

*HELPING OUR ENEMIES SEE*



**PORTAGE  
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CHURCH**

Aug 18, 2024

# CHAPTER-A-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

Let's read the Bible together! We follow 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 bulletin board by the information booth.

August 1	2 Chronicles	10	August 17	2 Chronicles	21
August 2	2 Chronicles	11	August 18	Psalms	89
August 3	Psalms	86-88	August 19	2 Chronicles	22
August 4	2 Chronicles	12	August 20	2 Chronicles	23
August 5	2 Chronicles	13	August 21	1 John	1
August 6	Hebrews	10	August 22	2 Chronicles	24
August 7	2 Chronicles	14	August 23	2 Chronicles	25
August 8	2 Chronicles	15	August 24	1 John	2
August 9	Hebrews	11	August 25	2 Chronicles	26
August 10	2 Chronicles	16	August 26	2 Chronicles	27
August 11	2 Chronicles	17	August 27	1 John	3
August 12	Hebrews	12	August 28	2 Chronicles	28
August 13	2 Chronicles	18	August 29	2 Chronicles	29
August 14	2 Chronicles	19	August 30	1 John	4
August 15	Hebrews	13	August 31	2 Chronicles	30
August 16	2 Chronicles	20			

## Financial Position At July 31, 2024

Shortfall (\$1,929)

\$265,612   288,004   289,932



### 2024 Extraordinary Expenses

- Building repairs \$3,000
- A/V equipment \$3,500
- Lighting upgrade \$13,000

YTD Budgeted Income   YTD Budget Income   YTD Budget Expenses

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## **Kids in the summer!**

We don't have "Kids in the Word" during the summer, but there are clipboards with activities in the sanctuary. The nursery is open for parents and children aged 3 and younger. Room 7 is open for parents and children as well, with a video feed of the service.

## **Greg Wiens 20/20 Global Vision Update**

Today our guest speaker is Greg Wiens, with Global Vision 20/20. For those who support Greg Wiens and his eyeglass mission overseas please note that he has been invited to serve as ICOMB's Director of Economic and Business Development. This means that going forward you can continue to support his mission by sending donations to ICOMB and designate to Greg Wiens.

**Volunteers Needed!** - Kids in the Word is still looking for one more helper willing to serve once a month. KITW happens during the sermon. Please contact Melanie if you are interested. Training will be on Sept 1 after the service.

## **Church Finance Praise Report**

A huge thank you from the Finance Committee to everyone who has been faithfully giving to PAC and its ministries. When we set the budget back in November we were trusting God that \$392,332 would come in for donations, an increase of \$39,000 over our previous year's donations. And praise God, our contributions as of July are \$227,108 - which means we have almost met our July target of \$228,862. We pray that we will continue to meet or even exceed that target so we can invest in more ministry activities.

We have also had some major repair expenses for our building so far this year, including a \$13k lighting project to convert to high-efficiency fixtures. There was additional assistance from the government for this project, and we are pleased to report we are already seeing a reduction in our electricity expenses as a result of the upgrade. At the end of the year, Council will decide whether to transfer money from our Major Repair and Expense Fund to cover these extra repair expenses, or to leave the money in the fund to cover future expenses.



# LOOKING FORWARD

While we are not “looking forward” to his absence, we want to anticipate and be in prayer for Pastor Jedidiah’s study leave from September until the end of December. During this time he will be reading lots of books, digging more into God's word, attending multiple conferences, visiting ministry partners across North America, and observing and training with an international church.

The aim of this leave is that Jedidiah will return to his role more equipped to lead our church with the unique challenges that we face. Let’s join together in prayer for our pastor as he prepares for this endeavour, and embrace an opportunity to grow as a church with some different roles while he is away.

Please note that Jedidiah’s church email and phone will not be monitored during his leave. If you need to reach a pastor, please contact Pastor Jennifer



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

REVELATION  
ETERNAL KING  
EVERLASTING KINGDOM

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Starting Sept 17

Workbooks are \$35

Register at [pachurch.ca/connect](http://pachurch.ca/connect)  
or on the information booth

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Save the Date

The next Men's Breakfast will be on September 28. We will test out the new toaster! There will not be a Men's Breakfast in August.

## Staff Vacation Time

Pastor Jedidiah is on vacation from August 16 to August 31.

## Women's Bible Study

This fall we are offering not one, but TWO Bible studies! The speaker is very well received by everyone who has done the studies so far. You don't want to miss out!

### 1. Sermon on the Mount - Starting Sept 15

Sundays @ 11:45am in room 4

Cost is \$20

### 2. Revelation - starting Sep 17

Tuesdays 9:30am - 11am in the chapel

Cost = \$35 (includes access to the videos so the cost is higher)

Sign up now via Connect or the signup sheet in the sanctuary so we can order the books in advance.



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SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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# PRAYER ALERT

**Caregivers of the Week:** Peter & Justina Suderman

## **Pray for those who are shut-in:**

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

## **Please also pray:**

- For Lydia Dyck, who is recovering from surgery at Concordia Hospital

**Square One World Media Prayer Request** - Pray for Ibrahim Zabaneh as he begins to edit the new season of episodes for Square One World Media's Arabic educational video series for Christian leaders, School of Leadership.

**Save the date!** The Safe Places training for everyone serving in Youth and Kids in the Word will happen September 1 following the service.



# Volunteer Training

Safe Places training for everyone serving  
in Youth and Kids in the Word will happen  
September 1, following the service

## September 1

# 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?



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# THE KINGDOM OR CHAOS

Through stories, music, art and film, the seminar is designed to awaken believers and non-believers alike to the beauty and hope of the Kingdom of God as a viable possibility in a world longing for hope, order and blessing.



**Don  
Stephens**

with guests  
**Island Breeze**

**September 12-15**

 [pachurch.ca/seminar](http://pachurch.ca/seminar)

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# SUMMER

## THIS WEEK

Pastor Jedidiah on vacation Aug 16 to Aug 31

Sun. Aug 18	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Cafe
Monday-Friday	8:30 pm	PAC-K Zoom Bible Reading
Wed. Aug 21	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	7:30 pm	Korean Fellowship Worship Service
Fri. Aug 23	6:00 pm	Chinese Alpha

## NEXT WEEK

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Sun. Aug 25	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Cafe
	12:00 pm	PAC-K Lunch
Monday-Friday	8:30 pm	PAC-K Zoom Bible Reading
Tue. Aug 27	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Wed. Aug 28	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	7:30 pm	Korean Fellowship Worship Service
Thurs. Aug 29	7:00 pm	Young Adults @ Chris & Walter's
Fri. Aug 30	6:00 pm	Chinese Alpha
Sat. Aug 31	9:00 am	[CANCELLED] Men's Breakfast

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