WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

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November 8, 2026

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);** The Indigenous Ministry is made up of a national committee (Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee), three Urban Indigenous Ministries, and a Justice and Reconciliation Mobilizer, each using their strengths to support healing and reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous people in Canada. For more information visit http://www.crcna.org/indigenous

Food & Faith Conversations: Join Pastor Greg on November 8 for Food, Theology, Biblical and Catechism Studies and Fellowship after the church service. This will be our last gathering for this session.

Thinking about volunteering? All who are interested in teaching, assisting, or just interested in Sunday School please join us TODAY (November 8).
A information/orientation session in the Sunday School room after the service. Grab a coffee we're looking forward to seeing you!

Breakfast of Love and Fellowship: See page 3 for all the details!

Bible Study: A Bible study is going on every Tuesday morning at 10:00 on ZOOM. It is open to all. We are studying the book of Hosea. For more information contact Suzanne at suzannechristie2248@gmail.com.

Baptism Service: On **Sunday, November 22** we will be blessed to witness the baptism of our new brothers and sisters. Baptism stories will be sent out later - stay tuned.

Birthdays:

November 10 – Beatrice V.
November 12 – Peter G.

From the Counting Committee: Giving Statements as of the end of **September 2026**, are ready for pick up either in your mailbox or from the welcome table in the Narthex. Thank you for your faithful giving. If you notice a difference between what's on the statement and what you have recorded at home, please let Cathy DePeuter know (cathydepeuter@gmail.com)

Soups, Songs & Scriptures: Dear Willowdale CRC. You are warmly invited to family-style soup suppers on Sunday evenings **concluding on Sunday, November 22**. We will meet at the church at **5:30 pm** for soup and buns. Then, we will enjoy a time of songs and scripture reading. **All are welcome!**

See below for what is needed the next 3 Sundays (email Alana to sign up):

Sunday, November 8

Soup/Chili (2 pots): 1) Nell De Boer 2) Leanne Grauds
Bread/Buns: 1) Alana Yoneyama 2)_____
Desserts (2 kinds): 1) Sungho Jun 2) Suzanne Christie

Sunday, November 15
Soup/Chili (2 pots): 1) WilmaJoy Veenstra 2) Suzanne Christie
Bread/Buns: 1) _____ 2)_____
Desserts (2 kinds): 1) Sungho Jun 2) Alana Yoneyama

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Advent & Christmas 2026 – Mark Your Calendars!
More details will be shared as information becomes available:

Sunday, November 29 – First Sunday of Advent, join us for Advent worship with candles at **10:00 a.m.**

Sunday, December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent, join us for Advent worship with candles at **10:00 a.m.**

Sunday, December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent, join us for a special Advent worship service with the children, and candles at **10:00 a.m.**

Sunday, December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Join us for Advent worship with candles at **10:00 a.m.**
- Lessons & Carols evening service with candles at **7:00 p.m.**

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day Service at **10:30 a.m.**

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

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

***ZOOM Host Schedule:**
November 8 – Nafise CZ
November 15 – Alana Y.
November 22 – Alana Y.
November 29 – Alana Y.

Greeters Schedule:
November 8 – Ferdinand & Nathan C.
November 15 – Suzanne C.
November 22 – Asal P.
November 29 – Gerard D.

***Hall Monitor Schedule:**
November 8 – John M.
November 15 – Joyce M.
November 22 – Liese V. L.
November 29 – Beatrice V.

Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:
November 8 – Marjan, Maryam, Mona
November 15 – Mahtab, Zara T
November 22 – Joyce M., Sepideh, Mitra,
November 29 – Suzanne C., Zahra B., Alana Y.

*Indicates that P2P training and Vulnerable Sector Check is required

The Ministry to Seafarers (M2S) Christmas Parcel Drive: The M2S Christmas Parcel Drive aims to collect gifts from individuals, churches and businesses. M2S offers a parcel to each seafarer visiting the Port of Montreal during the month of December to communicate that they are seen, loved and valued. Parcels are accepted each year in late autumn and are distributed from the last week of November (for those ships we know will be out to sea over Christmas) and continue through to January (for the ships who were out to sea over Christmas).

As in the past, **Willowdale CRC** is supporting the M2S Christmas Parcel Drive. A limited number of pre-sewn parcel bags will be available in the fellowship hall after the **October 18 - November 8** services, for you to pickup. Packed parcel bags would need to be returned on or before November 15, 2026.

If you wish to pack a parcel bag:

1. Fill the bag suitable for a **male seafarer**. (M2S will provide parcel bags to female seafarers directly)
2. Write a personal note/card, if you're comfortable doing so.
3. Enclose new items in their original packaging from these **four categories (approx. 2 items/category):**

Toiletries: Ex. toothbrush/toothpaste, razor/shaving cream, soap/shampoo, cologne/aftershave, hand sanitizer, face cloth (not white)

Warm Clothing: Ex. toque, gloves, socks, scarf

Snacks: Ex. candy, chocolate, nuts, cookies

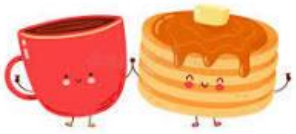
Play/Leisure/Gift: Ex. calendar, "Bicycle" playing cards, Canada souvenir such as a magnet or key chain, Sudoku, headlamp or flashlight, compass

1. Don't include heavily scented items such as Irish Spring soap, office supplies, cleaning supplies/products, used items or loose items such as a toothbrush, unwrapped candy or home baking
2. Return the filled parcel bag **on or before November 15th**, to the fellowship hall

Please contact any of the Deacons for more information.

Thank you for your gifts!

Save the Date! Please check out our poster for the upcoming Breakfast of Love and Fellowship attached to the weekly!



The deacons and elders would like to invite anyone age 65 and over, to our upcoming Breakfast of Love and Fellowship.
When? November 28 at 9 am (with doors opening at 8:40)
Where? In the church fellowship hall
We, the deacons, are excited to cook for you, and enjoy your company together with the elders of the church.
Please come! Invite a friend!

If you are able to RSVP, you can let Nelly know at sinclairnelly67@gmail.com.

Christmas Bazaar at Willowdale Christian School

Saturday, November 14, 2026 Drop in anytime from 9 AM - 2 PM (60 Hilda Ave - Main Floor)

- Delicious baked goods and international treats
- External vendors and 'kids' vendors for your Christmas shopping.
- Candy room and knick knacks shop
- Games and activities for kids
- Live music

Are you a small business that would like a vendor table? Help bring some holiday cheer to our community with unique gifts, crafts, and products. If interested, sign up using the Vendor Registration Form. Vendor fees are $45 for WCS families or $55 for external.
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