

January/February 2019

At a glance

Full descriptions of activities in bulletin.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
13 Worship 11:15 Open Hearts Jar	14 Meditation 7 pm AA 8 pm	15 Prayer 8:15 am Cards 9:30 TOPS 6:30	16 Prayer 8:15 am Leadership Team 7pm	17 Prayer 8:15 am Craft/Study 1:30 Community Dinner 5:45pm	18	19
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TOPS = Take Off Pounds Sensibly
AA = Alcoholics Anonymous



ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 13, 2019

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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: Lori Latta and family
Congregational Care Greeter:
Prayers: Lori Latta
PowerPoint: Lori Latta
Music ministry: Michelle Dickie
Last week's attendance: NA

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, with coffee shop office hours at Second Cup
Wednesday from 2 to 4:30 pm; working from home Friday

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3: 1-17

Songs:

Open Our Hearts MV #21
I Am the Light of the World VU #87
River MV #3
This Little Light of Mine
I Have Called You by Your Name MV #161
What Are the Gifts
Will You Come and See the Light VU #96
Sent out in Jesus' Name MV #212

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.

LSC Meditation Group: We resume Monday, January 14, 2019! 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.

Eastside's Craft/Study Group Thursdays at 1:30 pm in the East Sanctuary! Join us as we share in discussion, handiwork and coffee time following. We are reading *Daring Greatly: How The Courage To Be Vulnerable Transforms The Way We Live, Love, Parent, And Lead*. Books are in the office for pick up and we have an extra copy if you'd like to jump in!

Eastside United Church will no longer be collecting money for Mission & Service. We still strongly encourage you to make Mission & Service giving a part of your life! We encourage you to continue to give to M&S directly, the following webpages have information about this:
<https://www.united-church.ca/donate>
<https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/get-involved/ways-give>

If you are currently donating to M & S through PAR, please contact Suzanne at eastsideunited@sasktel.net to discuss your options to adjust your PAR. You can also contact Suzanne if you are interested in signing up for PAR. If you have any questions please contact Nicole Haynes (haynesnd@gmail.com) or Sarah Tkachuk (stkachuk@kpmg.ca) from the Leadership team.

During this time of tumultuous change in the church, Russell will be offering an **evening book study** of Alan Roxburgh and Martin Robinson's *Practices for the Refounding of God's People: The Missional Challenge of the West*. "The question isn't how do we fix our churches and how do we make them work again, it's how do we recover a sense of being a people shaped by attending to God's agency and being shaped by God's agency." Will you join us in our discovery? We will be offering this study Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Please let Russell know of your interest and which day works best for you, no later than January 15 as we will be ordering our books that week. The group will begin the week of January 21.

As we move through our financial challenges, one of the areas where we can improve is stewardship education and leadership. Are you excited about what Eastside has to offer and want to communicate it to our members? Do you have some interest in encouraging others to share their time, talents, and treasure with the church? We are looking to gather a small team of people to lead a **Stewardship Campaign** using the resources of the United Church, *Loving Our Neighbours*. There is a three-week webinar to introduce and train folk in using this resource, February 5, 12, and 19. The sessions will introduce the new material and features of this year's program. Each of the sessions will also focus on one of the three key practices that encourage generosity, giving and gratitude. Russell plans to take this webinar and would welcome others to take it as well. You are welcome to participate in one or all of them. For more information see this link: <https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars/238-loving-our-neighbours-inspire-invite-thank>. If you are interested in offering some time in this area, let Russell know. And please consider checking out the following stewardship events in our community:

Planned & Legacy Giving with Kathryn Hofley
Saturday, February 2 from 10 am to 12 pm at Knox-Metropolitan United Church. Did you know there are many different ways you can support a church or charity through legacy giving? At any stage of life, this session will provide valuable information to help individuals and families make thoughtful plans on how best to support organizations they care about. Even those still currently working and earning wages may be interested to consider the tax benefits to such planned givings. This event will purely be informational. Participants will not be pressured to make any commitments.

"Stewardship Buzz! 6 steps to take right now!": a time together that will include six steps you can take this year that will inspire and get your congregation's stewardship ball rolling! Tuesday, February 5 from 7 to 9 pm at Wesley United Church, 3913 Hillside Street. This will be a "no-tech" evening ... no PowerPoint or anything like that! Kathryn Hofley is planning for a roundtable conversation that will include your ideas and insights around stewardship. So please come prepared to share some of what your congregation has done in the area of stewardship in recent years.

Russell is committed to praying for the church at this time and is inviting anyone who wishes to join him for this short service of prayer, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8:15 am. If this time doesn't work for you but you would like to join in, Russell is open to considering other times.

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Beer & Bible • Thursday, January 24, 7pm at (Location TBA). A study on the theme "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deut 16: 18-20). Must be 19+ to attend. Contact Tashia Toupin, tel. 306-352-1651 or ttoupin@archregina.sk.ca.

Concluding Worship Service • Sunday, January 27, 3pm at Resurrection Catholic Parish (3155 Windsor Park Road). A service of prayer for Christian unity in our community and throughout the world. Preacher: Bishop Rob Hardwick, Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle. Refreshments and conversation following the service.

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