



Let the  
*light of the*  
**GOSPEL**  
*shine in our*  
*hearts*



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May 21, 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.

May	16	Exodus	38
May	17	Romans	6
May	18	Exodus	39
May	19	Exodus	40
May	20	Psalms	23-24
May	21	Leviticus	1
May	22	Leviticus	2
May	23	Romans	7
May	24	Leviticus	3
May	25	Leviticus	4
May	26	Romans	8
May	27	Leviticus	5
May	28	Leviticus	6
May	29	Romans	9
May	30	Leviticus	7
May	31	Leviticus	8

June	1	Psalms	25-26
June	2	Proverbs	6
June	3	Leviticus	9
June	4	Leviticus	10
June	5	Romans	10
June	6	Leviticus	11
June	7	Leviticus	12
June	8	Romans	11
June	9	Leviticus	13
June	10	Leviticus	14
June	11	Romans	12
June	12	Leviticus	15
June	13	Leviticus	16
June	14	Psalms	27-29
June	15	Leviticus	17

Portage Avenue church's  
**Cooking Class**

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

Fee: \$5.00  
Date: May 27, 2023  
10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm  
1420 Portage Avenue

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST! :-)**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Caregivers of the Week:** Dorothy Huebert & Heather Peters

**Congregational Meeting** - We will have a potluck on Sunday May 28, followed by our congregational meeting where we will discuss church finances, missions, and other church business. The agenda and 2022 financial statements can be found by logging into Church Connect, or by picking up a paper copy on the information booth. Don't forget to sign up to help with the setup and clean up!

**Men's Breakfast** - The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, May 27 at 9am at the Viscount Gort. All men welcome!

**Prayer Vigil For Peace in Ukraine - Today @ 3pm, here at PAC**  
A special invitation goes out to our church family to attend this prayer vigil for peace in Ukraine. It will be held in our church building

**Cooking Class on May 27** - We're excited to announce another cultural cooking class, this time featuring some Mennonite food! More details below.

## Mennonite Pasta Keilke

This cooking class has capacity of 30 so please RSVP at [pachurch.ca/connect](http://pachurch.ca/connect), or on the clip board in the foyer. Also, please bring your \$5 fee to the class.

If you have any questions, please email:

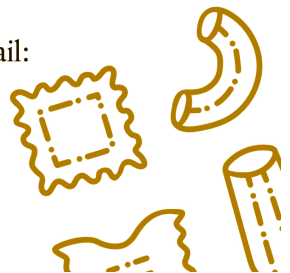
Jean ([hyiyu1@gmail.com](mailto:hyiyu1@gmail.com))

Please come fellowship with us!



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

*From Portage Avenue Church*



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Job Opportunities** - Did you know there are job opportunities posted on the board outside of the office? Feel free to forward other job opportunities to us so that we can post them.

## Winnipeg Walks - June 3 at 10am

This 2km walk is at Bird's Hill Village & Silver Springs Park. It's a short but very spectacular walk through a landscaped former quarry just outside the perimeter. Register at [pachurch.ca/connect](http://pachurch.ca/connect) to be emailed further instructions on where exactly to meet.

# MISSION UPDATE - ICOMB

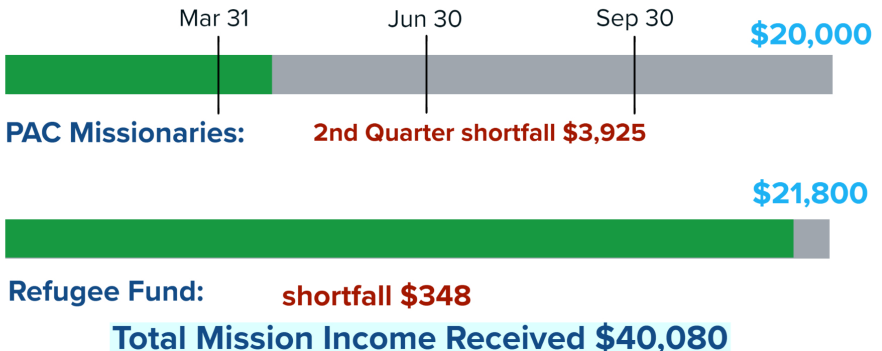
Dear friends,

Romans 8:35 asks, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" If nothing can separate us from God's love, it means that God's attitude, conviction, and vision towards us are unshakable. As leaders, we need to fully embrace this truth, even on our best and worst days. God is calling us to accept His unshakable love and to lead others in it.

