

June/July 2021
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 All worship and programming is online.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 4, 2021

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

Ministers: 10:30am Worship with Sunset United Church.

Last week's attendance: 29 Offering: \$7486 Weekly budget: \$3167
 (not incl. PAR) June

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

- **Becca's Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays. In office Thursdays 10-11am
- **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
- **Russell's summer vacation** will be July 17-August 23. Ken Powers and Jim Balfour will be on call for pastoral care, details to follow.

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 are hoping and aiming for in person worship, (every other week) starting Sept 12.

We still need your support as our ministry continues! We are presently behind in our revenues, both budget and with regard to expenses. Making your offering **online** (<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!

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 last meditation for regular weekly sessions was held on June 14th. There will be a mid-summer meditation on Monday, August 9. The autumn schedule will continue on September 13.

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.

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.

LGBT Banning Conversion Efforts in Regina: Recently, Russell has been speaking 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](#). There is also an article from the Leader Post [here](#). If you would like to be part of the Affirming Ministry team organizing, let Russell know. The City agreed to draft a bylaw to be presented to Council on July 14. 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.



The bylaw will be presented July 14 to City Council. Contact your councilor and support the passage of the bylaw. If you wish to speak through it, contact the city clerk, following the 'How to Make a Request' directions on this [page](#)

Summer Worship

This summer we are sharing online worship services with Sunset, Wesley, and Lakeview United Churches, starting June 20. We will join their online stream using Zoom and they will join ours at the end of the summer when it is our turn. Here is the schedule:

Sunset - June 20, 27, July 4

Wesley - July 11, 18, 25

Lakeview - August 1, 8, 15

LSC - August 22 (Bread of Life), 29 (Eastside) and September 5 (Immanuel)

Getting involved in your local community: If you are interested in caring for your community and assisting with neighborhood cleanups, we

ask that you consider taking time to pick up garbage in your local community.

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



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

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 Oleskon, 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 Becca 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 can also be found on our Facebook page.



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!

Is your SGI rebate "found money" that you would like to give to a good cause? There was discussion at the May 30th AGM that if people would like to donate, special donations to Eastside from the rebate would be given to a chosen charity. The selected cause is Regina Native Outreach Ministry, thank you for your support!



Camp fyrefly will be operating this summer online! If you would like to donate, you can click here. Camp is on Thursday, August 12 to Sunday, August 15. The last day to apply to be a camper is July 23.

Wesley United is holding a blueberry sale! Berries will be available for pickup on July 17, 2021. You can order berries and find out more information online [here](#). Preorders must be made by July 5, 2021.



Do you think of Christmas in June? What if we told you about plans for a pre-Christmas online silent auction fundraiser for our Eastside Church?

The Gratitude Team already has a promise of an item we would be excited to offer for auction. This got us thinking that perhaps there are more of you out there who would love to donate something, an item, talent, a craft or some baking. We wanted to bring this to your attention now, in June, in case you wanted to make something over the summer.

We are making plans to hold this silent auction Facebook fund raiser in November. As you bid on the items donated you would be contributing to funds for Eastside while perhaps Christmas shopping at the same time. If you are not on Facebook, partner with someone who is that could put your bids in and keep you posted! So, perhaps over the summer you'll think of something you'd like to create or maybe you'll plan to bake your favourite specialty in November. We'll make another announcement in September at which time you can let us

know if you want to add to the donation for this pre- Christmas silent auction fund raiser for Eastside.

Committee Vacancies: The Gratitude Team is gearing up for it's fall campaign and could use two more members to ease the load. If you are grateful for being part of the Eastside community and would like to inspire gratitude in others and encourage people's generosity, we'd love to have you join us! Let Russell know if interested. . The Worship Feedback Team is looking for a few members as well. This team evaluates services once or twice a month and meets every six weeks to discuss.

Financial update for May: If you would like to view Eastside's May financial statement, please [click here](#). Eastside has experienced shortfalls in our giving this year. We appreciate all of those who give to Eastside and are thankful to all of our givers. As summer has arrived and many will be going to cabins or away for holidays, we would like to gently remind our friends that we continue to have regular expenses and appreciate your support. If you would like to sign up for regular giving through PAR, please contact Becca. We also accept e-transfer which can be sent to eastsideunited@sasktel.net.

