



HOPE OF RESCUE



PORTAGE
AVENUE
CHURCH

December 5, 2021

BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday	Nov.	28	Micah 3	Luke 12
Monday	Nov.	29	Micah 4	Luke 13
Tuesday	Nov.	30	Micah 5	Luke 14
Wednesday	Dec.	1	Micah 6	Luke 15
Thursday	Dec.	2	Micah 7	Luke 16
Friday	Dec.	3	Nahum 1	Luke 17
Saturday	Dec.	4	Nahum 2	Luke 18
Sunday	Dec.	5	Nahum 3	Luke 19
Monday	Dec.	6	Habakkuk 1	Luke 20
Tuesday	Dec.	7	Habakkuk 2	Luke 21
Wednesday	Dec.	8	Habakkuk 3	Luke 22
Thursday	Dec.	9	Zephaniah 1	Luke 23
Friday	Dec.	10	Zephaniah 2	Luke 24
Saturday	Dec.	11	Zephaniah 3	John 1
Sunday	Dec.	12	Haggai 1	John 2
Monday	Dec.	13	Haggai 2	John 3
Tuesday	Dec.	14	Zechariah 1	John 4
Wednesday	Dec.	15	Zechariah 2	John 5
Thursday	Dec.	16	Zechariah 3	John 6
Friday	Dec.	17	Zechariah 4	John 7
Saturday	Dec.	18	Zechariah 5	John 8

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

Condolences: to John & Mary Penner on the passing of John's sister Betty Lambrecht. Also, condolences to Rick & Kathy Penner and Darlene Penner.

Refugee Committee Request: Can you donate an old computer? One of the refugees we are supporting requires a computer to access a special program to help her with English lessons. Specifically a laptop running Windows 10. Please let Norman Cameron know.

Provincial Health Restrictions:

- Please note that masks are required inside the building for ages 5 and up and we are allowed a maximum occupancy of 33% of our capacity.
- The government has specified that we shall reasonably maintain a physical distance of 2 metres.
- We are required to take attendance. You may register 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.
- Only the front entrance will be open.

"Get to know God - not just head knowledge, but heart knowledge. Make Him known to others."

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING COURSE

Starting January 16

Sundays 1-4pm & Thursdays 6-9pm (light supper provided).
Spring break outreach week (travel included).
Contact pastoral staff for more information.

WHATS HAPPENING

Youth: For grades 6-12. December 10th “Bible Study” @ 7:00pm here at PAC

Young Adults: For post high school and up. December 17th @ 7:00pm here at PAC - Christmas party!

Freedom House: Freedom House is a downtown ministry of our M.B. Conference and was formerly called Walls of Freedom. A few years ago we partnered with them to put together care packages for young moms. Freedom House is once again collecting donations for the less fortunate in our city. Please see the bin in the foyer and give as God blesses you. Please contact Amilia Choi for more information and details.

Library News: The library will be having a book table in the foyer of the church for the foreseeable future. We will have a display on a specific theme or books by specific authors each month starting with books for Christmas. There will be lots of books for those up to about age 6, so parents, take a look at some reading material for your children.

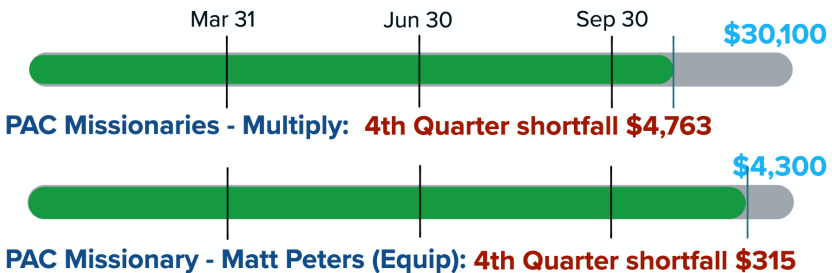
55+ Christmas Banquet: Tuesday December 14th. There will be great food, entertainment (the B-Side Apostles) and sweet fellowship that we've all missed so much.

Tickets are required to attend.

Please contact Janice Penner if you are interested.

And by all means, feel free to invite your friends!

Missionary Support As at Nov 30, 2021



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

Total Mission Income Received \$142,026

MISSION UPDATE: Matt Peters (Equip Canada)

When we created the Youth Outdoors Project, we had a vision... to help the local Church use the outdoor context to reach students with the Gospel of Jesus and disciple them as they imitate and follow Him.

Since 2002, I have been directly involved in "camp ministry" and through all my years of volunteering and working, I have built up quite an understanding of what it takes to run a functional and impactful program. It's been humbling to see so many organizations struggle and have a difficult time adjusting to these times of Covid-19. In many ways, there is a silver lining that reveals weak spots that I pray will enable changes to strengthen our local camping ministry sector as a whole.

