

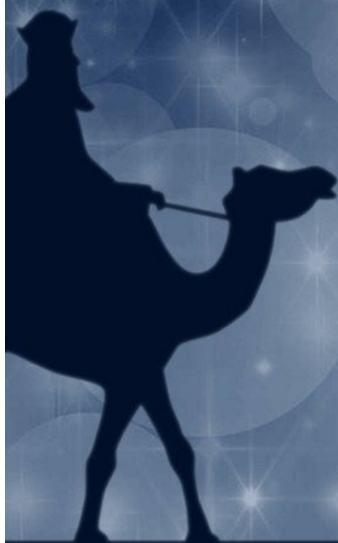
1st Advent - The Magi  
November 29 @ 10am

2nd Advent - Mary & Joseph  
December 6 @ 10am

3rd Advent - Mary & Elizabeth  
December 13 @ 10am

4th Advent - Shepherds  
December 20 @ 10am

Christmas Eve Service  
December 24 @ 6pm



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**PORTAGE  
AVENUE  
CHURCH**

*Christmas 2020*



# BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday	Nov	22	1 Chronicles 18	James 5
Monday	Nov	23	1 Chronicles 19 & 20	1 Peter 1
Tuesday	Nov	24	1 Chronicles 21	1 Peter 2
Wednesday	Nov	25	1 Chronicles 22	1 Peter 3
Thursday	Nov	26	1 Chronicles 23	1 Peter 4
Friday	Nov	27	1 Chronicles 24 & 25	1 Peter 5
Saturday	Nov	28	1 Chronicles 26 & 27	2 Peter 1
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1 Chronicles 28</b>	<b>2 Peter 2</b>
Monday	Nov	30	1 Chronicles 29	2 Peter 3
Tuesday	Dec	1	2 Chronicles 1	1 John 1
Wednesday	Dec	2	2 Chronicles 2	1 John 2
Thursday	Dec	3	2 Chronicles 3 & 4	1 John 3
Friday	Dec	4	2 Chronicles 5 & 6:1-11	1 John 4
Saturday	Dec	5	2 Chronicles 6:12-42	1 John 5
Sunday	Dec	6	2 Chronicles 7	2 John
Monday	Dec	7	2 Chronicles 8	3 John
Tuesday	Dec	8	2 Chronicles 9	Jude
Wednesday	Dec	9	2 Chronicles 10	Revelation 1
Thursday	Dec	10	2 Chronicles 11-12	Revelation 2
Friday	Dec	11	2 Chronicles 13	Revelation 3
Saturday	Dec	12	2 Chronicles 14-15	Revelation 4

## *How To Journal*

- S** Scripture - write out the key thought, phrase or word that stands out to you
- O** Observations - write down your observations
- A** Applications - write out the application to your life
- P** Prayer - write a short prayer

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Care Giver of the Week:** Esther Braun & Sandy Bell

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## Condolences

We wish to inform you of the passing of our church family member Cornie Schroeder, who went to be with Jesus on Friday, November 20th in the late evening. We would like to extend our prayers and condolences to his family members and friends. We know however, that they are at tremendous peace with Cornie's passing. He would have been 103 years old on the 10th of December.

We also wish to inform you of the passing of our church family member Kay Pauls, who went to be with Jesus on Wednesday, November 25th in the early morning. We would like to extend our prayers and condolences to her family members. They also expressed peace with Kay's passing and know she is with her Lord and Saviour.

The obituaries can be found on Friends' website:

Arnold Teichrieb - <https://memorials.friendsfs.ca/arnold-teichrieb/4435158/index.php>

Cornie Schroeder - <https://memorials.friendsfs.ca/cornelius-schroeder/4435532/index.php>

Kay Pauls - <https://www.friendsfs.ca/obituary-listing> (will be posted by Nov 28)

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## Save the Date - Christmas at Portage Avenue Church

This year we will be pre-recording our Christmas Eve service and it will be available for viewing on our website on Christmas Eve.

Please remember to set aside this time and join us in worshipping "God With Us."

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## Office Closed

Our office will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25. The office will also be closed on Friday, January 1.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Library Update

Christmas is just a month away. If you have a little extra time on your hands these days or over the holiday period, why not take out a book from the library with a Christmas theme. Especially this year, we need to be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas - we can still celebrate the birth of Jesus even in the absence of some of our traditions.

There are picture books for children and fiction and non-fiction for adults. They can be found on the front counter and also on the table in the library. If you want to know what is available, go to the church website and click on the 'Ministries' menu to find the library. Put in 'Christmas' as your search term and view what is available.

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## Donation Receipts & Giving Statements

Mailed donations must be postmarked December 31st to be included in 2020 receipts. Normally by this time you could expect a giving statement in your mailbox - for this year please sign in and check Church Connect to see what you have given in 2020. You may also call Melanie at the church office and she can let you know.

