



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

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Sunday, February 28, 2010.

Second Sunday
in
Lent

Today in Willowdale: Welcome to Willowdale. Today the sermon comes from Genesis 15. We will hear how God strengthens our faith and keeps his promises. This service will also prepare us to celebrate the Lord's Supper together next Sunday. **Today's Offering is for the Lighthouse.**

Next Sunday: At our morning service on March 7, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. We will invite members of the congregation to come forward to receive the sacrament.

At 6:30 pm on March 7 we will have a special service of celebration for the ordination of Rob Datema. Our church has called Rob as an Associate Pastor to continue to serve as executive director of The Lighthouse. Let's join together with Rob and The Lighthouse in this special worship service.

Next Sunday's Offering:

Home Missions (Shiao Chong/Brian Walsh) assists the Christian Reformed Church in spreading the Gospel in North America. This offering will go specifically to the work of Shiao Chong and Brian Walsh in their work on the campus of York University and the University of Toronto, respectively. www.crcna.org/pages/crhm



Today at 6:30 PM will be the third session of a series on the Lord's Prayer highlighting the petition: "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven". You are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a time of questions and answers led by Pastor Joel.

Pastor's Office Hours: Thanks to our hard working Operations Team, Pastor Joel now has an office, right next to the Church Office. Although the pastor's schedule will vary from week to week, his plan is to spend early morning hours reading and praying in his study at home. He will come in to the office late morning to mid-afternoon for office work and to be available to the congregation. During the evenings, he will often attend a committee meeting, meet with members or visit with newcomers to Willowdale, either at their homes or the office. 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.

Church Family: We have not had any communication from Rachel Westerhoek, but we pray for God's continued care for her. A special birthday wish for Mrs. Kinny Lukman - Mrs. Lukman needs to get around in a wheelchair and both her eyesight and hearing are severely compromised. We're sure she would appreciate some birthday wishes though.

Birthdays:

March 1 - Elizabeth Huyer,
March 3 - Hannah Westerhoek,
March 4 - Kinny Lukman.

Congratulations!!

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. The word "Maundy" comes from Latin and French words that mean "commandment." On Maundy Thursday, the Church remembers Jesus' commandments to love one another (John 13) and to celebrate the Lord's Supper in memory of him (1st Corinthians 11). The Worship Development Team hopes and trusts that these two services will be rich in themselves and will also prepare us to celebrate Easter Sunday with great joy on April 4.

Ward meetings: Moore Park Ward meets today at the home of Nell and John De Boer following the morning service.

Branson Ward: Lunch today at the Krivoshlykov's home. They live at 36 Covotti Cres., near Finch and Wilmington. Rides can be arranged so everyone who would like to come will be able to. Please join us if you are visiting today or are a newcomer to our community.

World Day of Prayer: The World Day of Prayer was begun by women in Canada and the United States in 1922 and is observed by more than 170 countries today. By participating in this year's World Day of Prayer service you are joining in worship with Christians around the world and in more than 2,000 communities across Canada.

You are invited to two opportunities to participate in a World Day of Prayer service: **Friday March 5 at 3:00 PM** at Cheltenham Nursing Home (5935 Bathurst Street, at Drewry Avenue). **Friday March 5 at 7:00 PM** at Willowdale United Church (349 Kenneth Avenue, at Church Avenue).

Refreshments for Ordination Service March 7

@ 6:30 PM: As hosts for this celebration in Rob Datema's life, we have the opportunity to offer hospitality to his family and friends by serving refreshments after the service. The Vaughan and Don Mills Wards will take care of snacks. A number of people will be needed for setting up and cleaning up in the kitchen. Please contact Susanne Zandberg if you would like to help in any way.

To the Willowdale Community:

A reminder that this Friday, March 5th will be the youth's "Street Run" outreach. Kindly ensure any clothing donations are given by Friday morning. A donation box is placed in the church foyer.

