

PARADISE LOST



**PORTAGE
AVENUE
CHURCH**

August 22, 2021

BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday	Aug.	15	Jeremiah 43	Psalm 19
Monday	Aug.	16	Jeremiah 44	Psalm 20-21
Tuesday	Aug.	17	Jeremiah 46	Psalm 22
Wednesday	Aug.	18	Jeremiah 47	Psalm 23-24
Thursday	Aug.	19	Jeremiah 48	Psalm 25
Friday	Aug.	20	Jeremiah 49	Psalm 26-27
Saturday	Aug.	21	Jeremiah 50	Psalm 28-29
Sunday	Aug.	22	Jeremiah 51	Psalm 30
Monday	Aug.	23	Jeremiah 52	Psalm 31
Tuesday	Aug.	24	Lamentations 1	Psalm 32
Wednesday	Aug.	25	Lamentations 2	Psalm 33
Thursday	Aug.	26	Lamentations 3	Psalm 34
Friday	Aug.	27	Lamentations 4	Psalm 35
Saturday	Aug.	28	Lamentations 5	Psalm 36
Sunday	Aug.	29	Ezekiel 1	Psalm 37
Monday	Aug.	30	Ezekiel 2	Psalm 38
Tuesday	Aug.	31	Ezekiel 3	Psalm 39
Wednesday	Sept.	1	Ezekiel 4	Psalm 40-41
Thursday	Sept.	2	Ezekiel 5	Psalm 42-43
Friday	Sept.	3	Ezekiel 6	Psalm 44
Saturday	Sept.	4	Ezekiel 7	Psalm 45



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Care Givers of the Week: Frank & Anni Duerksen

Government Restrictions Update:

Our local provincial health restrictions continue to be eased and that is very good news. The biggest impact for us is that the attendance restrictions remain at 50% of building capacity, or 150 people, whichever is larger. Since we have a very large building, and a sanctuary that can comfortably seat over 600 people, this means that our entire congregation can now attend church again. No need to be concerned about robbing someone of a spot. If you want to attend, we have plenty of room for you!

Important notes to be aware of:

- Masks are still recommended, but no longer required.
- The government has specified that we shall reasonably maintain a physical distance of 2 metres.
- We are still required to take attendance. You may optionally register to attend in advance at www.pachurch.ca/connect. Then, please check in with a greeter once you enter the building. Guests, we need either a phone number or email for contact tracing as per the government.

Other reminders:

- We will continue to provide translation units for those who need them.
- Please check your mailbox - some are getting quite full. :-).
- We encourage you to limit the time spent inside.
- We encourage you to please come if you are willing and able. :-)

If you have any questions please contact one of the staff.

Library is open!

The library is open before and after the service, and also during office hours during the week.

WHATS HAPPENING

Staff Vacation Notices for August

Martin is on holidays on Fridays and Aug 16 - 22

Pastor Jennifer is on holidays Aug 8 - 21

Pastor Scott is on holidays Aug 20 - Aug 22

Melanie is on holidays Aug 10 - 30

Livestream and Zoom Audio Still Available

Join us online via pachurch.ca or our FaceBook page.

To listen to the service without internet access, using your phone,

1. call 204 272-7920

2. when prompted for the meeting ID, enter: 861 4273 9092#

3. when prompted for a participant ID, enter: #

4. wait on the line until you are connected to the service

Picnic In The Park - This Sunday!

Meet us in Assiniboine Park following the service today for fun & fellowship. You can head to the park immediately following the service. Remember again, for September 12th, come to church dressed comfortably for a picnic, and bring any picnic supplies you might need, so that you don't have to go home in between. If it is raining we will cancel the picnic, and look forward to the next one on September 12.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Meet at Assiniboine Park at site #2 right after the worship service. Please bring your own food, chairs, and any sports equipment you want. For google map directions, go to pachurch.ca/picnic

August 8, August 22, & September 12



MISSION UPDATE - Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters (Multiply)

Starting over, again. And again...

Since moving to Mae Sot last month, God has led us to the cutest little Thai house. The neighbors are very kind and the police station across the street makes our house one of the safest places in the world. If I ever need help, I will just lean out the window and yell, “Chuay-Duay” (help!) I’m sure a 100 police officers would come running!

