

December 2017/January 2018! At a glance

Full descriptions of activities in bulletin.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
10 Worship 11:15 Open Hearts	11 Stocking stuffers for RYC due Meditation 7 pm AA 8 pm	12 Cards 9:30 TOPS 6:30	13 Coffee Shop Office Hours	14 Craft/Study 1:30	15	16
17 Worship 11:15 POTLUCK Arise! Wascana Worship Service	18 AA 8 pm	19 Cards 9:30 TOPS 6:30	20	21 Blue Christmas Service 7 pm 	22	23 IMCF Breakfast 9 am
24 Worship 11:15 Candlelight Communion 7 pm	25 	26	27	28	29	30
Eastside Office Closed for the Holidays						
31 Worship 10 am Lessons and Carols Triparish!	1 AA 8 pm 	2 Cards 9:30 TOPS 6:30	3	4 Cong Care 10 am	5	6
Russell's sabbatical begins						
7 Worship 11:15 am Communion World Religions: Islam	8 Meditation 7 pm AA 8 pm	9 Cards 9:30 TOPS 6:30	10	11 Craft Study 1:30	12	13 Women's Breakfast 8 am

TOPS = Take Off Pounds Sensibly
AA = Alcoholics Anonymous



ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 10, 2017

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

Ministers:

Minister: Russell Mitchell-Walker
Greeting: Peter and Jean Braun
Congregational Care Greeter: Sheri Nupdal
Prayers: Carol Hein
PowerPoint: Brian Mitchell-Walker
Music: Michelle Dickie and Eastside's Choir!
Last week's attendance: 64

Russell's e-mail address: russell.eastside@sasktel.net

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Russell's Office Hours:

Tuesday through Thursday, working from home Friday

Coffee Shop Office Hours Wednesdays from 2 to 4:30, at the Woodhams Drive
Brewed Awakening, December 13 and 20! **We may be Caroling on December 20, stay tuned for details!** Let Russell know if you're interested.

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Songs –

With Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
Hope Shines as a Solitary Star MV #220
People Look East VU #9 vs. 1-4
A Candle is Burning VU #6 vs 1
All Earth is waiting VU #5
O God, we know your love and grace Tune #541
In the Bleak Midwinter VU #55 vs 1,2,4
Hope is a Star VU #7 vs 2



Our December Potluck has been moved to Sunday, December 17 following worship. We look forward to sharing a meal and some Christmas spirit with you then!

St. Philip Senior Ministry Outreach card playing program, Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the East Sanctuary at the Living Spirit Centre. Whist and lessons to those that would like to learn. Come out and enjoy fellowship, coffee and card playing. If you need a ride call Rod 306-789-1388. Everyone is welcome.

Eastside's Craft/Study Group Thursdays at 1:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room and East Sanctuary! Join us as we share in discussion, handiwork and coffee time following. For December 13, we will be looking at the Christmas Stories and background from John Dominic Crossan's *The First Christmas*, and will then take a break for Christmas, resuming January 11, studying *The Great Spiritual Migration*. Let the office know if you would like a book.

LSC Meditation Group: Join us on Monday, December 11 at 7 pm in the East Sanctuary. We'd love to have you join us whether you're new to meditation or an experienced practitioner. All are welcome, remember to wear comfortable clothing. For more info, please get in touch with Sheri Nupdal at sherinupdal7@gmail.com. ***This is our last gathering until Monday, January 8.***

Our Christmas worship service at the Wascana Rehabilitation Centre is taking place next Sunday, December 17 at 1:30 pm. We need individuals to escort worshippers from their rooms to the chapel, starting around 1 pm, and we always need singers too! Please let Shelly Williams or Linda Fowler know if you'd like to be involved.

The next IMCF Breakfast will be chock full of Christmas spirit on Saturday, December 23 from 9 am to 12 noon. If you're looking for a family-friendly, feel-good festivity leading up to Christmas, we are looking for helpers to set up, serve, and clean up following breakfast. Let Peter Braun know of your availability!

