

December/January

...at a glance

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26 Hybrid In-Person Worship 11:15 am	27 Offices are closed Dec. 25-31.	28	29	30	31	1 Happy New Year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 5, 2021



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Welcome to Eastside United. May our opportunities of ministry offer you rest, challenge and peace on your Christian journey.

Minister: Russell Mitchell-Walker

Pianist: Hyunju Park

Tech Support: Brayden Barrett

Greeting: John Bishop and Maureen Hughes

Prayers of the People & Communion: Donna Lindskog

COVID Protocol: Bonnie Yake

PowerPoint: Michelle Dickie

Congregational Care Greeter: Elaine Hill

Zoom Host: Brian Mitchell-Walker



Sunday Scripture: Luke 3:1-6 and Malachi 3:1-4

Hymns:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel - VU#1 vs 2

Hope is a Star – VU#7 vs. 1 and 2

I am Walking a Path of Hope (Peace, Joy, Love) – MV#221 vs. 2

There's a Voice in the Wilderness – VU#18 vs. 1-3

Offertory Song by L Erhardt – To the tune of VU#541

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear – VU#44 vs. 1, 2, 4

Wait for the Lord – VU#22

Last week's in-person attendance: **30**

Last week's online attendance: **20**

Offering: **\$11898.25** (incl. PAR)

October

Weekly budget: **\$3167**

Office Hours and More:

- **Russell's Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Russell's e-mail address: russell.eastside@gmail.com.
- **Zoom Office Hours:** Wednesdays from 2 – 4:30 online.
- **In-Home Visits:** Please let us know if you would like to have an in person visit, especially if you have been isolated or alone during the Pandemic. More information is available below.
- **Church Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays, 9 am – 3 pm. You can reach our office by email: eastsideunited@sasktel.net.
- **Prayer Services:** Tuesday at noon, Wednesday at 8:15am, Thursday at 4pm online and in person.

In-Person Worship Details

- If you are planning to attend in-person services:
 - Beginning Nov. 28, proof of vaccination must be provided by in-person service attendees.
 - We are required to wear masks and practice social distancing at the LSC.
 - We hope these implementations will make our services more accessible to those who are ineligible to receive a vaccine (immuno-compromised, children under 12, etc.). Those who are ineligible may attend without being vaccinated.
 - Please do not attend in-person services if you are experiencing any COVID-like symptoms, or have possibly been in contact with someone who has COVID.
- Please notify our office if you have tested positive for COVID-19 and have attended our in-person services within the last two weeks of your positive result.
- If you are not yet vaccinated, we invite you to join us online via Zoom or Facebook Live.
- Please let us know if you would be able to assist as a volunteer on Sundays as we will need help with ensuring that pandemic protocols are followed.

Please note that the changes above have been approved by our Leadership Team following recommendations made by Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab that places of worship should require proof of vaccinations. This decision was also made based on our commitment to create a safer space for our community. The survey indicated that 65% of respondents would be more comfortable attending in person worship with a proof of vaccination policy (26% are already comfortable).



COVID Protocols: We thank you for helping us keep our community safe as we continue to monitor the pandemic. This practice and policy is consistent with the recommendations of the Living Skies Regional Council and the United Church of Canada, and done in a manner that is meaningful for our community and is safe for every member of our congregation. If you have questions or feedback, please let Sarah Tkachuk know.

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 ADMINISTRATION ENTRANCE OF THE LSC. THERE IS ALSO A BOX AVAILABLE FOR DONATIONS ON SUNDAY! THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUNG STUDENTS !

Eastside Announcements

Worship will also be happening here on Zoom as an online option! 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. We will be posting the service on Facebook afterwards.

Faith Formation is happy to let you know that we are once again partnering with the Rainbow Youth Centre to support youth and children this Christmas. Please pick up a candy cane from the Christmas tree in the Narthex or just look at the list below. There will be a bin beside the Christmas tree that you can put your donations in. Please drop off your donation by December 12th as the gifts will be taken to Rainbow Youth Centre on December 13th. 2021 Shopping List:

- Toques *new, not used (size: adult)
- Mittens * new, not used (size: adult)
- Bibs
- Baby Shampoo
- Toothbrushes (infant, children's, and adult)
- Toothpaste (children's)
- Deodorant (male and female)
- Shampoo/Body Wash (children's)
- Shampoo (children's and adult)
- Coloring Books (children's and adult)
- Reading Books (infant and children up to age 5 years)
- Crayons (wax crayons – package of 24's)

If you prefer, make a cash donation or donate a gift card from Shoppers Drug Mart or Wal-Mart, and let Rainbow Elves do the shopping.