Summer camp ministry used to be about adventure, challenge, and learning new skills while campers build relationships with mature Christian staff through their one week experience. I was part of this movement first hand as a wilderness program leader and guide. Groups of 6 to 12 campers and a few staff heading out into the wilderness to live, travel, and camp together. To this day I have not seen relationships develop so quickly and so strong outside of those programs. Our staff worked hand in hand together for 8 weeks teaching, leading, and mentoring our campers and together we built bonds that still hold strong today, a decade later. Campers still talk about their experiences and the life lessons they learned.

The Youth Outdoors Project is designed to bring adventure and challenge in a safe and rewarding way. We are intentionally partnering with Churches and youth ministry leaders to make outdoor ministry common place and part of their outreach and discipleship models. Summer camp has become more of a "destination" for a week in the summer time, and we're helping reshape this to be a movement of dynamic and impactful ways for mature Christians to connect with students. There is no better way to build a relationship with a young person than a shared experience. Learning to paddle a canoe together, making and sharing meals together, talking around a campfire, reading the Bible together, and so much more happens in the outdoor context. Students aren't looking for a place to go, they are looking for people to connect with and learn from that are genuine and authentic.

Our aim is to make outdoor ministry a natural part of any student ministry in Manitoba. This is easy to facilitate and accomplish and the rewards are great! We're committed to creating innovative solutions, NOT waiting for the waves to end. Bottom line is that youth pastors and Christian educators NEED a way to effectively connect with and engage students. We are helping make it happen.

PRAYER ALERT

Pray for those who are in hospital:

Pray for those who are shut-in:

At home - Erna Friesen

Bethania - Jake Froese, 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

Kildonan Personal care Home - Peter Regier

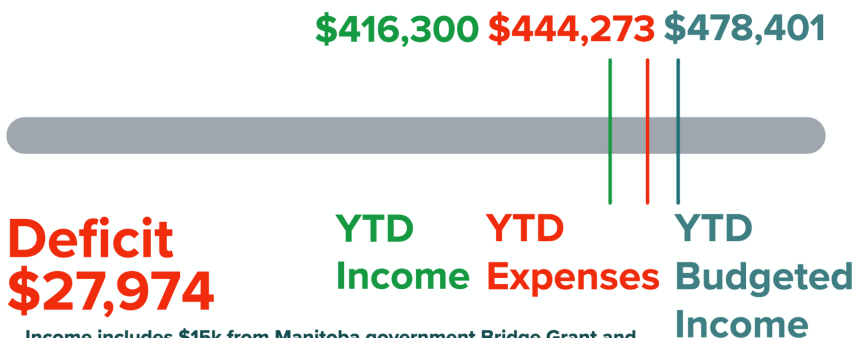
Pembina Place - Helen Doerksen, Anne Kroeker

Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha Toews

Square One World Media: Pray for Square One World Media's partners at The Bible Today in Ukraine as they share the love of Jesus through platforms like Instagram, Facebook and TikTok.

Please pray for Hilda Schulz who is scheduled to have colon cancer surgery at the Grace Hospital, Wpg, on Monday, Dec. 13. There is a possibility that the surgery could be cancelled because of Covid. Pray that the surgery will still happen.

Financial Position at November 30, 2021



Income includes \$15k from Manitoba government Bridge Grant and \$39k of CEW Subsidy from federal government for Dec - Sep.

SERMON NOTES

For Further Reflection:

Use these questions for personal reflection or with your small group.

1. What about this Christmas season gives you reason for hope?
2. What feelings of hope do the titles of Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace bring out for you?
3. What, in your understanding, is the major difference between hope, as the world defines it and hope, as Scripture speaks of it?
4. What does your response to God need to be?



THIS WEEK

Sun. Dec. 5	10:00 am	2nd Advent Communion Worship Service
Wed. Dec 8	10:00 am	Staff Meeting 10am - 12 noon
	6:00 pm	PAC-K Worship practice
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Praise & Worship
Fri. Dec 10	7:00 pm	Youth - Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Prayer Night
Sat. Dec 11	2:30 pm	Grief Share Group

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Dec. 12	10:00 am	3rd Advent Worship Service
Tues. Dec 14	6:00 pm	55+ Christmas Event
Wed. Dec 15	10:00 am	Staff Meeting 10am - 12 noon
	6:00 pm	PAC-K Worship practice
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Praise & Worship
Fri. Dec 17	7:00 pm	Youth - Christmas Party
	7:00 pm	Young Adults - Christmas Party
	7:30 pm	Prayer Night
Sat. Dec 18	2:30 pm	Grief Share Group

Looking Ahead:

Fri. Dec. 24 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

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