

# HARDSHIP



**PORTAGE  
AVENUE  
CHURCH**

February 23, 2025

# CHAPTER-A-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

Let's read the Bible together! We follow this plan, which you can also find at [pachurch.ca/bible](http://pachurch.ca/bible), on Church Connect, and the Bible app

February 16	1 Thessalonians	3
February 17	Song of Songs	7
February 18	Song of Songs	8
February 19	Proverbs	21
February 20	Job	1
February 21	Job	2
February 22	1 Thessalonians	4
February 23	Job	3
February 24	Job/Psalms	4/113-114
February 25	1 Thessalonians	5
February 26	Psalms	112
February 27	Job	5
February 28	Job	6

March 1	2 Thessalonians	1
March 2	Job/Psalms	7/116
March 3	Job	8
March 4	Psalms	115
March 5	Job	9
March 6	Job	10
March 7	2 Thessalonians	2
March 8	Job	11
March 9	Proverbs	22
March 10	Job	12
March 11	2 Thessalonians	3
March 12	Job	13
March 13	Job	14
March 14	Titus	1
March 15	Job/Psalms	15/118

## Translation!

Our new translation app is up and running, but there were definitely some problems to work out. This Sunday we look forward to it being improved already, and it should continue to improve!

The languages we are currently offering:

- 1) Russian, available on phones and the church headsets
- 2) Farsi, available on phones and the church headsets
- 3) Korean, available only on phones
- 4) Chinese (Mandarin), available only on phones



## Translation



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

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## **Sunday Morning Bible Studies**

- 11:45 am PAC-K Bible Study (Room 6)
- 11:45 am Women's Bible Study (Room 4)
- 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study (Room 14)
- 12:00 pm PAC Bible Study (Youth Room)

## **Condolences**

To Anni Duerksen and family on the passing of her husband, Frank Duerksen, on Friday afternoon. The memorial service details are still being finalized. We will update the church with those details as soon as possible. Let's keep Anni and the family in our prayers.

## **Young Adult Lunches**

The young adults will be meeting the next three Sundays for lunch, before Walter and Chris are away. Meet in the foyer at 12:30pm, and bring \$5. We will head out from there to the Boston Pizza by Moray.

## **Fundraiser to help send the youth to camp!**

After a few years, we are so excited to announce we will be hosting a youth retreat to Camp Cedarwood April 4-6. This will provide our youth a time to focus deeply on Christ and grow closer together. The youth will be selling freshly made meat buns to raise funds to help subsidize some of the cost.

How much: \$12 per dozen

When: Pre orders placed from January 26 - February 23. Orders will be ready for pickup March 2

How to order: Orders can be placed through Church Connect or on Sundays before service in the foyer. Order as many as you like, no limits! You can pay via cash or cheque in the foyer, or e-transfers to [payments@pachurch.ca](mailto:payments@pachurch.ca) or online via credit card at [pachurch.ca/connect](http://pachurch.ca/connect).

Please note that purchases of meat buns are not tax receiptable. If you would like to make a separate donation to the "Youth Fund" then you will receive a tax receipt for the donation.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## **New Life Group**

Are you about to retire or have you recently retired? Are you starting another life change?

Join our new life group, where we connect, support, and grow with one another. While we will include a study of some type, our focus is in sharing life experiences, discussing personal and spiritual growth, and providing a safe space for members to build relationships and encourage one another. Our initial meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 27th, at the home of Bob and Netha Kroeker, located at 140 Evanson St, Winnipeg.

For more information, please contact:

- Bob and Netha: (204) 794-9546
- Dave and Rose: (204) 202-1330

## **Youth For Christ Fundraising Comedy Night - February 24 @ 7pm**

YFC is having a fundraising event, featuring comedian Matt Falk. This is a great way to spend an evening laughing and having fun. At the event, you can donate to support Emily Cook in her work with YFC's Young Parents Program. Registration is free, talk to Emily to register, or go here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/youthforchristwinnipeg/1502814>

## **Life Group**

Are you about to retire or  
have you recently retired?  
Are you starting another  
life change?

Connect, support, and grow with us,  
meeting every other week.

Starting Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 pm

Contact the church office or Bob & Netha Kroeker

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## **GriefShare Ministry Starting March 8**

If you or someone you know is struggling through grief, this is a great way to gain some support through a Christian perspective. The sessions are weekly, Saturdays at 2:30pm. For more information, contact Pastor Jennifer

## **Refugee Ministry Fundraising Dinner - Saturday, March 1 @ 6pm**

So far, we have raised \$16,000 to support the sponsorship of the 3 sisters at risk. We are almost to our goal of \$20,000!

We are having a fundraising supper on Saturday, March 1 @ 6 pm. The menu will feature a number of Afghan specialties and will be delicious. Please register for the dinner by Wednesday, February 26th at the latest. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer/sanctuary or you can register online.

Tickets are \$20 / person. (This is not eligible for a tax receipt.)

Additional donations are gratefully accepted and are eligible for a tax receipt. Please indicate "Refugee Fund" when donating.

