

LIVING WATER



**PORTAGE
AVENUE
CHURCH**

March 3, 2024

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 bulletin board by the information booth.

February	15	Mark	12
February	16	2 Samuel	1
February	17	2 Samuel	2
February	18	Psalms	60-61
February	19	2 Samuel	3
February	20	2 Samuel	4
February	21	Mark	13
February	22	2 Samuel	5
February	23	2 Samuel	6
February	24	Mark	14
February	25	2 Samuel	7
February	26	2 Samuel	8
February	27	Mark	15
February	28	2 Samuel	9

March	1	2 Samuel	10
March	2	Mark	16
March	3	2 Samuel	11
March	4	2 Samuel	12
March	5	Psalms	62-64
March	6	Proverbs	14
March	7	2 Samuel	13
March	8	2 Samuel	14
March	9	Acts	1
March	10	2 Samuel	15
March	11	2 Samuel	16
March	12	Acts	2
March	13	2 Samuel	17
March	14	2 Samuel	18
March	15	Acts	3

We are continuing our 3 year Bible Reading Plan. The link for the electronic version on The Bible App is available at pachurch.ca/bible

Knit & Knead

*Ladies Fellowship
and Mentoring*



*All ages are invited!
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some lunch,
and let's visit together*

**Saturday, Mar 16
10:00am**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Caregivers of the Week: Peter & Justina Suderman

Condolences - our condolences to the family and friends of John Bergen, who passed away on February 26. The funeral will be at the end of March. We will let you know details as soon as we know more.

Tax Clinic - if you need help with your taxes, or know somebody who does, maybe we can help! We will again be having a tax clinic in March, on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Sign up at pachurch.ca/tax-clinic

Upcoming Grief Share Support Group program

Our grief share support group program will start up again on March 9. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from a support group like this, contact Pastor Jennifer at jchoi@pachurch.ca, or register at pachurch.ca/connect

Knit & Knead - Ladies Fellowship and Mentoring

The next Knit & Knead is March 16 at 10am. All ages are invited! Bring your friends, your favourite craft, some lunch, and let's visit together

Time Change - Please note that next Sunday the clocks will be springing forward an hour, so prepare for less sleep and grumpy kids!



Spring Forward!

Move your clocks
forward on Saturday
night (March 10)
or you'll be late for
church!

Portage Avenue Church
1420 Portage Avenue
Sunday Worship | 10am

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Office Hour Change

Our new office hours will be 10:00am to 3:00pm

Soar Winnipeg is being held over spring break at Westwood Community Church. They are looking for volunteers. There is a poster on the bulletin board in the foyer with more information. They are also looking for outdoor games (bean bag toss, ring toss, etc.)

Invitation to Film Screening on Refugee Sponsorship

Below is an invitation we received which will be of interest to our church since we supported and sponsored many of these refugees, 45 years ago. Equally, many of our newcomers will relate to some of the experiences portrayed. Portage Avenue members were very much involved and it seems we continue to be very much a people with a refugee history. The current sponsorship activities witness to the compassion and love shown. In a world that is in great upheaval, this is a testimony to our commitment to live as Jesus taught, in obedience and love for our Lord.

Sunday, March 3, 2024 | 4 pm – 7 pm

Marpeck Commons, Canadian Mennonite University

2299 Grant Ave, Winnipeg

In March 1979, MCC became the first agency to sign a private refugee sponsorship agreement with the Canadian government.

Over the following 18 months, MCC facilitated the resettlement of thousands of Southeast Asian refugees escaping the Vietnam War, Secret Lao War, and Cambodian Genocide to Canada. That legacy lives on with MCC-facilitated refugee sponsorships continuing to this day!

In collaboration with Dr. Stephanie Phetsamay Stobbe and Canadian Mennonite University, we will celebrate the 45th anniversary of this lifechanging agreement with a film screening of *Passage to Freedom*. Southeast Asian food and drink will be served, and a Q & A session with the filmmaker, researchers and interviewees will follow.



LOOKING FORWARD

On Tuesday, Church Council met and approved some projects we have been considering for some time.

1) The Worship Design committee has had a dream of making the foyer a place that more intentionally welcomes people into our house of worship. The foyer is our entrance, the only chance we get to make a first impression on guests, and it also influences the way each of us experiences church when we enter the doors. You may have noticed some recent improvements to the foyer, like the tables where people sit and fellowship, so we have already seen many benefits of giving people a way to use this space relationally, with the simple addition of furniture. Church Council has approved funding of approximately \$9000 to go towards furniture purchases and other upgrades in the foyer, to develop it into a place that feels comfortable and welcoming, a place where you really want to sip a cup of coffee and chat with your church family. We look forward to this being a more “relational space.”

2) When we installed the church’s sound system (several years ago now), we saved some money by leaving out the speaker that produces the very low frequencies, called a subwoofer. When Brian Doerksen held a concert here a few years ago and brought in his own sound system, some of us really noticed the difference that having a subwoofer made, especially for a full band worship team which we now have most weeks. It fills in the full frequency range for the music! While new subwoofers for a room as large as our sanctuary can be very expensive, we were thankful to find a used one available for under \$7000, and Church Council approved this purchase. We look forward to this fuller sound as we worship the living God together.

PRAYER ALERT

Pray for those who are shut-in:

Bethania - Mary Witzke, Erna Friesen, Frank Duerksen
Bethel Place - Agnes Pauls
Concordia Place - John E. Friesen
Donwood Personal Care - Helen Wiens
Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha Toews

Please also pray:

- For Henry Penner, who is at Victoria Hospital
- For Agnes Pauls, who is at Deer Lodge Centre
- For Irma Konrad, who is at Grace Hospital
- For safety for Sarah Anwari's family in Afghanistan
- For Jon Dyck, who is struggling with sciatic nerve pain
- For Emily Cook as she raises support to work at YFC

Square One World Media Prayer Request - Pray for Square One World Media's Spanish Media Director & Producer, Ernesto Pinto, as he travels home after ministering at a pastors retreat in Honduras.

Conversational ENGLISH MINISTRY

F r i d a y s a t 6 p m



SERMON NOTES

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?



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.

Saturdays at 2:30pm, starting March 9, 2024

\$25 - Register with Pastor Jennifer ASAP

(jjchoi@pachurch.ca) or pachurch.ca/Connect

THIS WEEK

Sun. Mar 3	10:00 am	Communion Worship Service
	11:45 am	Young Adults Korean Bible Study
	12:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
Mon - Fri	5:00 am	PAC Korean Zoom Prayer Meeting
	8:30 pm	PAC Korean Zoom Bible Reading
Tue. Mar 5	2:00 pm	Stepping Up Seniors Exercise Class
Wed. Mar 6	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	Korean Fellowship Worship Service
Thurs. Mar 7	7:00 pm	PAC Youth
Fri. Mar 8	6:00 pm	Conversational English
Sat. Mar 9	2:30 pm	Grief Share
	6:00 pm	Slavic Fellowship
	6:30 pm	Recently Married Group

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Mar 10	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Young Adults Korean Bible Study
	12:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
Mon - Fri	5:00 am	PAC Korean Zoom Prayer Meeting
	8:30 pm	PAC Korean Zoom Bible Reading
Tue. Mar 12	2:00 pm	Stepping Up Seniors Exercise Class
Wed. Mar 13	9:30 am	Homeschool Group
	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	Korean Fellowship Worship Service
Thurs. Mar 14	7:00 pm	PAC Youth
Fri. Mar 15	6:00 pm	Conversational English
Sat. Mar 16	10:00 am	Knead & Knit
	2:30 pm	Grief Share



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