

TRUSTING GOD



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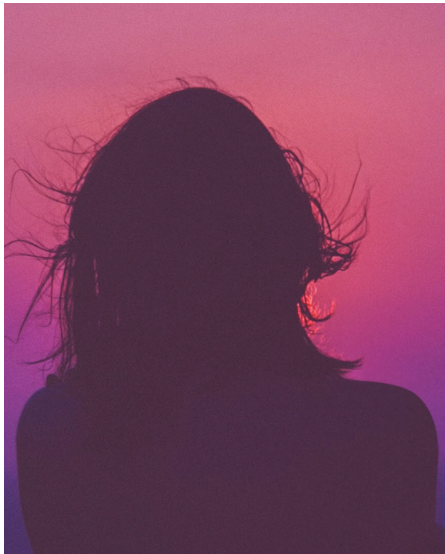
January 29, 2023

CHAPTER-A-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

We want to read the Bible together! Join us in following this reading plan, which you can also find on our church website at pachurch.ca/bible, on Church Connect, and in the Bible app. The full three year plan is now available on the information booth.

January	17	Genesis	11
January	18	Genesis	12
January	19	Matthew	5
January	20	Genesis	13
January	21	Genesis	14
January	22	Matthew	6
January	23	Genesis	15
January	24	Genesis	16
January	25	Psalms	3-5
January	26	Genesis	17
January	27	Genesis	18
January	28	Matthew	7
January	29	Genesis	19
January	30	Genesis	20
January	31	Matthew	8

February	1	Genesis	21
February	2	Genesis	22
February	3	Matthew	9
February	4	Genesis	23
February	5	Genesis	24
February	6	Psalms	6-7
February	7	Proverbs	2
February	8	Genesis	25
February	9	Genesis	26
February	10	Matthew	10
February	11	Genesis	27
February	12	Genesis	28
February	13	Matthew	11
February	14	Genesis	29
February	15	Genesis	30



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
GENESIS 1-11

Sundays at 1pm
Starting February 12
More details to come
Workbooks are \$20

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Caregivers of the Week: Dorothy Huebert and Heather Peters

Women's Bible Study - Sundays at 1pm - The women's bible study will be starting up again on February 12, studying Genesis 1-11. Register on church connect or through the office. Please note: this time we'll be sharing the lunch duty. There will be a sign-up sheet on the counter during Fellowship Cafe for everyone to sign up to prepare a light lunch one week.

Missionfest Manitoba - February 3-5 - Missionfest Manitoba 2023 is this week! Everybody is encouraged to attend. Our youth will be meeting at Church of the Rock at 7pm, for an opportunity to tour the displays and meet together with other youth for food and games.

Our prayer is that Missionfest Manitoba 2023 will encourage and challenge the next generation to live their lives for the sake of Christ and will introduce them to opportunities in which they can gain training, education, and experience in order to do so.

Cooking Class - The next class has an updated date, it will happen on February 18 at 10am. The capacity is being raised to 30 so invite your friends!



Portage Avenue church's
Cooking Class

Everyone is welcome to join this cultural cooking class and learn how to make a Liberian dish!
Please RSVP

Fee: \$5.00
Date: Feb. 18, 2023
10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm
1420 Portage Avenue



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST! :-)



PORTAGE AVENUE CHURCH



MISSION UPDATE - ICOMB

The Discipline of Joy

I can't imagine a Sunday worship service without laughter. Generally speaking, in my church, we see laughing together quite well. Whether I join in or not, I see it as very healthy, I enjoy laughing with the congregation, laughing together, and a special relationship is forged. Laughter is optimistic and surprising. It is honest, in the sense that it is natural. When we laugh even our muscles relax and our mood improves considerably. The following verse is one I love for the year 2023:

Sing to the Lord with joy, O inhabitants of all the earth! With joy worship the Lord; with shouts of joy come into his presence! Psalm 100:1

