

**December 7, 2008**

**Welcome to Eastview! We're glad you're here!**

At Eastview, we are committed to *"leading people to Christ and on to maturity in Him."*

**Sunday Worship Services** in the sanctuary & auditorium begin at 9:30am and 11:15am. Messages are recorded (CD & DVD) and copies are available by prepaid order at the Information Centre.

**Second Sunday of Advent:** Pastor Delbert Enns

*The Gift of Christmas: Giving*

**Next Week:** Keith Poysti

*The Gift of Christmas: Waiting*

**Music Team:** Jesse Hamm, leader, Adam Bergman, Heidi Boon, Rick Hamm, Sandi Hamm, Kristin Lutzer, Logan Penner, Terrence Wiebe

**Choir:** Monica Kornelsen, Arlene Neufeld

**Life Application:** "What does this mean for me?"

An interactive opportunity for the attendees to dig deeper and discuss the morning message. Meet in the Fireside Room at 11:15am.

**Available at the Information Centre**

- Welcome to Eastview brochures
- Ministry brochures
- Music song packages (large print)
- Worship service recordings
- Special event information
- Previous Sundays' bulletins

**Bibles** (New Living Translation) are now available at the Info Desk. You are welcome to ask for one before each service and return it, or if you would prefer to purchase one, the recovery cost is \$11.00 each.

**Listening Headsets** for the hearing impaired are available from the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary.

**THIS WEEK AT EASTVIEW**

**Tuesday**

7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Perkins

7:00pm Quilts 'n More

**Wednesday**

7:00pm Choir Dress Rehearsal

7:00pm Ladies Bible Study

**Thursday**

7:00pm Music Team Rehearsal

7:00pm Junior High Festival of Lights

7:30pm Senior High Christmas Banquet Preparation

**Friday**

5:00pm Senior High Christmas Banquet

**Saturday**

4:00pm Family Christmas Party

**Sunday**

9:30 & 11:15am Worship Services

11:15am Life Application Class

6:30pm Eastview Choir Program

**ON THE CALENDAR**

**December 13:** Family Christmas Party 4:00 – 7:00pm

Presented by the Eastview Children's Ministry

**December 14:** Eastview Choir Program 6:30pm

Presented by the Adult choir and a children's choir

**December 24:** Christmas Eve Services

Times: 4:30pm & 6:30pm

**December 30:** *Feeling Blue* Service

Presented by Eastview Community Church & McIvor Ave MB Church

Time & Location: Access River East, 975 Henderson Hwy at 7:00pm

**December 31:** Baptism & Membership Celebration

Time: 7:00pm

Contact: Pastor Delbert Enns

**STUDENT MINISTRY**

**Junior High** – Festival of Lights! Meet at Eastview at 7:00pm with \$5.00. Pick up is at 9:30.

**Senior High:** Thursday, Dec 11 - if you signed up to help prepare for the Christmas banquet meet at Eastview at 7:30.

Friday, Dec 12 - be at church at 5:00 pm to help with preparations. The bus will leave at 5:30 for UYA where we will have our Christmas banquet. Bring \$2

**A Parent Meeting** for parents of students going to Mexico will be held in the Fireside Room between services on Sun, December 14.

**Attention Junior Highs!** Life Development classes take place in the Fireside room during 1<sup>st</sup> service, and Room 108 during 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**Young Adults:** Come out tonight for our December event. We meet from 6:30-7:30 for a Bible Study, after which you'll get an opportunity to let your inner artist bloom. Julia Mark will be giving basic art lessons - no talent required.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**Youth Christmas Choir: Grades 4-9**

Practices are Sundays after church.

Contact: Corinne Giesbrecht, 480-7449

**Seeking Musicians!**

Do you worship God through music? Do you have any designs on joining one of our music teams? We are always looking for various instrumentalists and vocalists to join our team. (In the new year we will have a *real*/need for drummers . . .) If you see yourself fitting in to this specific area of our Sunday morning worship service, please contact Sandi at 334-4675 to set up a time to evaluate your musical proficiency.

**Kids Cove** is looking for a grade one small group leader for 2<sup>nd</sup> service. Please contact Laura at church or email [laura@eastview.org](mailto:laura@eastview.org)

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

*A heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped out in so many different ways to make this year's Dinner Theatre a meaningful and significant event.*

**Toys Needed** — New or nearly new toys for children 3 to 15 years old are needed for this year's Christmas hampers. Please place them in the bins in the church foyer.

