



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

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Sunday, March 7, 2010.

Third Sunday
in
Lent

Today in Willowdale: Welcome to worship at Willowdale. In today's sermon, we will look at how God goes with us in our callings. With creative faithfulness, God gives us what we need to do what he calls us to do. This morning we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. We will come to the front to receive the elements. **The offering is for Home Missions.**

Ordination Service this evening at 6:30 pm.

We will gather to celebrate the ordination to the ministry of Rob Datema, director of the Lighthouse.

Next Sunday's Offering: Toronto City Mission has been reaching out to the poor in the city of Toronto since 1879. The missionaries and volunteers live and work in five communities in Toronto, including Willowtree Housing on Willowdale Avenue, offering programs such as after-school tutoring, mentoring, employment counseling, high school equivalency classes, women's Bible studies, children's choirs, youth groups, and March Break and summer day camps, sharing the love and hope of Christ in an effort to help break cycles of poverty.

Services leading up to Easter: After Palm Sunday (March 28), the Christian Church enters the most important week in the Church Calendar. This year, we will hold a "Maundy Thursday" service at 7:30 p.m. on April 1 and a "Good Friday" service at 2 p.m. on April 2 at 2:00 pm.



On March 14, Pastor Joel will continue his teaching series on the Lord's Prayer. We will discuss the petition: Give us today our daily bread.

Brothers & Sisters in Christ :

WCRC meets in prayer this Sunday March 7th & every 1st Sunday of the month at 8:30 am.

It is our hope that you could join us as one heart to encourage & be encouraged as we pray for each other through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us bring adoration thanksgiving to the Father, petition to our Lord Jesus Christ. To God Be The Glory!

You may send prayer requests by email so we can pray for you if you're not able to come. Let me know if you have any question, comment or suggestion.

Thank you. In His Service, Dickson Corro.

Church family: Mrs. Wilhelmina Van Gent, formerly a member of our Church family died last week at the age of nearly 102. She was laid to rest on Tuesday. We remember in our prayers Dieke and Fred Osti as they mourn the loss of Dieke's mother. We also remember in our prayers members who are going for treatments for various illnesses and have to cope with the side effects of same. Rachel Westerhoek and her group are reported to be in an isolated part of the Dominican Republic and we continue to pray for her.



Birthdays:

- March 8 - Jan Roeleveld,
- March 8 - Rob Datema,
- March 9 - Tina Berkhuizen,
- March 9 - Lyudmila Krivoslykova,
- March 11 - Bert VanderHoef,
- March 11 - Terence Westerhoek,
- March 11 - Hilda DeVries,
- March 13 - Joanne Sytsma.

Congratulations!!

Dear Willowdale Community:

I write this before our Street Run, on Friday March 5th, but I do want to thank you all for your generosity in donating warm items. I feel very confident that our friends from the street will be pleased to receive them! We will give a little update in a coming worship service as to how things went.

Thank you all very much.

Chris Clements, & W.C.R.C. Youth.

Up Coming Youth Events:

Friday March 12th – Bowling! Meet 7:00 pm at Newtonbrook Bowl. Pick-up at the Church at 9:30 pm.

Tuesday March 16th – Youth Led March Break Event. 7:00 pm at the church until about 11:00 pm.

Friday March 26th – Fellowship & Bible Study at Chris' home. 7:00 – 9:30 pm.

Up Coming Jr. Youth Events:

March 9th – 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Willowdale Christian School.

March 23rd – 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Willowdale Christian School.

*Jr. Youth runs on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month. Our program is aimed at grades 3 through 7 and includes games, worship & song, age-engaged theme & devotional.

Choir for Lent: The service choir of Willowdale will learn some of the beautiful Lenten hymns and share them with the community of Willowdale. If you would like to look at our suffering Christ and his amazing redeeming love through music during this Lenten season, please come and join your voices. Our practice started last Sunday but if you still want to join, speak to Hye-Jin Im.

Blessing Bags:

After the service the Deacons will be offering Blessing Bags to everyone to take home and fill with non-perishable foods. Please take a bag and return it next week to help restock the food cupboards at the Light-house.

If everyone gives a few items, much will be gathered for the marginalized in our city.

Lenten music with Redeemer.

A J.S. Bach Lenten Service: A special evening Service celebrated as it may have been with J.S. Bach, choir and musicians in Leipzig between 1723-1750.

Musical Selections include the cantata Christ Lag In Todesbanden (Christ lay in death's bondage), motets by Pachelbel and Schuts, and organ repertoire by Bach, Pachelbel, Buxtehude and Bohm. Rev. Thomas Kay is the presiding minister and Dr. Chris Teeuwsen is the organist and choirmaster. Sunday, March 21 (Bach's Birthday) 7:00 pm
MacNab St Presbyterian Church (116 Macnab street South, Hamilton). A free will offering will be taken.

