WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

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October 4, 2026

Joyfully Giving – August 2026				
	Actual For August	**Budget**	**Actual Year to Date**	**Budget**
Church Ops	$17,282.97	20,000.00	$130,643.63	$160,000.00
Other Causes	$3,235.00		$21,864.85	

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 many be dropped off in an offering bag passed through the pews (the red bag is for church operations, and the blue bag is for the weekly 2nd offering cause). 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, and The BridgeApp: Click here to access the link: CanadaHelps

Thank you for supporting the church's operations budget!

Food & Faith Conversations: Join Pastor Greg on October 4th for Food, Theology, Biblical and Catechism Studies and Fellowship after the church service. We will wrap up November 8.

Birthdays:

October 10 – Sylvie C.

Ushers: At Willowdale CRC we are introducing ushers this week. Usher will welcome worshippers in the sanctuary once the service is underway, provide them with liturgies (both English and Farsi) and assist them in finding a place to sit. Two Ushers will sit in the back pews and they will quietly greet people who arrive after the opening worship song and the doors to the Sanctuary are closed. There will be Reserved pews at the back of the Sanctuary in front of the Sound Booth. The Ushers will also assist worshippers who need assistance during the service (for example, someone needing to know where the washroom or nursery are). If you have questions or feedback about the Ushers, please talk to Leanne Grauds. And, if you are still interested in volunteering, please Let Leanne know.

Thanksgiving Sunday (October 11): Food donations for The Lighthouse: Willowdale CRC has a long tradition of supporting The Lighthouse with both regular offerings, and with donations of food. Each year on Thanksgiving we invite the congregation to show care and generosity to our neighbours through donations of food and personal care products. You are invited on Sunday October 11 to bring food donations to the church service with you. During the offering time you will be invited to bring your donations to the front of the church. The most needed food items include: canned soups, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and tomato sauce, peanut butter, canned fish/meat, and oatmeal and cereal. Personal and feminine hygiene products are also needed. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Prayer requests:

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);** Diaconate. Our deacons use these funds to help those within and outside the congregation who are temporary encountering difficulties for their basic needs. The deacons also host some social functions for those who are elderly and alone. These funds are also used to sponsor the Congregational Assistance Plan (CAP) for any member of Willowdale CRC needing professional counselling for any reason from Shalem Mental Health Network, www.shalemnetwork.org.

Diaconate Supported - Congregational Assistance Program (CAP): Salem Christian Mental Health has **already been paid for the counselling you need**. Don't let a troubled relationship or difficult family life get any worse. **Counsellors are available via CAP in different languages, including Farsi speakers.** Call **1 866-347-0041** for a completely confidential referral.

Cold & Flu Season: Please be reminded that there are masks in the Narthex, and hand sanitizer on the welcome table. ZOOM is available every Sunday if you are not feeling well and would like to stay home to recover.

From The Lighthouse: Dear Friends,
We are pleased to announce that **The Lighthouse's Annual Fundraising Dinner** will be held on **Saturday, November 7, 2026 at The Garden Banquet & Convention Centre (8 Clipper Court Brampton)**!
Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026
Doors Open: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:15 PM
Cost: $60 per person
Silent Auction: Available during the evening
Join us for an evening of fellowship, a delicious dinner, and an opportunity to support the important work of The Lighthouse in our community.
Registration closes on October 23rd and guests can register via email at info@lighthousecentre.ca or call 416-535-6262. We look forward to celebrating with you!
Warmly,
The Lighthouse Centre

Are you interested in volunteering at Willowdale CRC in one of the duties below?

Please contact Alana Yoneyama for more information: office@willowdalecrc.com

***Indicates that P2P training and Vulnerable Sector Check is required**

***ZOOM Host Schedule:**

October 4 – Alana Y.
October 11 – Nafise CZ
October 18 – Alana Y.
October 25 – Alana Y.

Greeters Schedule:

October 4 – Asal P.
October 11 – Gerard D.
October 18 – Rob D.
October 25 – Ann G.

***Hall Monitor Schedule:**

October 4 – WilmaJoy V.
October 11 – Nelly S.
October 18 – Beatrice V.
October 25 – Liese V.

Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:

October 4 – Alana Y + 2 more
October 11 – TBD
October 18 – TBD
October 25 – TBD

There are countless ways to share your gifts at Willowdale CRC!

If you would like to serve your church in a different way please speak to Pastor Greg, an elder or deacon.

REMINDER: Plan to Protect – Safe Church Training Refreshers: ***There are 2 ways to complete your training:***

1. Video modules – start anytime, complete at your own pace, you are given 30 days to do so.

2. Attend the upcoming ZOOM webinar **on Thursday, October 22, at 8:00 p.m.**

Your refresher training is paid for by the church. Contact Alana for assistance.