****

**March/April 2017 At a glance**

**Full descriptions of activities in bulletin.**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tues** | **Wed** | **Thurs** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
| **12****Worship****11:15****Open Hearts Jar****Farewell for Pastor Carla 2 pm** | **13****AA 7:30 pm****Meditation****7 pm** | **14****Cards****9:30****TOPS****6:30** | **15****Lent****Service** **7 pm** **Faith Expl. 7:30 pm** | **16****Craft/Study****1:30****Buddhist Meditation 7 pm w Faith Expl.** | **17****Film & Faith** | **18****Russell away** |
| **19****Worship****11:15****Russell away - Skylight** | **20****AA 7:30 pm****Meditation****7 pm** | **21****Cards****9:30****TOPS****6:30****Godly Play Training** **6:30 pm** | **22****Lent****Service** **7 pm** | **23****Craft/Study****1:30** | **24** | **25****Russell away****IMCF Breakfast** **9 am** |
| **26****Worship****11:15****Potluck****Cong. Care****Speaker****Russell away - Arizona** | **27****AA 7:30 pm****Meditation****7 pm** | **28****Cards****9:30****TOPS****6:30** | **29****Lent****Service** **7 pm****Community Study Night****8 pm** | **30****Craft/Study****1:30** | **31** | **C:\Users\home-user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\C6Q4830A\april_fool's_day[1].jpg1** |
| **2****Worship****11:15****Communion** | **3****AA 7:30 pm****Meditation****7 pm** | **4****Cards****9:30****TOPS****6:30** | **5****Soup Supper****6 pm****Lent****Service** **7 pm****Faith Expl. 7:30 pm** | **6****Craft/Study****1:30****Family Dinner****6 pm** | **7** | **8****Women’s Breakfast****8 am****Easter Egg Hunt!** |
| **9****Worship****11:15****Open Hearts Jar****Palm Sunday** | **10****AA 7:30 pm****Meditation****7 pm** | **11****Cards****9:30****TOPS****6:30** | **12****Community Study Night****8 pm** | **13****Craft/Study****1:30****Teaching Seder at LSC 7 pm** | **14****Good Friday Service** **7 pm** | **15****Easter Vigil at St. Paul’s Cathedral 10 pm** |

**TOPS = Take Off Pounds Sensibly**

**AA = Alcoholics Anonymous**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

 **March 12, 2017**

****306-761-0556 eastsideunited@sasktel.net

Like us on facebook (Eastside United Church)

Follow us on Twitter @Eastside\_united

www.eastsideunited.ca

*W*

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

**Ministers:**

Minister: Ken Powers

Greeting: Marg and Leif Riesach

Congregational Care Greeter: Sheri Nupdal

Prayers: Anna-Marie Donovan

PowerPoint: Anna-Marie Donovan

Piano: Michelle Dickie

Attendance last week: 59

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

**Office Hours:**

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

Russell is away until tonight. He returns to the office Tuesday through Thursday from 9 am to 4:30 pm, working from home on Friday and will be at Skylight Festival planning meetings March 18 through 21.

Brewed Awakening Office Hours, Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 pm. ***At U of R Campion College for the month of March.***

![C:\Users\home-user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\C6Q4830A\274694612[1].jpg]()**Scripture Reading:** Luke 13:6-9

**Songs:**

*Spirit Open my Heart*

*All Who are Thirsty* MV #4

*O Beautiful Gaia* MV #41 vs1

*Sow Seeds*

*Deep in our Hearts* MV #154

*Called by Earth and Sky* MV #135 chorus

*Blest be the Tie that Binds* VU #602

*Spirit Song*

**Lent/Easter Newsletters are ready! Check your inbox or the narthex shelves.**

**Arcola East Senior Bridge Club:** Looking for a fun way to get out and socialize with other seniors? The Arcola East Senior Bridge Club gathers for social bridge each Monday at 1 pm at the Living Spirit Centre (3018 Doan Drive). No prize money; weekly fee is $1. For more information, please contact Bill Jeske at 306-789-2430 or Alma Pockrandt at 306-789-5981 or apockra@yahoo.ca.

**![C:\Users\home-user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\5B95B9LU\meditating-buddhist-woman[1].png]()**

**LSC Meditation Group:** The Meditation Group gathers at 7 pm Monday evenings in the East Sanctuary. Feel free to bring a friend, and dress comfortably.

**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! Join us as we share in discussion, handiwork and coffee time following. We will soon begin *Grounded* by Diana Butler Bass and will be placing a book order shortly. If you haven't been involved in this group in the past but would like to, please contact the office and we'll set you up! Current members will have the chance to sign up at your next gathering. This is a fun time of study, crafting, and refreshments following.

![C:\Users\home-user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\RHBQ9OLX\2625[1].gif]()

***We’d love you to join our family!*** We are planning a Transfer of Membership service Sunday, April 23. If you are interested in being included or have questions, please let Russell know.

**![C:\Users\home-user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\8JKO8N7N\religion1[1].jpg]()**

**Understanding World Religions:** Leaders from four of the large world religions will talk about their faith including origins, customs, and belief systems. A different religion will be featured each week – Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism. Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 from 10 to 11:30 am at 2151 Scarth Street, Room 109. These presentations are FREE and everyone is invited to attend. Space is limited so call 306-585-5748 to reserve your seat today! Drop-ins also welcome if space permits. This is a program of the University of Regina’s Lifelong Learning Centre.

***Film and Faith, Friday, March 17:*** We’ll be watching Moonlight, The Shack, Fences or Lion. Follow our Facebook event page for details and to RSVP!