Are you interested in a **2018 Multifaith Calendar**? This year's theme is ***The Power of Inspiration***. The cost is \$20; you can leave payment on the offering plate (write "MultiFaith Calendar" on a visitor envelope with your name) or in the office. Suzanne will be in touch when calendars arrive. They make great gifts!

This Advent, we are again gathering stocking stuffers in support of Rainbow Youth Centre! The Christmas tree in the East Sanctuary is decorated with candy canes, each of these labelled with an item needed for Christmas stockings distributed by the Rainbow Youth Centre during their Christmas Party. Choose a candy cane, purchase the item on the attached card, and return ***unwrapped items*** to the tree by end of day today **Sunday, December 10**. Thanks for your support!

Are you missing *A Night in Bethlehem* this year? Over the years, this event has been a wonderful and well-received gift to our community. *A Night in Bethlehem* can't happen at the LSC without coordinators and a planning team, and we are asking that you consider taking on one of these roles. This event has usually been scheduled at the end of November in alternating years. Many of the required costumes and materials are kept in storage at the LSC and past coordinators are available to offer guidance. The LSC Council has also allocated money in the annual budget to offer *A Night in Bethlehem* in November 2018.

Are you interested in helping? Please let the Eastside office know.

The new ***Gifts with Vision*** catalogue is ready to help you make a difference in the world – with no excessive packaging and no exchanges! Please look for your copy on the shelves in the narthex or the magazine rack in the administration entrance. You can also visit giftswithvision.ca to select gifts online and read inspiring stories of how your generosity has already changed lives.

Christmas Turkeys!

Order your Christmas turkey through LBC this year and **everyone wins**. For \$100 you will receive an 8 kg (approx) turkey and charitable tax receipt for \$50. Turkeys can be picked up on Sunday, December 17 from 3 to 5 pm at Eastside United. Or for \$10 more an LBC volunteer will deliver your turkey to your doorstep. To place your order, email info@lumsdenbeachcamp.com. Deadline for ordering is **TODAY!**



Join us for a Tri-parish

Lessons & CAROLS Service

**Sunday, December 31
at 10 am**
(coffee will be on for 9:30! ☺)
in the West Sanctuary
of the Living Spirit Centre

Thanks to St. Philip Anglican Church for planning and hosting this service!

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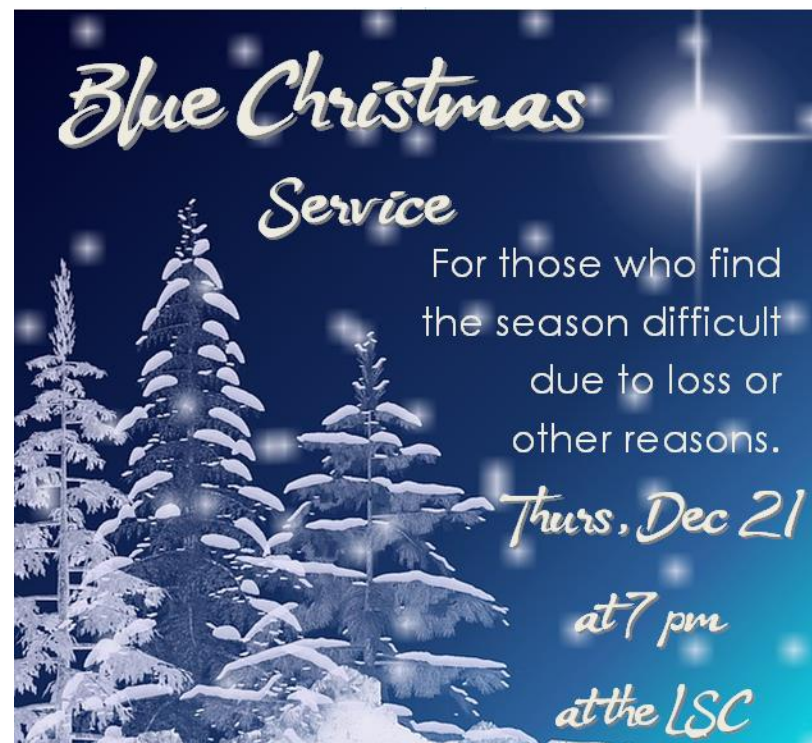
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