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**May 28, 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



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Caregivers of the Week:** Frank & Anni Duerksen

**Congregational Meeting** - We will have a potluck today, 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. We hope lots of people are bringing food, so if you're new here or weren't able to bring food, please join us!

## **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.

## **Grad Service June 25**

We will be celebrating all of our graduating students (secondary and post-secondary) for the year during our worship service on June 25. If you or somebody you know is graduating, please let the church office know.

**Thank you from Susanne Thiessen** - A heartfelt thank you to all who prayed for me and visited me in the hospital. A special thank you to Pastor Jedidiah

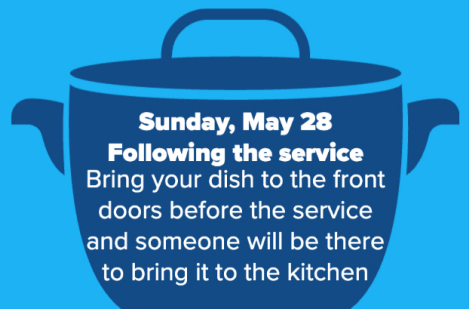
## **Congregational Meeting**

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

# POTLUCK!



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## **Employment - help for our new immigrants**

As a church, we have a lot of immigrants asking us for help finding a job. There are a few ways we can help with this as a church family.

- 1) We have a job board outside of the office. If you know of any job vacancies, please let us know and we will post them there for our new immigrants to find. If you know somebody who is looking for a job, refer them to that board as well.
- 2) Every person here has connections with other people, and might know of employers who are looking to hire workers. We have a small list of people that we currently forward resumes on to, but we could probably expand this list. If you know anybody who is regularly looking for employees, please let us know so that we can add them to our list.

Let's be in prayer for our immigrants (and our local business owners and employers) that God might help us bring the right people together to help these immigrants.

## **55+ Luncheon - July 5 @ noon**

If you're over 55 you're invited to this, or even if you're younger, just come for a visit. Register at [pachurch.ca/connect](http://pachurch.ca/connect) or on sign up sheet on information booth. The cost is \$5 per person.



## **Garden Luncheon**

*Wednesday, July 5, at 12 noon*

*All 55+ invited, as well as anyone else who is free during the day - bring a friend!*

**Cost \$5**

**Call Janice or register via Connect by Jul 2  
More details in bulletin or Connect**

# LOOKING FORWARD

Our Missions team has this report to think and pray about as we go into our congregational meeting today after the potluck:

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

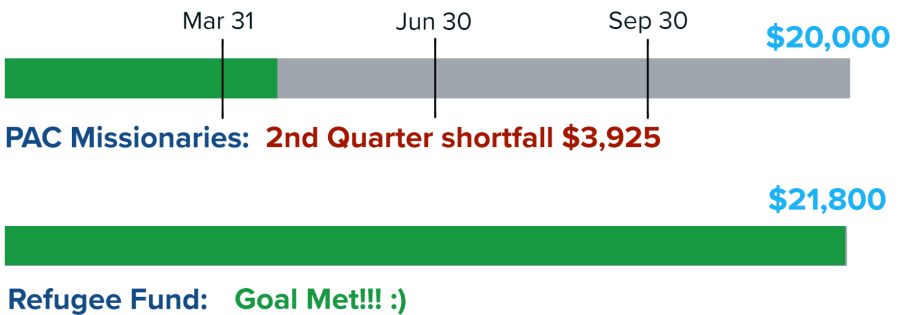
Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha Toews

## 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 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

Pray for Shoaib Ebadi and his guest speakers to boldly proclaim the Word of God to an Afghan audience on the Dari program, Secret of Life, produced at Square One World Media.

## Missions Support As Of May 23, 2023



**Total Mission Income Received \$49,662**

# MISSION UPDATE - VISION FOR MISSION

Acts 8:26–40 tells the story of Philip encountering an Ethiopian eunuch who was seeking to understand the Scriptures. As Philip took the time to explain to what was being read, the man ordered his chariot to be stopped, was baptized, and then “went on his way, rejoicing”. I recently returned from a trip to Thailand where I saw this fusion of understanding and joy in action.

Lisa and I had the joy of joining a group of Myanmar church leaders as Doug Heidebrecht led them through their first module of Missional Leadership Training (MLT). This 18-module biblical training resource was developed in partnership with Multiply and our MB Seminary to offer global church leaders an opportunity to develop shared core convictions within our MB family.

Realistically, most global leaders cannot attend Bible school or seminary, as they balance the needs of their congregation with the economic needs of maintaining their families. MLT allows for them to receive training in their own national context, equipping them to then train others.

Here is what some of our key national partners are saying:

“This training gives real grounding in the Scriptures, while developing a missional mindset. It’s so encouraging to see pastors having ‘aha’ moments as they study!”

– Sam Arcaño, the Philippines

“We had 60 people who were trained in Module 1. They then trained 200 other leaders, who have now trained 1200 people!”

– Safari Mutabeshi, Malawi

To read the rest of this update, or to see our other mission updates, visit [pachurch.ca/missions](http://pachurch.ca/missions) or view our mission board in the foyer

# THIS 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

# NEXT WEEK

Sun. June 4	10:00 am	Communion Worship Service
	11:15 am	Fellowship Cafe
	11:45 am	Young Adults Bible Study
Wed. June 7	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 9	6:00 pm	Conversational English
Sat. June 10	2:30 pm	Grief Share

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