Join us for Easter

 Worship

April 9 Palm Sunday

A Walk through Holy Week All Ages Service

11:15 am

April 13 Maundy Thursday

Teaching Seder with Bread of Life

7 pm

April 14 Good Friday

Memorial Wake with IMCF

Featuring Creator’s Sacrifice Paintings

7 pm

April 15 Easter Vigil

At St. Paul’s Anglican Cathedral

with St. Philip Anglican

10 pm

April 16 Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 5:45 am at LSC

Easter Worship 11:15 am

***Sunday School will be offering Godly Play!*** We will hear the story during Theme Time and need volunteers to supervise the kids’ creative play downstairs. Our training session has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 pm. Please let Russell know if you’d like to work with our kids in this way! ***Children will remain in worship until this workshop and we need volunteers.***

Join us for our **weekly Lenten service Wednesday evenings at 7 pm**. The focus of our services this year will be ***"Do not fear"***, a timely reminder as our worries for the world can at times become overwhelming. These short services take place in the East Sanctuary. All are welcome!

**![C:\Users\home-user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\K37O3VU0\easter-eggs[1].jpg]()*Easter is Coming!***

**We are beginning to prepare for our *Easter Egg Hunt*, our gift to the community. We are in need of a coordinator, helpers the day of and donations of chocolate! If you wish to help with the planning, let Russell know. Thanks!**

**JOIN US FOR LENTEN SOUP:** Wednesday, April 5 at 6 pm, Munch Café and Catering is again providing a simple soup meal prior to our evening Lenten worship. Vegetarian and meaty soup options and bread will be served. RSVP to eastsideunited@sasktel.net. $5 per person.

Information is now available for the **2017 Youth Rally** being held at St. Andrew’s United Church in Yorkton from March 24 – 26. The theme for this rally is do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly and is for all youth in grades 7 – 12. Cost is $30 up to March 3 (early bird deadline) and $40 after that.

[www.sk.united-church.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/YouthRally2017Poster.pdf](http://www.sk.united-church.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/YouthRally2017Poster.pdf)

[www.sk.united-church.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/YouthRally2017Registration.pdf](http://www.sk.united-church.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/YouthRally2017Registration.pdf)

**A Night for St. Andrew’s Gala Dinner and Fundraiser**, Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Wascana Country Club, 6500 Wascana Parkway. Gathering 5 pm, dinner 6:15 pm. Tickets $110 (partial tax receipt), ticket deadline April 10. See Leona Martin or contact the church office if interested. This year’s fundraiser includes an address by Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell, UCC Moderator, and music by Lori Erhardt and Corinne Groff!

**TIME OUT FOR BLESSINGS:** A Christ-centred yoga retreat presented by Connie Moker Wernikowski of Big Fish Yoga. Friday, April 28 at 6 pm to Saturday April 29 at 5 pm. At the living Skies Retreat Centre in Lumsden, SK. This retreat will offer both active and restorative yoga; meditation; some free time for walking, resting, visiting; Christian chanting; and an intro to the First Ignation Spiritual Exercise. Cost is $193. Please complete a registration form found on any of the LSC bulletin boards, or by emailing mokerw@sasktel.net.

****

***Sunday School will be offering Godly Play!*** We will hear the story during Theme Time and need volunteers to supervise the kids’ creative play downstairs. Our training session has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 pm. Please let Russell know if you’d like to work with our kids in this way! ***Children will remain in worship until this workshop and we need volunteers.***

Join us for our **weekly Lenten service Wednesday evenings at 7 pm**. The focus of our services this year will be ***"Do not fear"***, a timely reminder as our worries for the world can at times become overwhelming. These short services take place in the East Sanctuary. All are welcome!

**![C:\Users\home-user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\K37O3VU0\easter-eggs[1].jpg]()*Easter is Coming!***

**We are beginning to prepare for our *Easter Egg Hunt*, our gift to the community. We are in need of a coordinator, helpers the day of and donations of chocolate! If you wish to help with the planning, let Russell know. Thanks!**

**JOIN US FOR LENTEN SOUP:** Wednesday, April 5 at 6 pm, Munch Café and Catering is again providing a simple soup meal prior to our evening Lenten worship. Vegetarian and meaty soup options and bread will be served. RSVP to eastsideunited@sasktel.net. $5 per person.

Information is now available for the **2017 Youth Rally** being held at St. Andrew’s United Church in Yorkton from March 24 – 26. The theme for this rally is do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly and is for all youth in grades 7 – 12. Cost is $30 up to March 3 (early bird deadline) and $40 after that.

[www.sk.united-church.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/YouthRally2017Poster.pdf](http://www.sk.united-church.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/YouthRally2017Poster.pdf)

[www.sk.united-church.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/YouthRally2017Registration.pdf](http://www.sk.united-church.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/YouthRally2017Registration.pdf)

**A Night for St. Andrew’s Gala Dinner and Fundraiser**, Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Wascana Country Club, 6500 Wascana Parkway. Gathering 5 pm, dinner 6:15 pm. Tickets $110 (partial tax receipt), ticket deadline April 10. See Leona Martin or contact the church office if interested. This year’s fundraiser includes an address by Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell, UCC Moderator, and music by Lori Erhardt and Corinne Groff!

**TIME OUT FOR BLESSINGS:** A Christ-centred yoga retreat presented by Connie Moker Wernikowski of Big Fish Yoga. Friday, April 28 at 6 pm to Saturday April 29 at 5 pm. At the living Skies Retreat Centre in Lumsden, SK. This retreat will offer both active and restorative yoga; meditation; some free time for walking, resting, visiting; Christian chanting; and an intro to the First Ignation Spiritual Exercise. Cost is $193. Please complete a registration form found on any of the LSC bulletin boards, or by emailing mokerw@sasktel.net.

****