Are the dreams for your life still visible? Or are they buried by laundry, kids activities, tiredness and bills? Uncover these dreams at the next Reformed Marriage Encounter Weekend which will be held on April 16-18 in London. Info at www.reformedme.org or contact Chris and Cindy Otten at 519-393-5163 or Ontario_registration@reformedme.org.

For God loved the world . . .



The Holland Marsh CRC would like to invite all Classis Toronto churches to join us as we celebrate the installation of our new pastor. Pastor Richard Bodini will be installed on Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and will be preceded by a potluck dinner at 5:00 p.m. Join us in welcoming Pastor Bodini to our church and to the Toronto area. The church is located at 18935 Dufferin Street, Newmarket.

The Institute for Christian Studies is getting out of the bookstore business. We've had a book sale for the past few months, advertised only to our students and supporters. We're now going to a new stage and we'd like to offer to you the opportunity to purchase any of our books for your church library at 40% off our sale prices. (The current sale price for students and supporters is 50% off all books published before 2005.) In addition, we ask you to cover the cost of shipping. A list of titles and prices is posted on the bulletin board.

Neighbourlink:

Please keep in mind that March is the month our church looks after replenishing items for the personal care centre of Neighbourlink. Thank you.

Pastor's Office Hours: Pastor Joel now has an office, right next to the Church Office. He will come in to the office late morning to mid-afternoon for office work and to be available to the congregation. The pastor plans to take Mondays off, except in the case of emergencies, in order to stay fresh for the rest of the week. Please keep the pastor in your prayers, and please know he is available for appointments. Phone Numbers: Home # of the Kok family is 647-341-8933. To reach the Pastor for church matters, please call him at 647-967-0995.

From Redeemer:

March 16 at 7:00 pm. **Going local: should we resort Community Living today?** Cost \$15:00, see phone # above ext. 4224.

Competition Introduction - Part A. introduction to coaching in multiple sports. **March 12 and 13** at Redeemer University College. Please pre-register at www.redeemer.ca/CLEAR or phone #s above ext. 4224. **Rookery Nook:** winter mainstage production of a British farce. **Tuesday-Saturday, March 23-27**, with a Dinner & Theatre option on March 27 at 5:30 pm. **See phone #s above.**

Canadian Poet Tom Wayman reads from his work March 30, 12:00- 1:30 pm. Includes full-service lunch and copy of : "Spiritual Enterprise: Doing Virtuous business". Cost \$30:00 see phone #s above.

Redeemer choir performs Jean Gilles **Requiem** on Fri. April 2 at 7:00 pm. in the McNab Presb. Church, 116 MacNab St. S. **Phone #s above.**

From Youth Unlimited

SPECIAL NEEDS SERVE - July 10-15 in Ottawa - for youth between the ages 14-26. This project is especially for young people with special needs who can not be accommodated on a traditional SERVE program. The events are tailored to the ability of the individual. Contact Tamara DeWaard at tamara-koens@hotmail.com or 519.647.0535 for more information. Also, we are seeking youth and young adults, who would like to walk alongside a participant who has a special need. Contact Ron Hosmar at youthpas-tor@calvincrc.ca or 613-225-2889 ext. 3.

From World Missions:

WORLD MISSIONS - Do you know a young adult/ college student who is interested in missions? Christian Reformed World Missions offers a variety of opportunities for young adults to serve and learn alongside our missionaries and their national ministry partners. For the summer of 2010, we have opportunities in Guatemala, the Philippines, Ukraine, and more. Visit www.crwmm.org/summer for more information and to request an application.

WORLD MISSIONS - What Are You Doing on April 17th? Come out to the "GO" Missions Conference at Bethel CRC in London, Ont. If you are going on a short-term missions trip, have an interest in missions, want to know what's happening in the missions world, wish to deepen the connection with your missionary/ overseas ministry, or need help for your missions committee, this event is for you! Details are available from Christian Reformed World Missions at www.crwmm.org. For more information, contact John and Margaret den Otter at (905)331-3205. Registration deadline is April 9.

From Back to God Ministries International:

BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL - Prayer request: Praise God that the study of His Word is making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in Africa. One woman wrote, "I thank God who has allowed me to find the CBC (Bible study). My prayer life has been renewed." Another woman wrote that she has committed to introduce the study to others.

BACK TO GOD HOUR - How Strong is God? How can God be all-powerful when we go through so many painful events like cancer, untimely death, and other dreadful experiences? Can God be both good, and all-powerful? What does the Bible say? Find out on the March 14 Back to God Hour. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

KIDS CORNER - The Great Jewel Heist: The Lizarardo Detective Agency is investigating a robbery, and all the evidence points to Grandpa Anole's twin brother. Is he guilty? Join Liz on this week's Kids Corner to solve the case! Then write to Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R 3Y8 or go to kids@kidscorner.net for your very own Bible study.

