

January/February 2019

At a glance

Full descriptions of activities in bulletin.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
20 Worship 11:15 World Religion Day 2 pm ICF Chili Cook-off 4:30 pm	21 Meditation 7 pm AA 8 pm	22 Prayer 8:15 am Cards 9:30 TOPS 6:30	23 Prayer 8:15 am Community Potluck	24 Prayer 8:15 am Craft/Study 1:30 Refounding God's Ppl 7:30pm	25 Film & Faith	26 ICF Breakfast 9 am
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TOPS = Take Off Pounds Sensibly
AA = Alcoholics Anonymous



ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 20, 2019

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

A very special welcome this morning to the friends and family of Kaliya Sebulsky, her parents Tyler and Heather and brother Ryder. Kaliya is being baptized today!

Ministers:

Minister: Russell Mitchell-Walker
Greeting: George Alexander and Leanne Sudom
Congregational Care Greeter: Sheri Nupdal
Prayers: Jean MacKay
PowerPoint: Stephen Poirier
Music ministry: *Arise!*
Last week's attendance: 72
Last week's offering: \$782.60

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 4: 1-17

Songs:

Raise Your Hands Up
I'm Gonna Live/Do Lord
I Am the Light of the World VU #87
Shine, Jesus, Shine
Make Room
Give Thanks
All for One
Sent out in Jesus' Name MV #212
What a Great Day!

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: Monday, January 21, 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*. We have an extra copy of the book 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 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? Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm beginning January 24.

Bread of Life LGBT Community Potluck Supper: Wednesday, January 23 at 6 pm. All are welcome to join us for an evening of great food and conversation. Bring your favourite dish to share.

Film & Faith, Friday, January 25: Film & Faith is an opportunity to attend a movie and have discussion afterward about the spiritual themes experienced or observed in the film. Head on over to our Facebook event <https://www.facebook.com/events/325195004965196/> to vote for the movie of your choice, RSVP, and for details. We are looking at watching *Welcome to Marwen*, *On the Basis of Sex*, or *Boy Erased*.

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 need 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 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.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY TEACHINGS:

St. James United Church is offering four learning sessions led by Elder Lorna Standingready. She will share her own experiences and use the book *A Quest for Respect*. Please join Lorna for one or all of the four sessions held Tuesdays at St. James (4506 Sherwood Drive) on January 15, 22 and 29 and February 4 from 7 to 9 pm. No charge. For further information call 306-543-2626.

The next ICF Breakfast is coming up on Saturday, January 26 from 9 am to 12 noon. If you're looking for a family-friendly, feel-good volunteer opportunity, we are in need of helpers to set up, serve, and clean up following breakfast. Let Peter Braun know of your availability!



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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.

Update on JNAC

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In December, the JNAC met and determined that based on the feedback received, we required additional assistance from Region 4 (formerly the Saskatchewan Conference and Wascana Presbrey) in order to move forward. As a result of these discussions, Region 4 has recommended that Eastside undergo a Review Process (discussed further below), and as a result the JNAC has been put on hold in order to move forward with this review. Once the Review is complete, we will reengage and determine the next steps for the JNAC.

We ask for your patience as we move forward in this process and continue, with the assistance of the greater United Church, to determine the best path forward for this community. If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact Sarah Tkachuk at stkachuk@kpmg.ca or 306-527-5060.

Invitation to participate in the Review Process

The JNAC has requested assistance from Region 4 to support moving forward with its process. The Region's response has been to call for a review of the congregation. Accordingly, Rev. Dr. John Burton has been appointed to work with the congregation in carrying out this review.

John will be doing this work Friday, January 25 and Saturday, January 26 between 8:30 am and 6 pm. He will meet one on one with all members of the congregation who wish to meet with him to share their perspective. Sign up for a 20-minute appointment by contacting the church office during office hours at 306-761-0556 or eastsideunited@sasktel.net. Outside of office hours, please contact Anita at anita@accesscomm.ca.

If you wish to see John with someone else, he is happy to see couples or committees together. Couples are asked to take only one timeslot; committees or groups are asked to take two.

If you are unavailable during those two days, please feel free to send an email to John at johnburton10969@gmail.com. You can either send a written submission or request a phone conversation in which case John will arrange a time with you.

Cam Fraser is the Pastoral Care person appointed to Eastside for this process. Anyone with concerns about the process, or who just needs someone to talk to outside of Russell or the Eastside team can contact Cam at camfraser@knoxmetregina.org.

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