Upcoming Youth Events: (note some re-scheduling since last week)

Friday March 5th: Street Run. Meet at the Finch Kiss & Ride at 6:00 pm with bus fare. Bring a backpack to hold donations & food for distribution. Also kindly bring along individually wrapped sandwiches.

Friday March 12th: Bowling at Newtonbrooke Bowl. Meet at 7:00, bring \$5 toward costs.

Tuesday March 16th: March Break Youth Led Event! Meet at the church for 7:00 pm and expect a great time.

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

Upcoming Jr. Youth Events:

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

March 23rd: 6:30 – 8:00 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 love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell" writes a hymn writer. However, many great poets and composers have poured their heart and soul to tell the great love of God, especially, looking at the suffering Christ for the sins of the world. Perhaps, this is why Lenten music is piercingly beautiful. The service choir of Willowdale will learn some of these 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 starts this Sunday, February 28th after the morning service, by the piano in the sanctuary, Hye-Jin Im.

Ministry Team Mail Slots: At a recent meeting the Ministry Team leaders agreed that it would be a good idea to have a mail slot for each team so that the congregation could choose to correspond with the teams in this manner. These slots can be found on the far right end of the mail slots. The congregation is invited to offer encouragement, ideas and feedback to the teams by using these mail slots.

NeighbourLink:

Personal Care Month.



March is the month that Willowdale CRC will be collecting items for the Personal Care centre. The poor of North York have a great need for these Personal Care items that are so difficult to buy on a small income. Many of your neighbours use this service.

The items most needed are **Bathroom tissue, women's sanitary products; and shampoo, vaseline and hand cream;** other items include deodorant, body wash and facial tissues. Please consider picking up one of these items each week when you do your shopping and place in the box when you come to church.

Please provide only new unused items.

*All new items are welcome.

*Items in bold type are most needed.

O.C.M.A. CHOIR IS STARTING AGAIN- UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LEENDERT

KOIJ. Choir rehearsals start again on Monday, March 1 2010, from 7:30 – 9:30 P.M. in the Little Church on Finch Avenue in Toronto. North side of Finch Avenue between Keele and Dufferin Streets. Season runs from March until the end of June (July and August off), then September and October and part of November. For further info please call OCMA at 416-636-9779.

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.

From Redeemer: Registration deadline for Ontario Science Fair is March 1, 2010. For more information, visit <http://cs.redeemer.ca/ScienceFair/>, or call Dr. Kyle Spyk-sma, 905-648-2139, or 905-648-2139 x 4239.

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.**

NB: If you are interested in happenings at Redeemer please keep this for reference. There is not always room to include lengthy announcements not directly connected to our congregation.

Redeemer Announcement: With thanks to God, the Board of Governors of Redeemer University College is pleased to announce that Dr. Hubert R. Krygsman has been appointed to be Redeemer's third president. Dr. Krygsman is currently the Associate Provost and Director of the Andreas Center for Reformed Scholarship and Service at Dordt College in Iowa. Effective June 14, 2010 following the retirement of Dr. Justin Cooper. To read more about Dr. Krygsman and the Presidential Search Process, visit www.redeemer.ca/newpresident

From Back to God Ministries International:

BACK TO GOD HOUR - Why isn't God answering? God wants us to bring all our cares and concerns to him in prayer. So why does it sometimes seem like our deepest prayers are falling on deaf ears? Is God really there? Will he answer our prayers? Find out on the March 7 Back to God Hour! Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

From Calvin College:

CALVIN COLLEGE - Calvin College's next Festival of Faith and Writing will take place on April 15-17, 2010. Speakers include Eugene Peterson, Parker Palmer, Kate DiCamillo, Mary Karr, Stephen Carter, Avi, Wally Lamb, and many, many others. Group discounts are available for book clubs and church-affiliated groups. Reserve your spot today by registering online at www.calvin.edu/festival. For more information, contact the Festival office by phone at 616.526.6770 or by e-mail at ffw@calvin.edu.

