

April/May 2021

At a glance

Full descriptions of activities in bulletin.

All worship and programming is online

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4 Easter Sunday Online Worship 11:15 Communion	5	6	7	8 Craft/Study 1:30pm	9	10
Russell on Vacation						
11 Online Worship 11:15 Open Hearts Jar	12	13 Prayer Service 12pm	14 Prayer Service 8:30am Zoom Office Hours 2-4:30pm	15 Craft/Study 1:30pm Prayer Service 4pm	16	17
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 4, 2021

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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
Pianist: Michelle Dickie
Tech Support: Brian Mitchell-Walker
Attendance/Responses: Doug Scheurwater
Prayers of the People: Maureen Hughes
Congregational Care Greeter: Diane Dopko

Last week's attendance: 76 Offering: \$3270 Weekly budget: \$3167
(not incl. PAR) March 16-31

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. Both Harvey and Russell are working remotely. If you need to contact the Eastside United Office, please email Harvey at eastsideunited@sasktel.net.

- **Harvey's Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays.
- **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

Songs –

This is the Day MV #122
Joy Comes with the Dawn VU #166
Jesus Christ is Risen Today VU #155 vs 1, 2, 4
What Can I Do? MV #191
This Joyful Eastertide VU #177
May the God of Hope, VU #424 vs 1

In-Person Worship: Consistent with the recommendations of the Living Skies Regional Council and the United Church of Canada, we will reopen our physical space and resume traditional services when we can be confident that we can do so in a manner that is meaningful for our community and is safe for every member of our congregation. We will continue to keep you informed as our plans unfold. The Leadership Team has established a "Return to Worship Task Group" to discuss the protocols and possibilities for gathering in-person. If you are interested, or have feedback, please let [Sarah Tkachuk](#) know. We will review again in January.

This past week, we received Harvey's resignation as Communications and Administrative Coordinator. We celebrate with him that he has a full-time job as Social Media Manager with Old Fashion Foods and are sad to lose his excellent and adaptive skills we have appreciated this past year! M&P have worked hard since this news and have a job posting ready with an April 10 deadline. If you or someone you know might be interested, [here is the posting](#).

We still need your support as our ministry continues! Making your offering [online](http://www.eastsideunited.ca/donate2.html) (<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!

Banning LGBT Conversion Efforts in Regina: Recently, Russell spoke 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](#). 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.

Covid Vaccine Fact Sheet: We are all encouraged to get vaccinated when our turn comes, to protect ourselves and other, 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 need to continue. Please keep in your household bubble until after Easter.

Meditation Schedule: The meditation group will continue to meet via Zoom for now on Monday nights. If you have any questions, please contact [Shauna Powers](#). Reminder that the new start time is 7 pm!

Craft/Study continues April 8: You can find the Zoom link [HERE](#). The link will be sent out in Tuesday's email as well. We will discuss chapter 10 of *White Fragility*. If you would like to participate and need a book, please let Harvey know. Books are 20\$.

Horizons Newsletter, Easter 2021: A PDF copy of Horizons is available for download. [Check it out here](#). Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition.

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.

Membership Transfer: there will be a transfer of membership during our worship service held in April. If you would like to attend or participate, get in touch with [Russell](#).

Volunteers for the ICF: The Indigenous Christian Fellowship is looking for people on Fridays to make 90 lunches on-site. If you are available to help, contact Doug Scheurwater. **We are also looking for those comfortable helping with deliveries.** There will be an indigenous and non-indigenous person helping. They are also looking for volunteers for **cooking on the grill for Saturday morning breakfasts.** Cookie makers are also needed. **Coolers are also needed** for delivering hot meals. Let Russell (or Linda Fowler for cookies) know if you can help.

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 Harvey to see what colour and sizes are available. \$30/each.

Alex Pelletier's lunch program is suspended until further notice while he recovers from COVID-19. We are thankful that Alex is clear of COvid-19 and continues to rest. We will put out a notice when Alex's program resumes.

Munch Lunch Revised – Donations for **Glen Elm Community School** are continuing now that school has resumed in-person. Drop off donations in the blue bin outside the main office doors, or on Thursdays during 10-11am.



What does church look like on the other side of COVID? How do we handle meeting in person while also meeting online? How does this experience fundamentally reshape our ministries? What are the big theological questions raised by this global pandemic? How shall we lead? During the **Courageous**

Church Online Summit May 10-14, will dive into these questions, hearing from leading voices and provocative thought leaders on the next best steps for our vital progressive faith movement. Find more information and register [HERE](#). We hope to gather in the evenings that week to watch some sessions together.



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

Volunteer Positions: Eastside United is looking to fill a rotating roster of volunteers to help run live-streaming technology during in-person worship on Sundays once we are able to return to being in-person. This will include: running PowerPoint during worship, hosting and monitoring the stream over Zoom and Facebook Live, as well as operating the remote-controlled web cam. Please email eastsideunited@sasktel.net to volunteer, or for more information. **We need the volunteers in place and trained before we can return to in-person worship**

Cloth Masks: It is now recommended that we double mask, and one suggestion is to wear a cloth mask over a surgical mask. It is very important to wear masks when we are out in public, especially indoors. **It is now policy to wear a mask when in the church building.** If you would like a mask, please email the office indicating how many masks you need, and we will connect you with someone making masks. Elastic is needed if you have any! Thanks to Clare Banks, Wanda Barr, Gladys Olekson, Nancy Cranfield, Jean MacKay who are willing to make masks. More sewers are welcome!

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

Hello Neighbour Card Reminder: If you would like to and are healthy enough to do so, download a Hello Neighbour card that was sent with the **weekly email** to let people know you're available to help! By putting these cards in mailboxes, it allows those of use who are well to help the people around us who may need it. **This is more important again as we are asked to reduce our contacts and go out less!**



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 are also on Facebook, starting Feb 14.

February 2021 Financial Update: [Download a copy of February's financial update here.](#) Thank you, Jim Fallows, for putting this together.

Text In Church: We are trying something new! We have a 60 day trial 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 'em out at www.eastsideunited.ca under the **What's New** heading!



a ZOOM gathering for
Young Adults
18-35 years



ALL ARE TRULY WELCOME
Every Wednesday at 6:30pm
a safe space for
open-minded, faith-based
and engaging conversation

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McClure United Church
in Saskatoon

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