



# Celebration Service




**PORTAGE  
AVENUE  
CHURCH**


Testimony Sunday, March 26, 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](http://pachurch.ca/bible), on Church Connect, and in the Bible app. A print out of the full three year plan is also available on the information booth.

March	1	Genesis	39	March	16	Psalms	13-15
March	2	Genesis	40	March	17	Genesis	49
March	3	Psalms	10-12	March	18	Genesis	50
March	4	Proverbs	3	March	19	Matthew	19
March	5	Genesis	41	March	20	Exodus	1
March	6	Genesis	42	March	21	Exodus	2
March	7	Matthew	16	March	22	Matthew	20
March	8	Genesis	43	March	23	Exodus	3
March	9	Genesis	44	March	24	Exodus	4
March	10	Matthew	17	March	25	Matthew	21
March	11	Genesis	45	March	26	Exodus	5
March	12	Genesis	46	March	27	Exodus	6
March	13	Matthew	18	March	28	Psalms	16-17
March	14	Genesis	47	March	29	Exodus	7
March	15	Genesis	48	March	30	Exodus	8
				March	31	Matthew	22










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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Caregivers of the Week:** Jack & Janice Penner

**Condolences** to Martha Neufeld (sister), Dave (son) & Louise Sinclair-Peters, and John (nephew) & Randi Neufeld on the passing of our church family member Louise (Lois) Peters on March 17. Please keep the family in your prayers. The service details will be provided once arrangements have been made.

## **Praise Update!**

Praise God, Bettie Teichrieb had a successful heart procedure on March 22 and she thanks everyone for their prayers.

**Vacation** - Jeremy is on vacation March 9th to 26th.

## **English Conversation - Good Friday**

Please note we will NOT be having English Conversation on Good Friday as traditionally this is a day to spend with family.

## **Cooking Class**

Our next cooking class will be happening on Saturday, April 1st - no joke! Maryna Kotliarova will teach us to make Ukrainian Borsch. The cost is \$5 and you can register on Connect or the sign-up sheet on the information booth.

# Ukrainian Borsch

This cooking class has capacity of 30 so please RSVP via email or on the clip board in the foyer.

Also, please bring your \$5 fee to the class.

If you have any questions, please email:

Jean (hyiyu1@gmail.com)

Please come fellowship with us!



*\*All ingredients will be prepared by the church*

*From Portage Avenue Church*



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Tax Filing Service in March

We are currently hosting income tax preparation clinics. We have volunteers on hand to prepare tax returns for those with modest incomes and simple tax situations. Please register for an appointment via Connect.

## PAC Youth Time Change

Please note we will not be having PAC Youth on Good Friday, but have moved it to the Friday before, March 31st instead. Don't forget!

## Bible Studies Happening Today @ 11:45am!

Young Adults Bible Study - youth room

Women's Bible Study - chapel

Gospel of Mark Bible Study - room 14

## Job Opportunity

We have an immediate need for a part-time person to join our team in taking care of facility events and would love to meet with you! The working hours will be flexible. Please submit your resume or a letter of interest with your contact information to our church office and to Attention: Personnel.

**April Communion** - We will not have communion on Palm Sunday, but we will celebrate together on Good Friday.



## Need help filing your taxes?

Portage Avenue Church is hosting FREE income tax preparation clinics, as part of the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

Sign up at [pachurch.ca/tax-clinic](http://pachurch.ca/tax-clinic)

Questions? Call Jennifer at 2047744414 or email [jchoi@pachurch.ca](mailto:jchoi@pachurch.ca)

# LOOKING FORWARD

Easter is coming quickly! For those who are new to PAC, here is a bit of a run down of what to expect. :-) Next week, Apr 2nd, is Palm Sunday. Traditionally, churches have palm branches available for people to wave during worship - we usually encourage the kids to participate in this. It is traditionally a celebration service.

The following Friday, Apr 7th, is Good Friday. Traditionally here at PAC this is a funeral type service meaning people typically dress in funeral attire and it is a solemn service. Please note there is no children programming for this service and children are expected to remain with their parents for the whole service. It is a time for reflection and we will celebrate communion together.

The Sunday following (Apr 9th) is Easter Sunday. We are celebrating with 4 baptisms that day! We will also have something special for the Kids in the Word time and following the service everyone is invited to Fellowship Cafe to enjoy some homemade Paska (Mennonite Easter Bread.) There will not be any Bible Studies that day.



## EASTER SERVICES

- April 2 - 10am  
Palm Sunday
- April 7 - 10am  
Good Friday  
Communion  
Service
- April 9 - 10 am  
Easter Sunday  
Celebration Service



# 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 - Helen Wiens

Pembina Place - Helen Doerksen

Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha Toews

## Please pray:

- For Agatha Froese who is in Grace Hospital
- For improved health for Ann Hildebrand
- 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. Pray that they will be able find caregivers so that she can move back home.

**Square One World Media:** Pray for David Toews, Square One World Media's partner in Paraguay, as he records the music of contemporary Low German worship bands in South America.



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# MISSIONARY UPDATE - ICOMB

Dear Friends,

We're already well into March 2023, and as I reflect on the power of change, I'm reminded of the words of Jacob M. Braude: "Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you'll understand what little chance you have in trying to change others."

Despite the truth in this statement, many of us continue to try and change others. But what if we shifted our focus? Instead of expecting others to change, we can show them who God is and trust that He will do the rest.

Whether it's in our personal lives, our local church, our national conference, or our global family, let's commit to understanding one another and walking alongside each other at our own pace. We can take comfort in the promise that "he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil 1:6)

As we journey together, let's rejoice in what God is doing, pray for one another, and seize opportunities to walk alongside each other. Together, we can make a positive impact on the world around us.

With love and hope,

Rudi Plett

\*\*See the full update posted on the Missionary Board in the foyer. Feel free to take a copy. :-)

## Missions Support As Of March 22, 2023



# THIS WEEK

	Jeremy away March 9 - 26
Sun. Mar 26	10:00 am Celebration Worship Service
	11:15 am Fellowship Cafe
	11:45 am Bible Studies
	12:00 pm PAC Korean Fellowship
Tue. Mar 28	2:00 pm "Stepping Up" Seniors Exercise Class
	7:00 pm Council Meeting
Wed. Mar 29	10:00 am Staff Meeting
	2:00 pm Prayer Time
	5:30 pm Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm PAC Korean Worship Service
Fri. Mar 31	6:00 pm Conversational English
Sat. Apr 1	10:00 am Cooking Class
	2:30 pm Grief Share

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Sat. Apr 8	2:30 pm Grief Share



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