We still need your support as our ministry continues!

We are presently behind in our revenues, both budget and with regard to expenses. Making your offering online couldn't be easier on our website! Additionally, offerings can be mailed to Eastside at:

Eastside United Church
3018 Doan Drive
Regina, SK S4V 1M1

Or, if you do want to drop off an offering in person, please leave offerings in the mailbox at the office door (mail is checked Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). You can also send e-transfers to our email: eastsideunited@sasktel.net.

Thank you for your generosity!

Financial update for October: If you would like to view Eastside's September financial statement, please [click here](#). Eastside has experienced shortfalls in our envelope giving this quarter. We appreciate all of those who give to Eastside and are thankful to all of our givers! If you would like to sign up for regular giving through PAR, please contact Becca. We also accept e-transfer which can be sent to eastsideunited@sasktel.net.

PAR and M & S Donations: If you would like to add or increase PAR and/or M&S offerings, please contact Becca and she will help you get set up or make changes. Email eastsideunited@sasktel.net to let Becca know what changes you would like to make, and he will submit the changes for processing.



Eastside is inviting you to share your Nativity scene during our artwork time during Advent (starting Nov. 28). You can share your Nativity and it's story either through Zoom or in person. Please contact Russell if you would like to share. Sharing can be done in-person or online.

Nativity Sets are still needed for December 12 and 19 services.

Sunday School with Eastside is resuming December 5! To join us for Sunday School, please text "SunSchool" to 306-517-6797. If you have any questions, please contact Leanne Sudom at 306-924-0055 or email leanne.sudom@gmail.com.

We are still accepting Stewardship Campaign Response Cards! Please send them in or drop them off at our office.



Once we return to larger in-person services, we will be in need of more offering counting volunteers! Please let the office know if you can assist us with counting!

Are you looking for more information about proof of vaccination in Saskatchewan? We have compiled a list of useful links:

- [Information about VaxWalletVerification](#)
- [Registering for your MySaskHealthRecord Account](#)
- [More links about vaccine verification from Sask eHealth](#)

COVID Vaccine Fact Sheet: We are all encouraged to get vaccinated, to protect ourselves and others, and to return to a new normal. Download the fact sheet here, and check out Saskatchewan's vaccination plan. Remember that once vaccinated you can still be a carrier of the virus so masks and distancing practices are recommended when out in public.

Heather Balfour was recently interviewed by CBC. Please [click here](#) to listen to this interview (scroll to Grieving mother creates Healing Hearts support group in Regina). "Have you lost a loved one to substance use related harms? Join a safe, welcoming and stigma free support group where you can share your grief journey with others who understand. Moms Stop the Harm offers Healing Hearts Bereavement Support." For more information and to register, please email healingheartsregina@gmail.com.

Eastside T-Shirts: T-shirts can be picked up during LSC office hours. If you did not order but are interested in purchasing one, email Becca to see what colour and sizes are available. \$30/each.



Cloth Masks: It is a good idea to double mask when we are out in public, especially indoors. If you would like a cloth mask, please contact or drop into the office as we still have some in the bin.

Were you unable to attend worship in the past? You can find a video recording of past services online. Visit our website [HERE](#) to find uploaded videos of service. After we stopped recording on Zoom they can also be found on our Facebook page.



Please share your favourite hymns with us! Let us know by filling out this Google Form [HERE](#).

Christmas Services

Dec. 1 - Holden Evening Prayer 7:00 pm

Dec. 9 - Eastside Christmas Carols 7:00 pm

Dec. 16 - Blue Christmas 7:00 pm

Eastside Family Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 24 - 6:30 pm

Immanuel Anglican Eucharist
(Indigenous Ministry)
Christmas Eve at the LSC
Dec. 24 - 8:00 pm

BOL and Eastside Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 24 - 9:00 pm

Christmas Day Service
Hosted by Bread of Life
Dec. 25 - 11:00 am

Did you miss the announcements at last Sunday's worship service? Printed announcements are saved on the Eastside website each week - check them out at www.eastsideunited.ca under the **What's New** heading!