**Feeling Blue** — Eastview, together with Mclvor Church will present a community worship service for those who need space to acknowledge their sadness or grief of loss during this season of hyper joy. We need to know that we are not alone. All are welcome. *Refreshments will follow.*

Date & Time: Tuesday, Dec 30 at 7:00pm

Location: Access River East (975 Henderson Hwy)

Contact: Pastor Greg Armstrong

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Ladies Evening Bible Study** — every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm

Next one: December 10 Facilitator: Bev Dyck

**Time Out for Moms** Wednesdays at 9:30am

This session is over. See you in the new year! More details to come.

Contact: Regina Dick, 668-5623

### Quilts'n More

Join us as we quilt or work on our favourite crafts together.

Next one: Tuesday, Dec 9 from 7-9pm (Room 105)

In this session we're inviting people who sew to come and help us with a project (bring your sewing machines).

Contacts: Bev, 668-0020 or Hazel, 224-3394

### Bloom Where You Are Planted

The Eastview Ladies Retreat is March 6, 7 & 8, 2009 at Camp Cedarwood.

Contact: Maria Wilms, 668-0719

## KIDS COVE

**Junior Kids Bible Truth:** God gave us His Son

**Bible Story:** Christmas shepherds and angels

**Bible Verse:** "A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us." Isaiah 9:6

**Godprint: Worship:** Preschoolers learn a pattern of faith as they join in the joy and worship of Christmas.

**Grade 1- 4:** Our monthly virtue is **Generosity** — *Making someone's day by giving something away.* Our Bible story is from Mark 12:41-44, which is the story of the widow who gave her last two coins to the temple offering. The memory verse for this month is, "Be rich in good deeds. . . be generous and willing to share." 1 Timothy 6:18

**Bottom Line** — How you give is more important than how much you give.

### 56 Degrees: Gifts and Talents Sunday

Today we are sharing the special abilities that God has given to us. The children have an opportunity to offer or perform a prepared talent to the rest of the group. "He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Ephesians 4:16

*\*Note: On December 28 there will be no Kids Cove, Junior Kids, or Nursery care. The Kids Cove room will be available with a simulcast service for families with children who need to move around.*

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

### People for Prayer

Peter Doerksen

Julie Hiebert

Rudy Pauls

Adriana Payne

Olga Schmidt

Victor & Margaret Brandt

*Please be in prayer for the speaker and the music team as they prepare for next Sunday. Speaker: Delbert Enns*

*Music Team: Nikki Friesen; music leader, Lori Enns, Thomas Enns, Steve Friesen, Laurelle Froese, Melissa Lutzer, Josh Penner, David Pinto, Ryan Thiessen*

The Hampstead/Keenleyside/Eastview Community Kitchen outreach team have finished up their first round of teaching how to cook affordable, fun, and nutritious meals. They ended the session with a full turkey dinner and all the *trimmings*, joined by families and special guests. Please pray a prayer of thankfulness for this significant and life giving teaching team from Eastview.

## MESSAGE NOTES

### The Gift of Christmas: Giving

*'Nobody wants a Christmas worth forgetting. It starts with Jesus. It ends with Jesus.'* ([www.adventconspiracy.org](http://www.adventconspiracy.org))

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*"Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's!"* Psalm 103:1-5

#### 1- The Gift-Giving Story (Matthew 2:1-12)

- P \_\_\_\_\_ given. (Matthew 2:2, 10, 11)
- P \_\_\_\_\_ given.

#### 2- The Activity Of Gift-Giving

- Giving a gift comes from the recognition of the \_\_\_\_\_ . (John 20:30-31, 2 Cor 4:4, John 1:14)
- Gift giving is a declaration of that person's \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 10:5, Eph. 1:2)
- Giving a gift is a \_\_\_\_\_ for giving *ourselves*. (Psalm 103:1-5)

#### 3- Your Response To The 'Greatest Gift'

- **Frankincense** = bowing in \_\_\_\_\_ before Him!
- **Gold** = \_\_\_\_\_ to their rightful ruler!
- **Myrrh** = \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ from God!

*"So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son."* John 1:14