improvement. Please continue to pray for a healing miracle.

### **More Prayer Requests:**

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

Please pray for our **1<sup>st</sup> offering (red bag)** 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 (blue bag)**; World Renew General Fund. World Renew is the international relief agency of the Christian Reformed Church. It was founded on the premise that we need to be "Living Justice, Loving Mercy and Serving Christ". Compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy, we join communities around the to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation because you care about: Poverty, Disasters, Peace & Justice. This offering supports the General Fund of World Renew. For more information see <https://worldrenew.net>.

**From Pastor Greg – New Sermon Series:** As Spring continues to unfold around us, post Easter, we will be studying the **Gospel of Mark** on Sunday mornings. Mark is the most condensed of the four gospels. Mark deals very directly and practically with the central question of the gospels, who is Jesus?

### **Birthdays:**

April 29 – Rozita Y.

**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](mailto: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.

**Please mark your calendars:** On May 25 at 5:30 p.m. we will have a Spring Concert featuring traditional Korean music and dance praise team. This joyful, cultural event is not to be missed! Tickets will be available soon and all proceeds will go to Willowdale CRC parsonage furnace. Please share this event with your friends and family.

**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.

**Message from the Deacons:** During the next two Sundays (April 27 and May 4), Willowdale CRC will be having a food drive for The Lighthouse. Please place non-perishable food in the food boxes in the front foyer of the church. The food will be picked up by The Lighthouse from the church. This is our opportunity as a church to help individuals who are struggling to put food on the table for their family.



# Spring Concert at Willowdale CRC



**5:30 pm**  
**25 May,**  
**2025, Sunday**

70 Hilda ave, Toronto



- \$20 Adults
- \$10 Kids under 12

Pay at the door (cash) or

E-transfer: [treasurer@willowdalecrc.com](mailto:treasurer@willowdalecrc.com)

★ Please write "CRC Spring Concert" and your full name in the message

Join us for an evening of music, dance,  
and community!  
all proceeds supports Willowdale  
Christian Reformed Church - parsonage  
furnace.  
Everyone is welcome!

**Yesori Gayagum Chanyandan**  
– Traditional Korean  
instrument & praise team  
**La: on Children Korean Dance**  
Team – Round, Spring & Drum  
Dances

## Safe Church Plan to Protect Training Webinar for Volunteers:

**Attention current volunteers** - On **Thursday, May 22** at 8:00 p.m. you may attend the live webinar refresher course, it should take about 1.5 hours. The next refresher webinar will happen on June 19.

**Attention new volunteers** - on **Saturday, August 16** 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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## Greeters Schedule:

April 27 – Asal P.  
May 4 – Suzanne C.  
May 11 – Ann G.  
May 18 – Batac Family  
May 25 – Suzanne C.

## Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:

April 27 – Ahmad A, Yalda H and Nastaran H, Alana Y.  
May 4 – Zohre S, Mahboubbeh D, Zeinab Kh, Joyce M, Beatrice V.  
May 11 – Roy F, Haniyeh H and Homayoun Y, Cici, Lin  
May 18 – Azadeh M, Farnaz H, and Niloufar, Hye-jin  
May 25 – Nafie Ch, Ramin, and Torkan M, Alana Y.

## ZOOM Host Schedule:

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