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.



We are continuing the A Work of Art, Culture, and Its Story during worship! If you have a piece of work or cultural item that has a story or holds spiritual meaning for you and would like to share on Sunday during worship, please let Russell know.

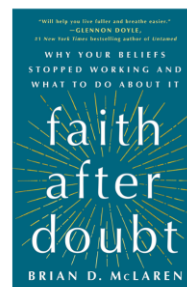
Thank you to all who participated in our Online Christmas Auction! \$680 was raised for Eastside United Church. The auction has now been declared closed, winning bidders will be contacted soon!

*Click here to view our
2021 Advent newsletter*

Our advent newsletter contains all the information for our upcoming activities! Please click the image above to learn more.

Eastside Programming

Meditation Schedule: Meditation has resumed online! [Click here](#) to join at 7 pm on Mondays.



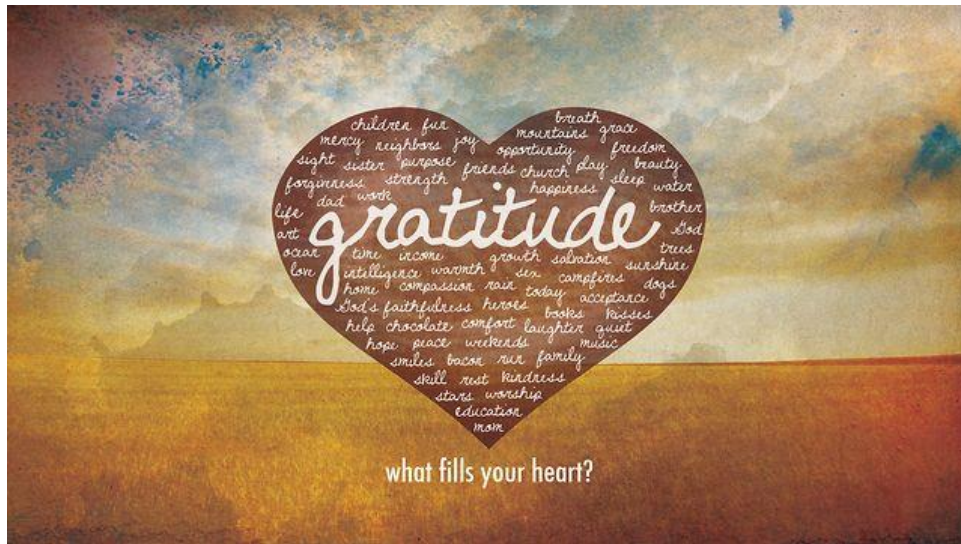
The next Craft/Study sessions will begin on January 13 - the book for these sessions is "Faith After Doubt" by Brian McLaren. Need a book? Let Becca know by December 19! The cost \$35.

Do you want to be a part of the LSC Messy Church Community? [Follow our brand new Facebook page!](#)

Russell is planning to offer in-home visits. If you would like to plan a visit, please let Russell know. We would ask that those who are comfortable having in-home visits let us know whether you have been vaccinated as we are planning to make arrangements that consider health and safety during the pandemic. Masking and physical distancing can be planned for as well. Gifts with vision promo

- Faith Baptist Place – a senior's apartment in Regina – has space available if you know anyone is seeking accommodations. Interested individuals may call 306-569-7544 for more information.
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Climate Change Conversations will be Tuesdays, on Jan 25 and Feb 1.



November's Gratitude image shared by Carol Hein.

Community Announcements

Regina Native Outreach Ministry is looking for board members. If you are interested, please email reginativeoutreachministry@gmail.com. RNOM is also selling t-shirts! They are \$20 each (\$30 if mailed), and come in sizes S-XL. Contact Deb for more information glammergirl@live.com.

- Wesley United Church is looking for an Office Coordinator. [Click here](#) for more information.
- Regina Police Veterans are looking for anyone who knits mitts and toques which would be donated to the homeless at various shelters in Regina. If there is anyone who knits, you will be paid for these articles. Contact: Lou Bellamy (Russell's Cousin), Treasurer, Regina Police Veterans 306-543-6676.
- [Mistletoe Tea and Market](#) with Westminster United
- Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre [bulletin](#)