

OUR CALLING



**PORTAGE
AVENUE
CHURCH**

April 16, 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.

April	1	Exodus	9	April	16	Matthew	26
April	2	Exodus	10	April	17	Exodus	19
April	3	Matthew	23	April	18	Exodus	20
April	4	Exodus	11	April	19	Matthew	27
April	5	Exodus	12	April	20	Exodus	21
April	6	Matthew	24	April	21	Exodus	22
April	7	Exodus	13	April	22	Matthew	28
April	8	Exodus	14	April	23	Exodus	23
April	9	Psalms	18	April	24	Exodus	24
April	10	Proverbs	4	April	25	Psalms	19-20
April	11	Exodus	15	April	26	Exodus	25
April	12	Exodus	16	April	27	Exodus	26
April	13	Matthew	25	April	28	Romans	1
April	14	Exodus	17	April	29	Exodus	27
April	15	Exodus	18	April	30	Exodus	28

EXCITING NEWS!

It's time for our missions decision and 2022 Financial Report meeting and....

POTLUCK!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Caregivers of the Week: Frank & Anni Duerksen

Farewell Lunch for Philip April 16 - Everybody is invited for a special farewell noodle lunch after the worship service, a celebration and farewell lunch for Philip and Juhee, before they travel to South Korea, get married, and move on to BC for Philip to finish his education. As our intern Philip has been an incredibly important part of our ministry here for the last few years, serving in various capacities and always doing so with a cheerful servant heart. Blessings to you Philip and Juhee as you serve God elsewhere in the future!

Thank you from Philip - Thank you church family for supporting and praying for me for the last two years. It was such a blessing for me, and I thank God for providing me a wonderful opportunity to be trained as a pastoral intern. Our family wanted to thank every one of the members by serving Korean traditional noodle soup. Koreans have this soup for big events, like weddings, parties, and celebrations, so we wanted to serve this to thank all of you for the support and prayer. Thank you for your love, and God bless you.

Winnipeg Walks - the first walk of this season will be April 22 at 10am, in the Exchange District. Register at pachurch.ca/connect



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thank you - thank you to everybody who baked paska last week - we are very thankful for all the beautiful and delicious treats that we were able to enjoy.

Tax Filing Service - 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.

Men's Breakfast - The next breakfast is April 29, at 9am

Last Exercise Class - April 25 will be the last Seniors Exercise class until it starts up again in the fall

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.

Did You Know? - Pastor Jennifer was featured in an MBCM newsletter this week... you can view it in our weekly email newsletter, or in the foyer



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LOOKING FORWARD

We look forward to a potluck and finance meeting on April 30, where we will go over our missions and finances for this year, and will discuss conference matters. Bring a dish for the potluck!

Staff Absence - Melanie will be away April 22-29. Please pray for her and her father, who is ill with cancer.

PAC Youth - The next youth gathering will be April 21 at 7pm

Evangelism Workshop

"... always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you..."

We invite you to this workshop led by Alex Nezvesciuc and Walter Martens, as an extension of our discipleship training programs.

May 11-13

EVANGELISM
workshop

Thursday & Friday: 7pm-9pm

Saturday: 9am-2pm (lunch provided)

Cost: \$10

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 Melanie Penner's father, who is ill with cancer
- For Jon Dyck, who is struggling with sciatic nerve pain
- 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 for her.

Square One World Media Prayer Request: Pray for wisdom and spiritual insight for Gladys Rempel as she produces Square One World Media's Low German video program, "Een scheenet Läwen" ("A Good Life").

Financial Position At March 31, 2023

\$96,070 **\$101,093** **\$117,962**



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CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

Pass-through Donations to Charities

You can currently make a donation to a charity by using Portage Avenue Church as an intermediary – that is to say, you make the donation to PAC and instruct PAC to pass the donation on to your favourite charity. PAC passes the donation on and gives you a receipt.

The next congregational meeting will be held on Sunday April 30th. The main business of the meeting will be approval of the 2022 financial statements. However, Church Council will also be proposing a motion to end the practice of pass-through donations.

The reason for this is the burden this practice places on our hard-pressed administrative staff. Currently, about 40% of all the payments made through the RBC Pay Edge system are pass-through payments.

So we propose that from December 31st, 2023, PAC will no longer process pass-through payments. Of course, this change will only happen if members vote in favour of it. This change will not affect donations to charities that PAC supports directly, such as Square One World Media, Simonhouse Bible Camp, ICOMB, MBBS, YFC (Emily Cook), and MultiPLY. This change will also not affect donations to our various projects such as PAC Missionaries, Refugee Fund etc.

We recognize that members wish to support many worthy charities, and we don't want this support to be reduced. We recommend that members send their support directly to the charity of their choice. Members of PAC staff will be happy to give advice on how this can be done.

- Church Council

THIS WEEK

Sun. Apr 16	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Noodle Luncheon Celebration
	11:45 am	PAC Bible Studies
Tue. Apr 18	2:00 pm	“Stepping Up” Seniors Exercise Class
Wed. Apr 19	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	2:30 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Worship Service
Fri. Apr 21	10:00 am	PAC Homeschool Group
	6:00 pm	Conversational English
	7:00 pm	PAC Youth
Sat. Apr 22	10:00 am	Winnipeg Walks
	2:30 pm	Grief Share
	6:30 pm	Young Couples Small Group

NEXT WEEK

	April 22-29 Melanie is away	
Sun. Apr 23	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Fellowship Cafe
	11:45 am	PAC Bible Studies
Tue. Apr 25	12:30 pm	Stepping Up Seniors Exercise - Final Class
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wed. Apr 26	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	2:30 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Worship Service
Fri. Apr 28	6:00 pm	Conversational English
Sat. Apr 29	9:00 am	Men’s Breakfast
	2:30 pm	Grief Share
	6:00 pm	Slavic Fellowship



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