## **Tax Clinic**

Do you need help with your taxes? We will be running our tax clinic on Fridays and Saturdays starting March 1 to April 26. Appointments are required. You can book an appointment at [pachurch.ca/tax-clinic](http://pachurch.ca/tax-clinic)



## **Need help filing your taxes?**

Portage Avenue Church is hosting FREE income tax preparation clinics, as part of the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

Sign up at [pachurch.ca/tax-clinic](http://pachurch.ca/tax-clinic)

Questions? Call Jennifer at 2047744414 or email [jchoi@pachurch.ca](mailto:jchoi@pachurch.ca)

# PRAYER ALERT

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

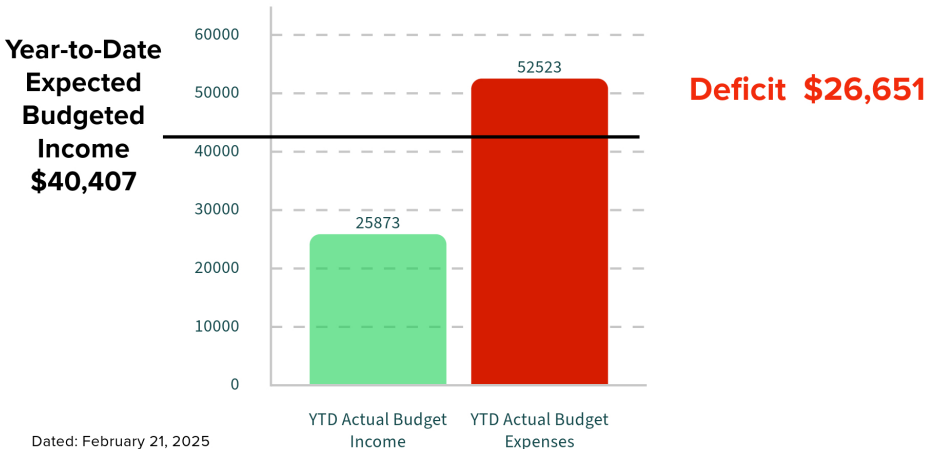
**Pray for those who are shut-in:**

- Bethania - Mary Witzke, Erna Friesen, Frank Duerksen, Agnes Pauls
- Concordia Place - John E. Friesen
- Donwood Personal Care - Helen Wiens
- River Ridge 2 - Paul Wiebe
- Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha Toews

**Please also pray:**

- for healing, strength, and peace for John and Sara Sawatzky as John’s health and strength are deteriorating
- for Jim Penner’s mom, Sarah, who is in Steinbach Hospital recovering from knee surgery and a broken femur
- for Paul Wiebe who is awaiting a placement to a Personal Care Home
- for Agatha Froese who is at Seven Oaks hospital
- for healing, strength and peace for Tina Pulver
- praise report from Jeremy Penner, he’s done jury duty and thanks the church for your prayers

## Financial Position At January 31, 2025



# LIBRARY NEWS

## New books for children

Do you have a restless child in the house? We have had a donation of a number of the always popular Berenstain Bears books for ages 4-7. The Berenstain Bears have been around for years but there is now a new series called Living lights with Christian themes.

## New books for adults

We have added the following titles from the author Dee Henderson, a popular Christian author of fiction.

**1) Threads of Suspicion** - Years after being abducted as a teenager and being forced to assist a crime family, Shannon contacts private investigator Matthew Dane for help, desperate for resolution to the mysteries and pain of her past and hoping for the freedom to begin a new life.

**2) Unspoken** - Charlotte Graham has never spoken about her kidnapping. Sixteen years later, she's back in Chicago and she is the only one who knows the truth. But, even now, can she risk sharing it?

**3) Full disclosure** - A car wreck and a suspicious death offer a lead on a hired shooter FBI agent Paul Falcon is tracking. Midwest homicide investigator Ann Silver has his attention when she passes the case to him. Is he prepared for both the case's and her secrets?

Also, don't forget to check out the videos and podcasts at RightNow Media. You can access it through Church Connect

# SERMON NOTES

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# THIS WEEK

Sun. Feb 23	10:00 am	Worship Service Fellowship Cafe Bible Studies (see inside) 12:30 pm Young Adults (meet in foyer)
Tue. Feb 25	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	2:00 pm	Seniors Exercise Class
	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Wed. Feb 26	10:00 am	PAC Homeschool Group
	2:00 pm	Prayer Gathering
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	Korean Worship Service
Thurs. Feb 27	7:00 pm	PAC Youth
Fri. Feb 28	6:00 pm	Conversational English
Sat. March 1	10:00 am	Tax Clinic (appointment required)
	6:00 pm	Refugee Ministry Fundraising Dinner

# NEXT WEEK

Sun. March 2	10:00 am	Worship Service Fellowship Cafe Bible Studies (see inside) 12:30 pm Young Adults (meet in foyer)
Tue. March 4	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	2:00 pm	Seniors Exercise Class
Wed. March 5	10:00 am	PAC Homeschool Group
	2:00 pm	Prayer Gathering
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	Korean Worship Service
Thurs. March 6	7:00 pm	PAC Youth
Fri. March 7	6:00 pm	Conversational English
	6:00 pm	Tax Clinic (appointment required)
Sat. March 8	10:00 am	Tax Clinic (appointment required)



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