We had just arranged the furniture and planted a beautiful little garden in the front of the house when our landlord called to say, “the water is coming.” Being new to Mae Sot, I wondered, “hmm, what does that mean?”

It wasn’t too long before we looked out the window to observe the water rising above the tops of the trees, transforming our yard into a lake!

The first time the water rose high, I was almost ready to wave at my police neighbors and yell “Chuay-Duay!” Then, we took a look at the long stilts our house is built on and we surmised, “Maybe someone has survived a flood here before?” After the water came up and went down about three times, we were like Winnipegers driving through a snow storm, we felt like old pros.

Yesterday we visited a relative of one of our church members who is about to have a baby. She had just been informed by her doctor that with COVID cases surging, she can not go to the hospital to deliver her baby.

As a migrant worker, there is very little medical care available for Myanmar people living on the border. When we saw how scared she felt, we thanked God for bringing us right to her door. We shared the Good News with her. We promised her that Jesus would not leave her side as she delivered this baby. We opened up the mp3 solar powered Bible and her whole family started to listen. When we asked her if she had ever heard the name of Jesus before, she said, “never.” Amazingly, the Holy Spirit opened her heart to believe our testimony. She accepted the Lord as her Savior. We encouraged her to listen to the MP3 whenever she was resting, and especially at night or when she is afraid. We promised we would come back and tell her more about Jesus so that she could receive all the blessings God has to give her!

For the complete report please go to: <https://www.smores.com/nxvch-sp-s-in-s-e-asia?ref=email-content#w-1150509164>

PRAYER ALERT

Pray for those who are in hospital:

John W. Sawatzky is at Victoria Hospital

Pray for those who are shut-in:

At home - Peter Brown, Erna Friesen, Susanne Thiessen

Bethania - Jake & Betty Suderman

Bethel Place - Agnes Pauls

Concordia Place - John E. Friesen

Concordia Village - Margaret Pospishell, Martha Tielmann

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

Donwood Manor Apartments - George Petkau

Pembina Place - Helen Doerksen, Anne Kroeker

Riverwood Square - John W. Sawatzky

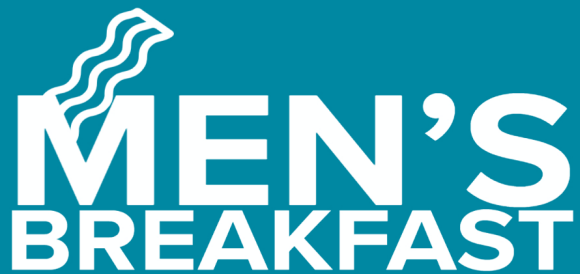
Riverwood Square (Harmony Court) - Mary Bergen

Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha Toews

Urgent: As many of you would have seen in the news, Afghanistan is going through great turmoil right now. This is especially personal for Zobair, as he was born in Afghanistan and worked there for many years. Please pray for him and his family, along with those Christians that are suffering under Taliban rule.

Here's Zobair's interview for more info: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/zobair-deen-afghanistan-winnipeg-1.6143110>



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

Last Saturday of the month at 9am

THIS WEEK

Sun. Aug 22	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Picnic in the Park
	6:00 pm	PAC K Musical Practice
Tues. Aug 24	7:30 pm	Council Meeting
Wed. Aug 25	6:00 pm	PAC-K Worship practice
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Praise & Worship
Thur. Aug 26	7:00 pm	YA Alpha (Zoom)
	8:00 pm	Jr & Sr High Alpha (Zoom)
Fri. Aug 27	7:30 pm	Prayer Night
Sat. Aug 28	10:00 am	Worship Practice

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Aug 29	10:00 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	PAC K Musical Practice
Wed. Sept 1	6:00 pm	PAC-K Worship practice
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Praise & Worship
Thur. Sept 2	7:00 pm	YA Alpha (Zoom)
	8:00 pm	Jr & Sr High Alpha (Zoom)
Fri. Sept 3	7:30 pm	Prayer Night
Sat. Sept 4	10:00 am	Worship Practice

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