

January 15, 2023 Service at 11:15 am



Minister: Russell Mitchell-Walker

Pianist: Hyunju Park

PowerPoint Operator: Teresa Strachan Tech & Zoom Host: Brayden Barrett

Greeting: Cathie Henderson & Jayne Kreuger **Congregational Care Greeter**: Delia Baidoo

Prayers of the People: Jayne Kreuger **Coffee Clean-up:** Teresa Strachan

This Sunday's Hymns:

With Open Hearts by M.E. Kish
A Light is Gleaming VU#82 Chorus
Be Still My Soul VU#652
I am the Light of the World VU#87 vs. 1
Will You Come Follow Me VU#567 vs. 1, 3, 4
The First Nowell VU#91 vs. 5
Jesus Calls Us VU#562
Arise Your Light is Come VU#79 vs. 1

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

In-Person: 45 Online: 18 Dec 16-28

Weekly budget: \$3290

Offering: \$4686(not incl. PAR)

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.

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL UPDATE: <u>Click here</u> 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 minster's sabbatical, residual mortgage costs and ongoing inflationary pressures.

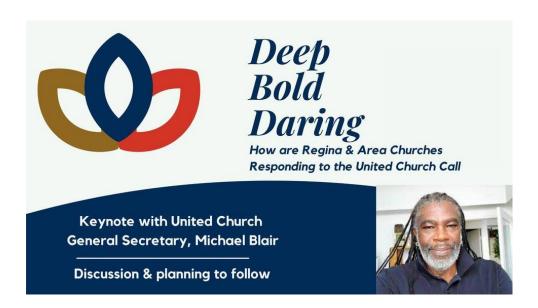
We will be having a holiday moment of beauty sharing after Christmas! If you have something you would like to share from your holidays and Christmas on Sunday during worship, please let Russell know.

Have you returned your Stewardship Response Card? We are still accepting them! PLEASE HELP OUR VOLUNTEERS AND TAKE THE TIME TO COMPLETE YOUR RESPONSE CARD - we will be placing phone calls to all who we have not heard from. Thank you for supporting our ministry!

Film and Faith will be taking place on January 27! Time is to be determined. The film will be "A Man Called Otto" starring Tom Hanks (as long as it is still playing!) Interested? Text "Film" to 306-517-6797 to register and keep informed!

Did you know? When a month has five Sundays, Russell has the fifth Sunday off. We invite you to join us for Worship at Sunset United on January 29th at 10:30am it will also be online via Zoon, watching their YouTube Stream. More details will be coming soon!

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



All people involved and interested in United Churches in Regina and Area are invited to come together for a discussion of how we can collaborate to live more deeply into the United Church of Canada Call & Vision of Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice.

Please pre-<u>register</u>. We will hear from United Church of Canada General Secretary, Michael Blair about his vision of a growing denomination, and how he sees this Call impacting local congregations. Following Michael's talk we will discuss places we see Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice unfolding in our communities. We will also have facilitated small group conversations on topics like refugee sponsorship, houselessness and food insecurity, children and youth ministry, shared worship and community building, Reconciliaiton, growth and evangelism, and exploring spirituality practices, and how we see the call unfolding in these and other areas. All are welcome, but we ask that you register so we have a sense of numbers. If you have an idea for a small group topic let us know. This event is brought to you by the Regina & Area Cluster.

We are looking for volunteers to help with Breakfast at ICF on January 28! Please let Doug Scheurwater know if you are available.

Join Eastside for our January
Community
Dinner!



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January 19 @ 6 pm



Our theme is climate change with speakers from the Saskatchewan Electric Vehicle Association! Menu: stew and buns catered by Munch Catering. This event is zero cost, invite a friend! Register:



Text "RSVP" to 306-517-6797

Email: eastsideunited@sasktel.net

This event is brought to you with the support of the Living Spirit Centre Climate Justice Committee.



EASTSIDE MONTHLY LUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP - JANUARY 22

Ham and Swiss Sandwich **OR** Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap





All boxes come with cookies and veggies & dip!

Click this image to order by January 17!

Outreach

Interested in providing meals for the Warming Bus in Regina? 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. Click here to see the sign up sheet, 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.

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 <u>Doug Scheurwater</u> and indicate which Friday(s) you are available. ICF is also looking for people to help bake cookies and muffins. Supplies are provided.

January/February at a Glance

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
15 Worship 11:15 am	16	17 Prayer Service 12 pm LSC Council 7pm	Prayer Service 8:45 am Coffee Shop Office Hours Faith Formation 6:30pm	19 Prayer Service 12 pm Community Dinner 6 pm	20 Regina Cluster event 6:30pm	21
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