

July/August 2021
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Full descriptions of activities in bulletin.
 All worship and programming is online.

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18 Online Worship 10:30am with Wesley UC	19	20	21	22	23	24
Russell Vacation						
25 Online Worship 10:30am with Wesley UC	26	27	28	29	30	31
Russell Vacation						
1 Online Worship 10:30am with Lakeview UC	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Russell Vacation						

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 18, 2021

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

Ministers: 10:30am Worship with Wesley United Church online.

Last week's attendance: 27 Offering: \$7486 Weekly budget: \$3167
 (not incl. PAR) June

Worship will be happening online via Zoom [HERE](#). 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.

Office Hours:

The Living Spirit Center is closed due to concerns over COVID-19. If you need to contact the Eastside United Office, please email Becca at eastsideunited@sasktel.net.

- **Becca's Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays. In office Thursdays 10-11am
- **Russell's Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Russell's e-mail address: russell.eastside@gmail.com.
- **Zoom Drop-in Office Hours** Wednesdays from 2 – 4:30
- **Russell's summer vacation** will be July 17-August 23. Ken Powers and Jim Balfour will be on call for pastoral care, details to follow.

In-Person Worship: We plan to resume in-person worship on September 12. We are confident that this will allow us the time to prepare for this re-integration. If you are uncomfortable resuming in person worship there will be options to continue worshipping with us online. This preparation work 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. As part of this we will encourage physical distancing during worship and people are welcome to wear masks. If you enjoy singing and are ready to sing again, you are asked to sit in the front section and wear a mask. If you have questions or feedback, please let Sarah Tkachuk know.

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** (<http://www.eastsideunited.ca/donate2.html>) couldn't be easier. 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. **We now take e-transfer! You can send e-transfers using eastsideunited@sasktel.net.** Thanks for your generosity!

Covid Vaccine Fact Sheet: We are all encouraged to get vaccinated when our turn comes, 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.

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.

LGBT Banning Conversion Efforts in Regina: Recently, Russell has been speaking about the push to ban conversion therapy in Regina. If you would like to read about it, you can find the Global News piece [here](#). There is also an article from the Leader Post [here](#). If you would like to be part of the Affirming Ministry team organizing, let Russell know. Letters to your city councilor and mayor in support of the ban would be very helpful. Find the contacts [here](#). Check out <https://www.noconversioncanada.com> for information.

The bylaw was presented on July 14 to City Council. Contact your councilor and support the passage of the bylaw. If you wish to speak through it, contact the city clerk, following the 'How to Make a Request' directions on this [page](#). Russell and other Faith Leaders have created a letter on the ban of conversion therapy. You can view it [here](#).

Eastside T-Shirts: If you ordered a t-shirt, please come pick them up! They are ready! They can be picked up on Thursdays between 10 am and 11 am. If you did not order but are interested in purchasing one, email Becca to see what colour and sizes are available. \$30/each.



JOIN US FOR SHARED SUMMER SERVICES!

Sundays at 10:30 am



You can join these services by using our regular worship link. More information will be included in weekly emails.

Sunset United Church
306-586-3613
June 20, 27, July 4

Wesley United Church
306-586-5220
July 11, 18, 25

Lakeview United Church
306-586-7844
August 1, 8, 15

Living Spirit Center
306-761-0556
August 22, 29, September 5

Bread of Life - August 22
Eastside United - August 29
Immanuel - September 5



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

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

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.

Meditation Schedule: There will be a mid-summer meditation on Monday, August 9. The autumn schedule will continue on September 13.



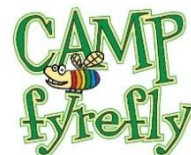
Were you unable to attend worship in the past? Don't worry about it! You can find a video recording of past services online. Visit our website [HERE](#) to find uploaded videos of service. They can also be found on our Facebook page.



Text In Church: We are trying something new! We have signed up for a monthly subscription of Text in Church which allows us to send group texts and e-mails about events and for newcomers. 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? Sometimes feel like an event snuck up on you and you didn't receive proper notice? Printed announcements are saved on the Eastside website each week - check them out at www.eastsideunited.ca under the **What's New** heading!

Is your SGI rebate "found money" that you would like to give to a good cause? There was discussion at the May 30th AGM that if people would like to donate, special donations to Eastside from the rebate would be given to a chosen charity. The selected cause is Regina Native Outreach Ministry, thank you for your support! If you would like to donate, please send your donations to Eastside United clearly marked RNOM.



Camp fyrefly will be operating this summer online! Deadlines are approaching soon! If you would like to donate, you can click here. Camp is on Thursday, August 12 to Sunday, August 15. The last day to apply to be a camper is July 23.

Committee Vacancies: The Gratitude Team is gearing up for it's fall campaign and could use two more members to ease the load. If you are grateful for being part of the Eastside community and would like to inspire gratitude in others and encourage people's generosity, we'd love to have you join us! Let Russell know if interested. The Worship Feedback Team is looking for a few members as well. This team evaluates services once or twice a month and meets every six weeks to discuss.



Financial update for May: If you would like to view Eastside's May financial statement, please [click here](#). Eastside has experienced shortfalls in our giving this year. We appreciate all of those who give to Eastside and are thankful to all of our givers. As summer has arrived and many will be going to cabins or away for holidays, we would like to gently remind our friends that we continue to have regular expenses and appreciate your support. 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.

Fall Programming: Please see our summer newsletter for more information! We have many exciting programs to look forward to:



**FOR THE LOVE
OF CREATION**

Faithful Climate Conversations

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) **Creation, Climate and You** – 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) **From Concern to Action** – 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) **Build a Better Future** – 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.



Join us for the Courageous Church Summit Tuesdays at 7pm on September 14, then each week from September 28. This will be both in person and online.

Sept 14 - Diana Butler Bass, author, (Grateful, Grounded), historian

Sept 28 - Rev. John Dorhauer, President United Church of Christ

Oct. 5 - Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, minister Middle Collegiate Church, New York

Oct. 12 - Brian McLaren, author (We Make the Road by Walking)

Oct 19 - Bishop Michael Curry (Episcopal National Bishop) & Jim Wallis (Sojourners Magazine)

Oct 26 - Rev Claudio Carvalhaes, Theologian and Professor of Worship at Union Theological Seminary. **Register by texting 'Faith' to 306-517-6797 or contact the office**

Craft/Study will be resuming in the fall on September 16! Sessions will be on Thursdays at 1:30 at the LSC and online. The book for these sessions will be *See No Stranger* by Valerie Kaur. If you would like a book ordered to be picked up at the church, please let Becca know by August 30th. For future books, please see selections below and complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/EsBExwL6itg1qXwS7> . Please submit your top four selections!

Are you interested in a visit?

If you would like to stay connected and are interested in visiting with Russell in person, please let him know by sending us an email. We will be able to do in-home visits soon!

HOUSE OF DINAH IS STILL IN NEED OF A LEADER!



Following the passing of Linda Richards, House of Dinah is without a leader at this time. If you are able to fill this position, please let us know! As we near a time where in-person worship is a possibility, coordinating volunteers and ensuring these tasks can be managed is important to keeping our community safe following the pandemic

Film & Faith Schedule

September 24

October 29

November 26

Stay tuned for more information in our weekly emails! If it remains feasible with pandemic protocol, sessions will be resuming in theaters!



Stay tuned-in to our weekly announcement emails for more information about upcoming breakfasts and INI Cafe held by Indigenous Christian Fellowship!