We need to strengthen the discipline of joy. By discipline, we can understand the capacity that people have to put into practice a series of principles related to order and constancy both for the execution of tasks and daily activities. Sometimes it takes a lot of work to bring a smile to our faces; sometimes we are terrified of laughter, isolated by disappointment, illness, and bad news; sometimes we think that we must first get over things before we can be joyful or happy. I wonder if the psalmist would find just that in that context, if he would want to be surrounded by joyful people, people who are enjoying that joy; what might happen if God himself is the one trying to get a laugh out of us, to awaken joy in us. I think we need to have the discipline of joy, and laughter is the best antidote.

I don't mean to humanize God, but sometimes I wonder what would be God's response to our joy. Would it be similar to what we express? Does our joy sound the same every time and yet still excite us? Are we able to delight in the smile he may be showing us?

Darío Ramírez

ICOMB Executive Chair

LOOKING FORWARD

Looking forward, we have some great discipleship training opportunities coming up. The women's bible study will be starting again on February 12. The young adults now have a Bible Study as well on Sundays after the worship service, at 11:30 in the youth room. And there is another Spiritual Warfare workshop coming up on February 23-25. Consider how you can get involved to grow spiritually!

Spiritual Warfare Workshop via Zoom: February 23-25

This workshop is hosted by Walter and Chris Martens, featuring video teaching from YWAM International speaker Dean Sherman. We cannot effectively fight if we do not understand the battle. Jesus has given us all we need to live in victory. Join us on Thursday and Friday at 6:45pm, and Saturday from 9:45am-3pm. Register on Church Connect or contact the church office.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE WORKSHOP ZOOM ONLY

Thur Feb 23 | 6:45pm - 9pm

Fri Feb 24 | 6:45pm - 9pm

Sat Feb 25 | 9:45am - 3pm

Cost: Free
Pre-Registration Required



PRAYER ALERT

Pray for those who are shut-in and in hospital

Bethania - Mary Witzke, Erna Friesen

Bethel Place - Agnes Pauls

Concordia Place - John E. Friesen

Concordia Village - Martha Tielmann

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

Pembina Place - Helen Doerksen

Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha Toews

Please pray:

- For Bettie Teichroeb who is awaiting an angiogram appointment
- For Mary Poetker, who is in Grace Hospital, in need of healing
- For improved health for Ann Hildebrand
- For Anita Beers who is doing well following surgery and treatment, but is still undergoing further treatment
- For Emily Cook as she raises support to work at YFC
- For Marie Dueck as she recovers from stroke at home
- For Jim & Melanie Penner and family as Jim continues to recover from stroke at home
- For Pastor Jedidiah's mother, who is recovering from a stroke.

2022 Draft Budgeted Expenses vs Income

\$382,503 **\$386,139** **\$447,883**



Surplus
\$3,636

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SERMON NOTES

GOING DEEPER

Use these questions to reflect on the sermon, potentially with a small group.

1. What is God saying to you through this message?
2. What did you learn about God's character through the sermon?
3. What does your response need to be?



THIS WEEK

Sun. Jan 29	10:00 am	Worship Service & Fellowship Cafe
	11:30 am	Young Adults Bible Study
Tue. Jan 31	2:00 pm	“Stepping Up” Seniors Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wed. Jan 1	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	2:30 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Worship Service
Fri-Sun		MissionFest Weekend
Fri. Feb 3	9:30 am	Homeschool Group
	6:00 pm	Conversational English
	7:00 pm	PAC Youth @ Missionfest

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Feb 5	10:00 am	Communion Service & Fellowship Cafe
	11:30 am	Young Adults Bible Study
	12:00 pm	PAC Korean Youth Fellowship
Tue. Feb 7	2:00 pm	“Stepping Up” Seniors Exercise Class
Wed. Feb 8	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	2:30 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Worship Service
Fri. Feb 10	6:00 pm	Conversational English

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