From CRC Communications

New CRC Social Website - There's a new way to connect with other CRC'ers about the nuts and bolts of "doing church." It's called The Network and, with more than 40 topic areas, you'll find something for everyone. Help get the discussion started by visiting www.crcna.org/Network

From CRWRC:

BURLINGTON FOR HAITI - A Gala Dinner and Art Auction for Haiti Relief, March 9. Burlington's culinary community is responding in full force to the disaster in Haiti and you are invited to enjoy the fruits of their labour! Tickets can be purchased for \$150 per plate* at www.crwrc.org/burlingtonforhaiti. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to CRWRC's earthquake response in Haiti. Visit www.crwrc.org for more details. A \$100 tax receipt will be generated by CRWRC for each ticket purchased; according to tax law CRWRC cannot provide a tax receipt for the fair market value of the dinner.

From Canadian Ministries

CANADIAN ABORIGINAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE - Did You Know... that the Christian Reformed Church in Canada is a member of Kairos, an organization that advocates for social and justice issues? One area of Kairos' advocacy is in Aboriginal communities across Canada. Pray for the work of restoring just relationship with our Aboriginal neighbours. To learn more about the CRC's ministry with Aboriginals in Canada, visit www.crcna.org/pages/.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 16/10:

- * Council welcomed Rev. Erick Schuringa and listened to his perspective and summary of the LIFEtogether sessions he facilitated for us over the past few months. The main purpose of these sessions was to inform the congregation on the ministries of the various teams and to provide a forum for the congregation to provide encouragement and feedback. Council contracted Erick to facilitate these sessions so that team leaders and members would be free to listen and participate. Each team received feedback which will be discerned over the next few months and incorporated into team goals, where appropriate. The goals will be presented as recommendations to Council in May and presented at the congregational meeting in June for discussion.
- * Overall, Erick was impressed with the care, interest and collective wisdom provided by those who attended the LIFEtogether sessions. He felt that we are in a culture shift, and encouraged us to continue towards a culture that "speaks the truth in love." We were urged to focus on defining what our ideal culture is, and what it means to be missional within our context. He reflected with optimism for Willowdale to live in God's hope, power, joy and peace, and encouraged us to unharness this powerful potential by acting and responding to God's call in our lives. Council thanked Erick for his work with us and we prayed together for discernment and wisdom in leading at Willowdale.
- * Plans for Rob Datema's ordination on March 7 were discussed and dealt with.
- * A shortened version of the process for Children at the Lord's Supper will be placed in mailslots and the Weekly.
- * Pastor Joel presented a detailed report on his activities among us; received with gratitude.
- * Considerable time was spent on "Censura Morum," where each member expressed concerns for prayer and prayed for one another and our church.
- * Elder nominations were presented; a number of people will be approached to serve.
- * Team updates were brought forth from liaisons; team goals are to be prepared soon.
- * Membership issues were discussed and a report to be sent to our headquarters.
- * Correspondence received was reviewed and forwarded where appropriate for discussion at our next meeting/ conference call.
- * Next council meeting will be March 23, with a possible conference call on March 9.

Submitted by Nell De Boer.

Week at a glance February 28 - March 6.

Date	Time	Location	Event
Sunday	After service After refreshments 6:30 pm.	Fellowship Hall Room 1 Fellowship Hall.	Coffee. After Service Review LIFetogether.
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

Today Babies: Suzanne Christie, Emily Carter.
Toddlers: J.Westerhoek fam.

Next Week Babies: Meiboom fam.
Toddlers: Lyudmila Krivoshlykova,
Danielle VanHelden.

Greeters and Ushers

Today Leanne and Nicholas Chuba.

Next Week Lorraine Daniels and Wilma-Joy Veenstra.

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

Today The Lighthouse.

Next Week Home Missions (Shiao Chong/Brian Walsh).

Upcoming Events

March 5	3:00 pm—World Day of Prayer Service at Cheltenham Nursing Home
March 5	7:00 pm—World Day of Prayer Service at Willowdale United Church
March 7	6:30 pm—Ordination Service of Rob Datema @ Willowdale CRC
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