



JOY AND
LAUGHTER



**PORTAGE
AVENUE
CHURCH**

June 4, 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.

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: Esther Braun & Sandy Bell

Grad Service June 25 - are you graduating?

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.

Manitoba Marathon - June 18

Please be aware that the Manitoba Marathon will be happening on June 18, which creates some additional challenges in accessing our parking lot.

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 or on sign up sheet on information booth. The cost is \$5 per person.

Square One World Media Prayer Request - Pray for God's leading as Square One World Media considers several new initiatives. Praise God for opportunities to share the Gospel with new people groups.



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**

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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Can we take a little time to talk about scammers?

People in our church family have been contacted by scammers pretending to be Pastor Jedidiah. Typically this pretend pastor will ask for financial help, often in the form of gift cards, because gift cards are hard to trace.

We want you to know that Pastor Jedidiah will never contact you to ask you to send money or gift cards. Neither will anybody else here on our church staff. If somebody contacts you like this, it is not us.

We want you to be safe from these predators, so please take extreme care whenever anybody contacts you over the phone or online. Avoid providing personal details or sending money to anybody who initiated contact with you, without first finding a way to verify who they are. If they claim to be your bank, or the CRA, ask for a reference number, tell them you will call them back, and then look up the contact phone number to call that organization. This way you can be sure you are actually talking to them. The person who called you could be anybody.

Some more rules of thumb to use:

- If something seems too good to be true, it probably is. People will generally not give you money, and you shouldn't have to pay money in order to receive money from somebody.
- If somebody "accidentally overpays" you for something and then wants you to pay them back, it's a scam. Do not send them money.
- Grandparents are often targeted with a grandchild scam, where somebody pretends to be your grandchild in need of immediate financial help.

Remember to always verify that you are actually talking to the person who you think it is before sending money or giving personal information.

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 also pray for:

- Ruth Pauls, who is in Seven Oaks hospital
- Mary Penner, who is scheduled for day surgery on Wednesday
- John Sawatzky, who is undergoing chemotherapy
- Melanie Penner's father, who is ill with cancer
- Jon Dyck, who is struggling with sciatic nerve pain
- Emily Cook as she raises support to work at YFC
- Marie Dueck as she recovers from stroke at home
- Jim Penner as he recovers from stroke at home
- Pastor Jedidiah's mother, who is recovering from a stroke

GRIEF SHARE GROUP



GriefShare support group is led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life.

New Session Starting Fall 2023

MISSION UPDATE - Dave & Louise Sinclair Peters

In January, we gathered 65 Myanmar pastors, elders and interns in Yangon to train our leaders in making disciples. One elder told me, “The Buddhist community leader reported me and two other believers to the police during covid because we left our houses to go fishing. We had no food and our families were starving. I had to pay a large fine. But Jesus told me to forgive the man.” Shocked, I said, “Oh uncle I am so sorry you had to go through that.” “That’s okay” He said. “He is sitting right behind you.” I nearly spit out my soup when he said that! I slowly turned around to see a man sitting behind me, “Yes, our love and forgiveness won my brother to the Lord.” He said with a big smile.

In the Rakhine region, a 76 year old witch doctor who had great influence and had cursed our pastors for years, was radically saved! Through the faithful witness and love of our pastors, this uncle slowly opened his heart to the Lord. He broke his ties to the evil spirits that had tormented him his whole life. As the spiritual leader for more than 70 families, Pastor Moe Aung asks that we would pray for the whole village to have a revelation that Jesus is God and that the once “witch doctor”, would now demonstrate that he is controlled by a new power: The love and humility of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Let’s pray...

Abba Father, we intercede for our new brother and all the families that call this man their leader. We ask that our brother would know your joy and believe in you wholeheartedly. Help him to understand your Word. May your presence be powerful and sweet to him. Help him to teach his people about the love, death and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus for all who believe. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK

Sun. June 11	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Fellowship Cafe
	11:45 am	Young Adults Bible Study
Wed. June 14	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Worship Service
Thurs. June 15	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
Fri. June 16	10:00 am	PAC Homeschool Group
	6:00 pm	Conversational English

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