From CRWRC:

CRWRC - CFGB Sunday: Thank you for your faith that if we work together, we can end hunger. Your gifts will provide emergency food to people affected by disaster, and help people secure their food future. For more information about CFGB visit www.crwrc.org/cfgb.

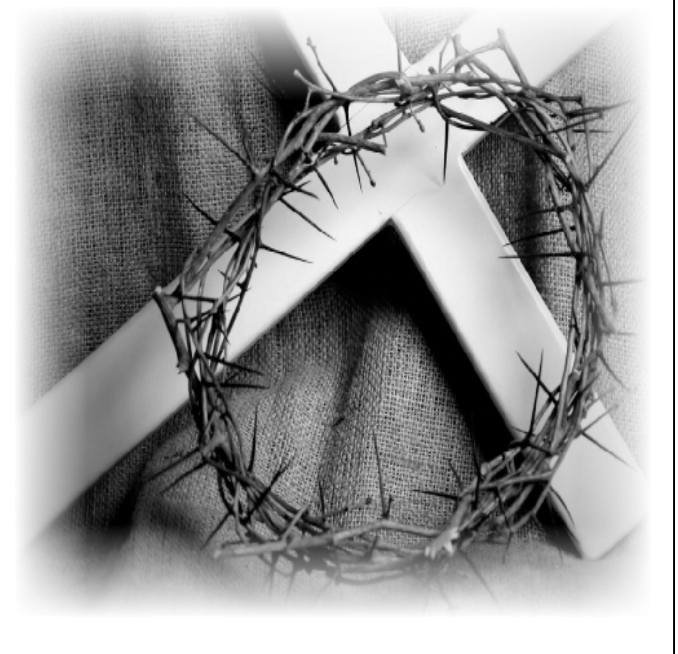
CRWRC - Chile Earthquake Response: The government of Chile is working to restore order after a catastrophic earthquake that hit on Feb. 27. The quake measured 8.8 on the Richter scale and killed at least 700 people. CRWRC is responding. Donations to CRWRC's "Chile Earthquake Response" will be directed through Actions By Churches Together (ACT) to another Christian organization to provide emergency food and supplies. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.crwrc.org or call 1-800-7303490.

From Disability Concerns:

DISABILITY CONCERNS - Spring Conference: "Helping People Include People" is the theme of the April 24 conference organized by Disability Concerns. Gems, Cadets, Sunday Schools, Youth groups, congregational leaders, can all benefit from learning strategies for including persons with disabilities in their activities. Mark the date in your calendar!

From CRC Communications:

New CRC Website - There's a new way to connect with others in the CRC about church ministries. You can ask questions, share experiences, get resources, read blogs, and more. It's called The Network and it covers dozens of ministry areas and roles. Check it out at www.crcna.org/Network.



Week at a glance March 7 - March 13.

| Date | Time | Location | Event |
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| Sunday | After service After refreshments 6:30 pm. | Fellowship Hall Room 1 Sanctuary. | Coffee. After Service Review Ordination Service. |
| Monday | 9:30 – 11:30 am 1:30 – 3:00 pm | Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall | OEYC Family Time Drop-in Happy Feet. (19 - 36 months). |
| Tuesday | 10:00 – 11:30 am 1:30 – 3:30 pm 7:30 pm | Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall | Baby Mother Goose.(7 - 12 months). OEYC Family Time Drop-in Friendship Club |
| Wednesday | 7:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 - 8:30 pm. | Room 1 Room 1 Room 1 | Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study English Conversation. |
| Thursday | 7:00 - 8:00 pm | Sanctuary | Worship Singers' Practice. |
| Friday | | | |
| Saturday | | | |

Coffee Schedule: March: Don Mills & Vaughan Wards.

Nursery Schedule

Greeters and Ushers

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| Today | Babies: Meiboom fam. Toddlers: Lyudmila Krivoshykova. |
| Next Week | Babies: Melanie DeHaan and Rich Emrich. Toddlers: Janny Folkerts, Lindsey McKie. |

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| Today | Lorraine Daniels, Wilma-Joy Veenstra. |
| Next Week | Troy and Nargis Ramlogan, Martiny Van Meggelen. |

Sunday School Schedule: for March:
Worship Leader: Betty Carter.
Preschool/JK/SK: Kristina Carter.
Assistant: Leah Zandberg.
Grade 1- 4: Betty Carter.
Assistant: Ashley Ramlogan.

Offering Schedule

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| Today | Home Missions (Shiao Chong/Brian Walsh). |
| Next Week | Toronto City Mission. |

Upcoming Events

March 10

7:30 pm—Operations Team Meeting

Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30—11:30 am; Wednesdays 8:30—11:30 am; Fridays 8:30—11:30 am