



ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 5, 2023
Service at 11:15 am



Minister: Russell Mitchell-Walker
Pianist: Hyunju Park
PowerPoint Operator: TBA
Tech & Zoom Host: Brayden Barrett

Greeting: Clare Banks and Diane Dopko
Congregational Care Greeter: Kacey Colibaba
Prayers of the People: Clare Banks
Coffee Clean-up: Clare Banks

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked in this land. As we gather for worship this morning, we acknowledge that we are gathered in the traditional territory of the Nehiyawê (Cree), Nahkawê (Saulteaux), Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota First Nations and the homeland of the Michif/Metis Nation, now defined as Treaty 4, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. We recognize this statement in itself is not reconciliation work - this stand-alone acknowledgment must be accompanied by multiple acts that continue to deepen our understanding of the connections between Indigenous peoples and the lands on which we are joined through the course of history and through treaty signing.

Welcome to Eastside! May our opportunities of ministry, challenge and peace on your Christian journey. Eastside United welcomes all people to discern and engage in Christ's mission in a nurturing, inclusive, and dynamic Christian community. No matter your appearance, age, gender, sexual orientation, family configuration, or economic circumstance. We welcome all who represent God's goodness. If the words of Worship do not fit your theology, faith, or language, please feel free to change them.

Last week's attendance

Worship took place
at Sunset United

Offering: \$1890(not incl. PAR)

Jan 1-15
Weekly budget: \$3290

We have \$8,840 committed monthly from PAR – Thank you PAR givers!

COVID Protocols: We thank you for helping us keep our community safe as we continue to monitor the pandemic.

- We encourage masks being worn during Worship, especially when we sing.
- Please continue to practice physical distancing.
- Do not attend service if you have any COVID/Flu/Cold symptoms.

Office Hours and More:

- **Russell's Hours:** Russell's hours are in the office Tuesday – Thursday and working from home Friday.
- **LSC Office Hours:** Tuesday – Thursday 9 am – 3 pm
- **Sermons** can be found online under “Worship” on our website.
- **For prayer concerns,** contact Russell to be added to our prayer chain.
- **Pastoral care is available.** Please let our office know if you are in need of pastoral care. Phone calls and visits (in-person/online) can be arranged.
- **Please contact our office anytime by email:** eastsideunited@sasktel.net or by texting 306-517-6797.

Eastside Events and Programs

Worship will also be happening in person and here on Zoom! You can also call into the Zoom session on the phone with audio only by calling 1-587-328-1099 or 1-204-515-1268. If you have trouble with sound on your computer, you can also call in with these numbers while watching on zoom.

Text In Church: If you would like to receive text notifications about special services and events at Eastside, text the word ‘Loop’ to 306-517-6797.

Eastside's Annual Financial Meeting will be taking place on February 26 following Worship (approx. 12 pm). To all reporting for this AGM, please submit reports by February 1st.

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL UPDATE: Click here to view the most recent financial update for the quarter ending in November. November was pretty much a break even month for Eastside, leaving an operating deficit of \$12,658 for the year to date (see attached). December is shaping up well, with a donation of approximately \$2,100 that will be forthcoming, so a small surplus is anticipated for the month. Also, Eastside's share of the mortgage will be less than \$9,000 by December 31, 2022 after deducting cash amounts that have been set aside for this purpose. The mortgage will be retired at August 31, 2024. A rough 2023 Budget reveals potential for a deficit of \$20,000-25,000 for 2023 at current revenue levels. In other words, local giving is expected to be \$150,000-155,000 for 2022, but would need to be roughly \$175,000 in 2023 to break

even. In the absence of a significant revenue increase in 2023, Eastside's cash position would be very low by the end of 2023 (\$0-10,000), after having had a balance of \$54,227 at the end of 2021. To put this in context, in 2021, Eastside had only 80 families that gave more than \$100 for the year, so the burden for each family will be substantial in 2023. In 2024, costs will likely exceed \$180,000 due to the minister's sabbatical, residual mortgage costs and ongoing inflationary pressures. The Leadership Team approved a sabbatical for Russell, Dec 11 2023-March 11, 2024.



We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Pancake Supper as well as donations for food items. [Please click here to view the volunteer roster!](#)

Courageous Faith will continue January 26 at 7 pm online. If you would like to register, text "Faith" to 306-517-6797.

Eastside is hosting a **Neighbourhood Entrepreneur Fair** on Saturday May 6. This event is to provide opportunity for home based businesses in our community to showcase their products and services. We are looking for volunteers to help plan and support this important community ministry. Please contact Russell, Amanda, Leanne, Stephannie or Greg for more information or if you are interested.

Have you filled out your Stewardship Response Card? Our wonderful Gratitude Team follows up with those who have not responded to our campaign to check in - to save them some time and get your card submitted, you can fill out an [online form by clicking here!](#)



February 10 at 6:00 pm (Canteen)
at Indigenous Christian Fellowship



Performances at 7:00

Register: Contact Dawn 306-541-5415



*Credit: Office of the
Treaty Commissioner
Website*



*Credit: Carly Brown
Photography*

Performers/Speakers: **Joely BigEagle-Kequahtooway** is an interdisciplinary artist whose main source of inspiration is Tatanga aka Buffalo. She is a fashion and textile designer, visual artist, beader, storyteller and co-founder of the Buffalo People Arts Institute. **Khodi Dill** is an award-winning Bahamian-Canadian spoken word artist, author, and anti-racist educator from Saskatoon.

We will be accepting donations in support of INI Cafe for our musical guests! Masks are strongly encouraged.



Black History Month we are excited to have Khodi Dill speaking at worship Feb 12, following his performance with INI Café on Feb 10. This will include sharing his children's book in Theme Time. Following worship we will have a special Ghanaian Cooking demonstration and teaching with Akwaaba Foods and Viniola Apakoh. Please RSVP to the office (*link*) by Feb 8 if you plan to join us for lunch.

Outreach

There is a small group of community based volunteers currently feeding approximately forty of the most vulnerable individuals in our communities with nightly meals, snacks, and warm beverages. These are human beings that are houseless and find themselves living in tents and make-shift structures in our city during freezing temperatures. These volunteers would welcome our assistance to help support the community. **Mitts, toques, socks, gloves**, etc. are needed for the warming bus in Regina! Please drop items off at the Eastside office. [Click here](#) to see the sign up sheet to offer a meal or donations, or contact our office for more information!

Glen Elm School is taking food donations! If you would like to drop off food donations, you can do so during office hours, or leave non-refrigerated items in the blue-bin at the LSC office administration entrance. Bowl donation announcement?

The Indigenous Christian Fellowship is looking for people on Fridays to make 90 lunches on-site. There is fewer volunteers with Linda Fowler's passing. If you can help out, contact [Doug Scheurwater](#) and indicate which Friday(s) you are available. ICF is also looking for people to help bake cookies and muffins. Supplies are provided.

February/March at a Glance

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| 5 Worship 11:15 am Cong Care 2pm | 6 | 7 Prayer Service 12 pm Gratitude Team 10:30am | 8 Prayer Service 8:45 am Coffee Shop Office Hours Climate Justice 7pm | 9 Open Books 1: 30p Prayer Service 12 pm Courageous Faith 7pm | 10 INI Café 6pm | 11 |
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