November ...at a glance

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
31 Hybrid In- Person Halloween Worship 11:15 am Happy Halloween! Dress Up!	1 Meditation Online 7pm	2 Prayer Service Online 12pm Courageous Church 7pm	3 Prayer Service Online 8:30am Zoom Office Hours 2-4:30 pm	4 Prayer Service Online 4pm Craft/Study 1:30pm	5	6
					Russell away for Skylight Meeting	
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21 Hybrid In- Person Worship Communion 11:15 am	22 Meditation Online 7pm	23 Gratitude Team 10:30am Prayer Service Online 12pm LSC Council 7pm	24 Prayer Service Online 8:30am Zoom Office Hours 2-4:30 pm Leadership Team 7pm	25 Prayer Service Online 4pm Craft/Study 1:30pm	26 Film & Faith 7pm	27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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October 31, 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: Wendy Hardman (Live) **Tech Support:** Brayden Barrett **Greeting:** Stephannie Banks **COVID Protocol:** Dianna Ingham **PowerPoint:** Michelle Dickie Congregational Care Greeter: Barb Rio Zoom Host: Brian Mitchell-Walker Facebook Live Host: Stephannie Banks

Happy Halloween! Thank you for joining us for our All Saints Day candle-lighting.

Sunday Scripture: Hebrews 11-12 selected verses.

Hymns:

Come You Thankful People - VU#516 O When the Saints For All the Saints – VU#705 Those Hearts that we Have Treasured – VU#494 Addams Family Grace (Adapted) Saints Song Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying - VU#400 God Help Us to Treasure – MV#147 vs 1

Last week's in-person attendance: -Offering: \$1762.20 (not incl. PAR) Last week's online attendance: 24 Sept. 1-15

Weekly budget: \$3167

Office Hours and More:

- **Russell's Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Russell's email address: <u>russell.eastside@gmail.com</u>.
- **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 islolated 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.



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 !



In-Person Worship Details

- We will be holding in-person services you are welcome to attend if you feel comfortable doing so!
- If you are planning to attend in-person services:
 - We are required to wear masks and practice social distancing at the LSC.
 - We ask that adults only attend if you are fully vaccinated. We hope this will make our services more accessible to those who are ineligible to recieve 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.



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Worship will also be happening <u>here</u> 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. You may also join us on Facebook Live via our Page.

The Gratitude Team has launched the 2021 Stewardship Campaign! Please read the information in the package and return your Response Card by November 7, 2021.

Concerned about Homelessness?

At our Community Dinner with RAPM (Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry) Peter and Bonnie encouraged us to be advocates for the poor to address the inadequacy of the new Saskatchewan Income Support program: writing letters to the government, letters to the Editor of the Leader-Post, and talk to our friends and family. To this end you will find two documents to help:

1. <u>Talking Points from RAPM</u> which give some background to the changes and needs, and specific points to raise. Go to the end of the document for specific points.

2. <u>Bonnie Yake, after the Community Dinner has drafted a letter</u> that she is willing for others to use as a starting point. Russell has added some specifics from the talking points. It is best if we make the letter our own, and it is not just a carbon copy, however if you don't have time to make it your own, sending it as is will be fine!

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 September: If you would like to view Eastside's September financial statement, please <u>click here</u>. 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 <u>eastsideunited@sasktel.net</u>.

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.

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.

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.



Sunday School with Eastside will be resuming! We will be resuming Sunday School November 14, online following the church service weekly. If you have any questions, please contact Leanne Sudom at 306-924-0055 or email leanne.sudom@gmail.com.



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
- <u>Registering for your MySaskHealthRecord Account</u>
- More links about vaccine verification from Sask eHealth

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.

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.

Were you unable to attend worship in the past? You can find a video recording of past services online. Visit our website <u>HERE</u> 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 <u>HERE</u>.

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.



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!

Eastside will be having an online auction near Christmas-time! Perhaps you would like to donate something, an item, talent, a craft or some baking. If you are interested in providing a donation, please contact Maureen Hughes or send her a picture of the donated item/talent, a description, and starting bid: nmhughes58@gmail.com



Eastside Programming

Meditation Schedule: Meditation has resumed online! <u>Click here</u> to join at 7 pm on Mondays.

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.



Reading Schedule:

September 16 ~ Chapter 1 September 23 ~ Chapter 2 September 30 ~ No C/S, office closed for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation October 7 ~ Chapter 3 October 14 ~ Chapter 4 October 21 ~ Chapter 5 October 28 ~ Chapter 6 November 11~ No C/S, Remembrance Day November 18 ~ Chapter 7 November 25 ~ Chapter 8 December 2 ~ Chapter 9 and Epilogue

We will be delivering Messy Church bags to families with children again at the end of November for Advent If you didn't get a bag and would like one, let the office know. Do you want to be a part of the LSC Messy Church Community? Follow our brand new Facebook page!



Join us for the Courageous Church Summit Tuesdays at 7pm online on September 14, then each week from September 28. Sept. 14 - Diana Butler Bass, author, (Grateful, Grounded), historian Sept. 28 - Rev. John Dorhauer, President United Church of Christ Oct. 12 - Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, minister Middle Collegiate Church, New York

Oct. 19 - Brian McLaren, author (We Make the Road by Walking) **Oct. 26** - Bishop Michael Curry (Episcopal National Bishop) & Jim Wallis (Sojourners Magazine)

Nov. 2 - Rev Claudio Carvalhaes, Theologian and Professor or Worship at Union Theological Seminary.

Register by texting 'Faith' to 306-517-6797 or contact the office.



As we live into the crisis of climate change and experience more and more the impacts of this crisis this resource encourages dialogue on climate change. For the Love of Creation developed Faithful Climate Conversations, a series of guides to facilitate small group conversations on climate change. There are three sessions and folk may participate in all or the ones that suit them and where they are at. If you are interested in participating in any of these conversations, let Russell or the office know, along with which one(s) and we will schedule them. The three sessions are:

1) <u>Creation, Climate and You</u> – Designed for people who have rarely, if ever, talked about climate change in a group setting before, this guide focuses on gently surfacing peoples' emotions and underlying thoughts about climate change.

2) <u>From Concern to Action</u> – For people who may have a basic understanding of climate change or are concerned about the effects of climate change, but remain uncertain about the best ways to act in light of this reality.

3) <u>Build a Better Future</u> – Meant for people who have already been involved in climate action at some level, this guide focuses on enacting political and systemic change to address the climate emergency.

This resource has been developed by a coalition of organizations including Kairos. <u>Click here to complete the survey!</u>



October's Gratitude image shared by Maureen Hughes.

Community Announcements

Regina Native Outreach Ministry is looking for board members. If you are interested, please email reginanativeoutreachministry@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.

- <u>Speaking Grief</u> An movie showing provided by Speers Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, Nov. 16
- 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.
- <u>Mistletoe Tea and Market</u> with Westminster United
- <u>Click here to view a recording of an event from Knox Met</u> Downtown on Purpose: Conversations about Poverty and Homelessness in Regina | October 6, 2021
- LBC Annual Meeting November 23rd at 7:00 pm
- Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre <u>bulletin</u>
- Affirm United is looking for a <u>treasurer</u> (no-bookkeeping involved)
- 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.