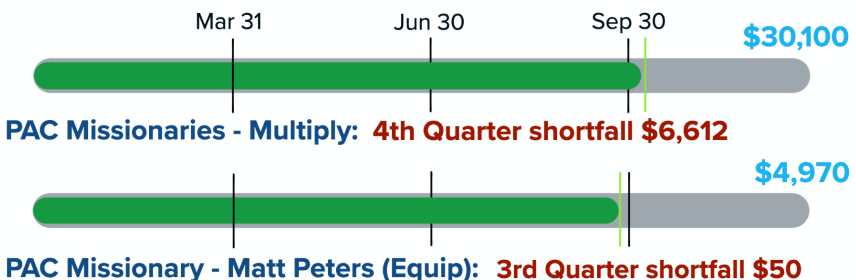
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## Prayer Night via Zoom

Please join us! You can call in to 204.272.7920 and enter the meeting ID 859 5515 4680, then wait and you will be connected.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85955154680>

## Missionary Support As at November 18, 2020



NB: Quarterly support payments are sent only once pledge has been met.

**Total Mission Income Received \$128,344**

# MISSION UPDATE - Cory & Masami Giesbrecht (Multiply)

“Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.” Luke 5:26

What we're seeing in the park is amazing! It feels like if I told people they wouldn't believe me!

Have you ever seen a church without walls or roof, without planning or any apparent organization?

I, Cory, have gotten to witness this over the past three months as I joined in with an evangelism team that was led to start meeting in Triangle Park in the poor Nishinari district.

It began with a dream about roses - roses that were beautifully packaged but were in a garbage bin. The wrong place for these beautiful roses! There was an urgent call to take these roses out of the garbage bin and bring them to the banquet hall - for the tables of the wedding feast of the Lamb.

So we have been sharing the good news and praying with the people that come to the Triangle Park - believing that the Holy Spirit is leading and that he has a plan. We have seen 8 baptisms in three months with more on the way! We have seen healing and deliverance. In some cases this has led an insatiable appetite for God and his word! In some cases the faith does not appear to take root, but in other cases it immediately bears fruit with people inviting friends and even acquaintances to the park. People who would never enter a religious building get to hear the good news of the living Jesus in their own setting.

You may have questions about such a church. I have questions too, but seeing it in operation is pretty life changing!

Two weeks ago I got to go on my first-ever evangelism trip! I joined a different team of evangelists (Team Jesus!) on a trip to the Tokyo area. We had the privilege of seeing several people believe in Christ. One of them had been planning on committing suicide that day. (Lord have mercy) We got to pray with a lot of Jesus-followers as well and several of them found freedom or received healing. The motto of this team is "The harvest is good! The gospel is good! Come on harvesters!". Also they say "It's God's job to gather the people, it's just our job to go!"

At the end of the trip we got to encourage a young man named Yutaka Nakajima who has received a big vision for church-planting in Chiba. He is the eldest of nine children of a Japanese MB pastor. We had the honor of sharing the gospel with 400 children at the kindergarten where he works and the privilege of joining in with his weekly outreach at the local train station.

I want to invite you out into the harvest fields where Jesus is working.

The harvest is good!

Thank you for praying,

Cory and Masami

# PRAYER ALERT

## Pray for those who are in the hospital

**Anne Kroeker** - Victoria Hospital

## Pray for those who are shut-in

**At home** - Peter Brown, Erna Friesen, Rudy & Susanne Thiessen

**Bethania** - Jake & Betty Suderman, Mary Unger

**Bethel Place** - Agnes Pauls

**Concordia Place** - John E. Friesen

**Concordia Village** - Margaret Pospishell, Martha Tielmann

**Deer Lodge Centre** - Charlotte Liebig

**Donwood Personal Care** - Louise (Lois) Peters, Martha Reimer,  
Helen Wiens

**Donwood Manor Apartments** - George Petkau

**Pembina Place** - Helen Doerksen

**Riverwood Square** - John W. Sawatzky

**Riverwood Square (Harmony Court)** - Mary Bergen

**Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence** - Bertha Toews

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## Pray for UGM Students

This year, we as a church family are sponsoring two students from the inner-city to attend UGM's Faith Academy. Please pray that God continues to work in the lives of these students, and their families. Pray that parents would make responsible decisions in family matters. If you have questions about our students please call Gilbert Plante, the Family Ministries Manager at UGM at 204.586.7790 ext 306.

**Sara** - grade 12, birthday: May 27, 2003

- Pray for my Grandma. She isn't doing the greatest at the moment. Pray that she gets better.
- Pray that God would help provide money for Bible College.
- Pray for a good last school year!

**Hannah** - grade 6, birthday: November 1, 2009

- Pray for the school year that we will be cheerful and we will stay safe.



## THIS WEEK

Sun. Nov 29	10:00 am	Worship Service (Advent #1) Speaker: Jedidiah Carpentier
	11:15 am	Fellowship Café (Zoom)
	2:00 pm	PAC Korean Bible Study (Zoom)
Wed. Dec 2	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Praise & Worship (Zoom)
Fri. Dec 4	12:30 pm	Dads Zoom Meeting
	7:30 pm	Prayer Night (Zoom)
	8:00 pm	PAC YAY Zoom + Online Game

## NEXT WEEK

Sun. Dec 6	10:00 am	Worship Service (Advent #2) Speaker: Scott Koop
	11:15 am	Fellowship Café (Zoom)
	2:00 pm	PAC Korean Bible Study (Zoom)
Wed. Dec 9	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Praise & Worship (Zoom)
Fri. Dec 11	12:30 pm	Dads Zoom Meeting
	7:00 pm	Jr High Zoom + Online Game
	7:30 pm	Prayer Night (Zoom)

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