

# THE GOD WHO SEES AND HEARS YOU



**PORTAGE  
AVENUE  
CHURCH**

April 23, 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. The full three year plan is now available on the information booth.

April	16	Matthew	26	May	1	Romans	2
April	17	Exodus	19	May	2	Exodus	29
April	18	Exodus	20	May	3	Exodus	30
April	19	Matthew	27	May	4	Romans	3
April	20	Exodus	21	May	5	Exodus	31
April	21	Exodus	22	May	6	Exodus	32
April	22	Matthew	28	May	7	Psalms	21-22
April	23	Exodus	23	May	8	Proverbs	5
April	24	Exodus	24	May	9	Exodus	33
April	25	Psalms	19-20	May	10	Exodus	34
April	26	Exodus	25	May	11	Romans	4
April	27	Exodus	26	May	12	Exodus	35
April	28	Romans	1	May	13	Exodus	36
April	29	Exodus	27	May	14	Romans	5
April	30	Exodus	28	May	15	Exodus	37

**May 11-13**

**EVANGELISM**

workshop

Thursday & Friday: 7pm-9pm

Saturday: 9am-2pm (lunch provided)

Cost: \$10

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Caregivers of the Week:** Esther Braun & Sandy Bell

**Last Exercise Class** - April 25 will be the last Seniors Exercise class until it starts up again in the fall. Please note the start time is 12:30pm

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

## **Evangelism Workshop May 11-13**

"... 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. Sign up on the connect app, or [pachurch.ca/connect](http://pachurch.ca/connect), or contact the office

## **Congregational Meeting Postponed - Potluck still on**

Our congregational meeting is now scheduled for May 28 but the potluck will still be on next week, April 30 after church. Sign up to help, and bring a dish!

**Slavic Fellowship** - The next Slavic Fellowship is April 29 at 6pm

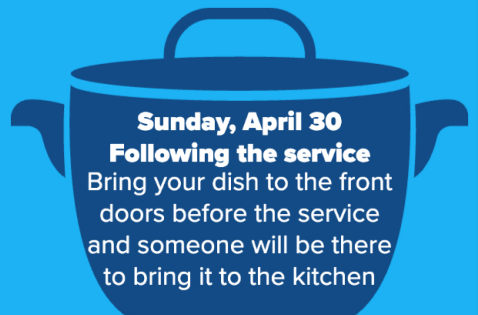
## **The meeting is postponed**

See our "looking forward" section of the bulletin for details about that, but we can still have

# **POTLUCK!**



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## 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.

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

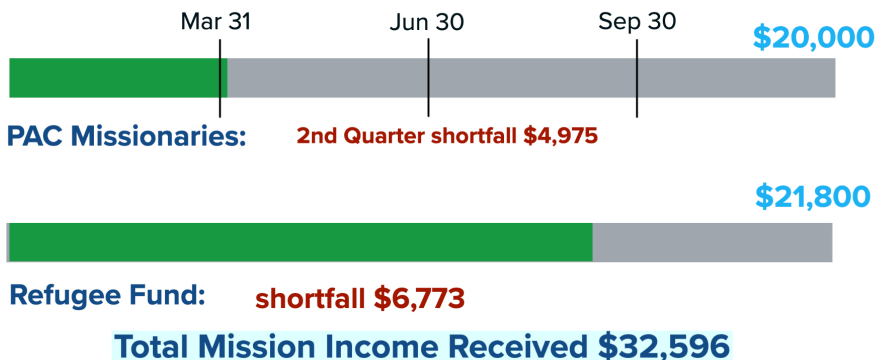
## Bible Studies Happening Today @ 11:45am!

- Young Adults Bible Study - youth room
- Women's Bible Study - chapel
- Gospel of Mark Bible Study - room 14

**Square One World Media Prayer Request:** Pray for Emily Wiebe, Manager of Development at Square One World Media.

**Refugee Fund** - Please note that we have almost reached the 2/3 on our way to \$21,800. \$6,773 more will meet our goal. We are waiting for word that the Afghan refugees are on their way.

## Missions Support As Of April 18 2023




# LOOKING FORWARD

We WERE looking forward to our congregational meeting next Sunday, April 30, but we've had some unforeseen delays that made it necessary to postpone it until May 28. According to our church bylaws, our church family should have access to documents like meeting agendas and financial statements two weeks before congregational meetings. However, our accountant who oversees all of the statements has been delayed with a couple of complicated year-end issues in our finances, making it impossible for us to deliver those to you at this time. So, we're sorry... we know how much all of you were looking forward to discussing all the finances and other exciting church business(!), but it will still happen on May 28!

The good news is that we will still have a potluck on April 30. So bring a dish, and sign up to help!



**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**

Last Saturday of the month at 9am

Viscount Gort Hotel

# PRAYER ALERT

## Pray for those who are shut-in and in hospital

Bethania - Mary Witzke, Erna Friesen

Bethel Place - Agnes Pauls

Concordia Hospital - John Sukkau

Concordia Place - John E. Friesen

Concordia Village - Martha Tielmann

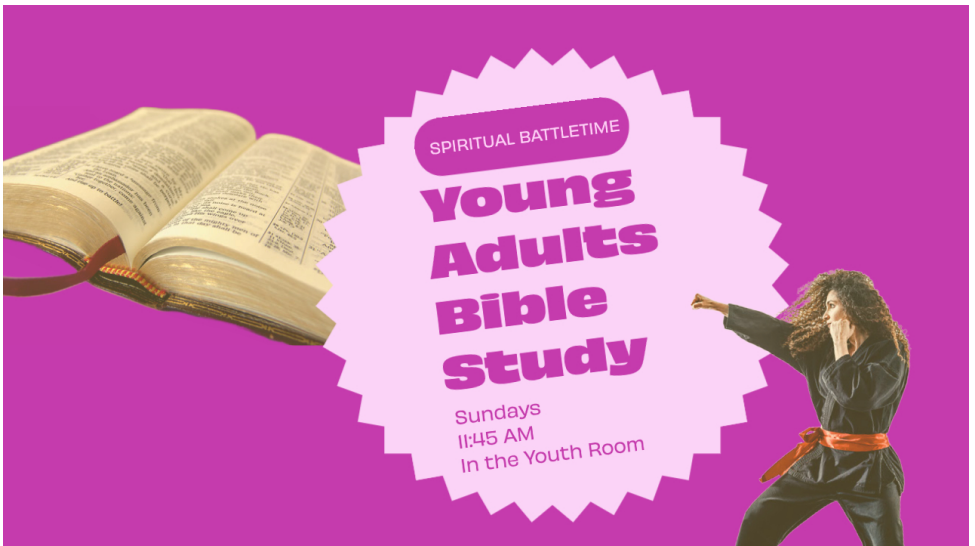
Donwood Personal Care - Helen Wiens

Pembina Place - Helen Doerksen

Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha Toews

## Please pray:

- For John Sawatzky, who is undergoing chemotherapy
- For John Sukkau, who is in hospital
- 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.



# 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 May 28th. 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

	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	<b>12:30 pm</b>	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

# NEXT WEEK

Sun. Apr 30	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Church Potluck
	11:45 am	PAC Bible Studies
Wed. May 3	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	2:30 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Worship Service
Fri. May 5	10:00 am	PAC Homeschool Group
	6:00 pm	Conversational English
	7:00 pm	PAC Youth
Sat. May 6	2:30 pm	Grief Share



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