Let us pray that God would help us grow in our understanding of His unfailing love towards us and those we work with.

United,  
Rudi Plett

## Missions Support As Of May 17, 2023



# LOOKING FORWARD

Our Missions team has this report to think and pray about before the congregational meeting we're looking forward to on May 28.

The vision of the new mission team is two-fold (Mark 16:15-18, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, 2 Corinthians 5:20):

- 1) To equip each disciple of Jesus at PAC to be a local missionary wherever they are; and
- 2) To raise up new missionaries at PAC by giving them mission experience outside of Winnipeg.

We believe that mission needs to start with us at home. So in 2023 we will focus on teaching and inspiring everyone in our church to be a local missionary (active evangelism, hospitality, discipleship, etc.). As we develop ourselves as local missionaries, we also want to work towards doing a short-term mission trip as a church in 2024.

This means that in 2024 we will need our mission funding for this trip, but in 2023 our mission funds can still be distributed amongst the group of missionaries who have applied to our church for mission funding.

So, in 2023 we will distribute the collected missionary funds equally between our six (6) PAC missionary applicants. These are:

- 1) David and Louise Sinclair-Peters (Multiply) receiving \$3,333
- 2) Cory and Masami Giesbrecht (Multiply) receiving \$3,333
- 3) Jen Schmidt (Multiply) receiving \$3,333
- 4) Sandra & Israel Chavez Plett (Multiply) receiving \$3,333
- 5) Emily Cook (YFC) receiving \$3,333
- 6) Greg Wiens (Multiply) receiving \$3,333

In 2024, we will not be supporting any missionaries, nor accepting any new missionary applications. We will recommend that members support the missionaries they want individually.

While this marks a shift in the way our church structures our missionary support, we want to make it clear that this is not a shift away from missions and evangelism, but rather a call to greater work in this area. We hope our church will be inspired to follow Jesus' call to make disciples of all nations, perhaps starting by attending some of our workshops... stay tuned for more to come!

# 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

St. Boniface - Susanne Thiessen

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 Penner as he recovers from stroke at home
- For Pastor Jedidiah's mother, who is recovering from a stroke

We have a praise update that Suzanne Thiessen has been released from St. Boniface Hospital, and we continue to pray for her as she

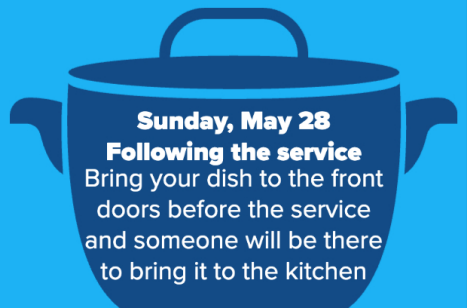
## Congregational Meeting

... a chance to discuss church finances, missions,  
etc... and have a

# POTLUCK!



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# SERMON NOTES

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## 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?



Office Closed  
Tuesday, May 23,  
in lieu of the  
statutory holiday  
for Victoria Day

# THIS WEEK

Sun. May 21	10:00 am	Worship Service & Fellowship Cafe
	11:45 am	Young Adults Bible Study
	3:00 pm	Prayer Vigil for Peace in Ukraine (at PAC)
Tue. May 23		Office Closed in Lieu of Victoria Day
	7:00 pm	Church Council via Zoom
Wed. May 24	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Worship Service
Thurs. May 25	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
Fri. May 26	6:00 pm	Conversational English
Sat. May 27	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	10:00 am	Cooking Class
	2:30 pm	Grief Share
	6:00 pm	Slavic Fellowship

# NEXT WEEK

Sun. May 28	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Potluck & Congregational Meeting
Wed. May 31	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Worship Service
Fri. June 2	10:00 am	Homeschool Group
	6:00 pm	Conversational English
Sat. June 3	10:00 am	Winnipeg Walks
	2:30 pm	Grief Share



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