



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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May 25, 2025

Prayers for Synod 2025: Please pray for Pastor Greg as he is preparing to attend Synod 2025, there is a lot of work that needs to be done in advance.

Prayers for Council Nomination Process: Please pray for Council as the nomination process continues, much wisdom and discernment is needed.

More Prayer Requests:

Please continue to pray for Gerard's granddaughter **Eleanor (Ellie) and her family**, as her cancer journey is ongoing.

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 Renew – Barbara Kayanja**. Barbara Kayanja is the World Renew Team Leader for East Africa. In this position she provides overall regional direction, administration and leadership to ensure team organization, development and performance. She provides oversight to the management for the Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania country teams. The main program focus areas include improving people's livelihoods, relief and disaster response, agriculture and food security and enhancing community health resilience. For more information see [Home - World Renew](#)

Special Announcement – No Photography/Video Recording Policy:

On May 13, 2025 Council, on the recommendation by the Safe Church, and Worship Development teams, approved a new No Photography/Video Recording during Sunday Worship policy, with the exception of a Plan to Protect certified designated volunteer photographer on special occasions (e.g. Baptism Service). The rationale for the new policy is to protect and respect the worship nature of our Sundays in the Sanctuary, and to protect children and vulnerable adults from having their images captured without the proper consent beforehand. You will notice a sign on the Narthex table this Sunday and a note has been added to the liturgy. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining the sacred nature of our worship services.



Birthdays:

May 25 – Juliana G.

May 25 – Alana Y.

May 27 – Evelyn d. B.

May 27 – Shahriar S.

WCRC Spring Fundraising Concert: 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! Please share this event with your friends and family.

Help is needed to sell/buy tickets and put up posters.

Let's make our Spring Concert on May 25th a big success!

For posters, tickets, and more information please contact Beth Little: beth.marie.little@gmail.com

Special ZOOM Prayer Meeting: On Wednesday, June 4 at 2:00 p.m. we will have a special prayer meeting for [Synod 2025](#). An email with the ZOOM link will be sent to you the week and day before the meeting.

Church Potluck Picnic – In 4 weeks!: After church coffee time on **Sunday, June 22**, we will have a special church potluck lunch picnic at G. Ross Lord Park, rain or shine!



The details so far:

Where: [4801 Dufferin St, North York, ON M3H 5T3](#), picnic shelter

When: Sunday, June 22 at approximately 12:30 p.m. (after coffee fellowship)

What to bring: This is a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish of food to share at the park, with your own drinks. You may want to bring your **own lawn/camping chairs/picnic blankets**, appropriate weather gear, sunscreen or rain poncho, as this picnic will happen rain or shine!

Safe Church Plan to Protect Training Webinar for Volunteers:

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

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:

May 25 – Suzanne C.
June 1 – Rob D.
June 8 – Ferdinand & Nathan C.
June 15 – Gerard D.
June 22 – Cici L.
June 29 – Asal P.

Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:

May 25 – Nafie Ch, Ramin, and Torkan M, Alana Y.
June 1 – Zohre S, Mahboubeh D, Pejman D, Audrey K., Beatrice V.
June 8 – Nasim K, Sepideh F, Hamideh D,
June 15 – Leila T, Milad B, Roy F, Cici, Lin
June 22 – Leila A, Maryam F, Marjan P, Joyce M., Hye-jin
June 29 – Nafise Ch, Ramin T, Sepideh F. Alana Y.

ZOOM Host Schedule:

May 25 – Alana Y.
June 1 – John M.
June 8 – Nafise CZ.
June 15 – Alana Y.
June 22 – John M.
June 29 – Alana Y.