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Hark! The Herald Minstrels Play!



As we eagerly look forward to seeing God work through Eastview in 2004, we can also give thanks for His faithfulness over the past year.

Nowhere was it more evident than in the end of year Christmas outreach events. Here, from left to right, Jeff Armstrong, Jesse Hamm, and Tony Mark strum a festive tune or two during one of the delightful Christmas Dinner Theatre performances.

But if you think Eastview only has events happening around Christmastime, the next four pages are packed with exciting news and announcements. Read on...

Missions: POSSIBLE

The Eastview Missions team has been formed. Its current members are Juergen Hamm (acting chair), Irv Koop, Beatrice Pauls, Larry Bainard, and Greg Armstrong.

We are not a committee. We are dedicated to being an active team. However, we are in the process of "putting our wheels on". We started from scratch in September, but look forward to actively engaging Eastview in Missions in the New Year.

During the **Feb. 8 Faith Community service**, there will be a Special Missions Focus. We as a team will (1) Present who we are, (2) Present what we plan to do for and with the Eastview congregation, and (3) Affirm and empower Missions activity in our church through prayer.

Note: For all those who are currently working or volunteering for a Christian organization or charity, we ask that you attend this Special Faith Community service. We will be empowering you and all those who are already "doing missions" through prayer.

WORSHIP MINISTRY:

Looking Ahead

We are excited to be having scheduled praise and worship nights in the new year here at Eastview, the first one being on **Saturday, January 31**. Malynda Zacharias will be leading us in worship that evening.

There are 12 people from our worship ministry that will be going to Edmonton to attend a worship conference called "Breakforth Canada" from January 23 to January 25 (Brad Lutz, Dave Fulawka, Joel Hamm, Cathy Mason, Jen Campbell, Malynda Zacharias, Laurie Payne, Janet Brown, Kendra Moerman, Nikki Enns, Sarah Wolfe, Sandi Hamm). Please pray for safe travel as they go, and that each one going would come away renewed, refreshed, and better equipped to serve.

For more exciting worship news, check out the vote results just left of the fold of the Council Report on p. 2.

THE COUNCIL REPORT

We trust that despite the frigid temperatures, your heart still feels a warm glow from the recent Christmas season. Our prayer is that it was a special time with family and friends when you were able to reflect on God's incredible sacrifice in sending His Son as the light of the world.

Council would like to extend a huge thank you to all those involved in the Christmas season events!

During a strategic planning session last spring, leadership identified the need to be very intentional about creating purposeful community outreach events and Christmas was identified as a time when many people's hearts are open to the message of salvation. We threw out that challenge to staff and ministry leaders and wow did they take it and run with it, as did countless volunteers that made these events possible. Eastview put on both a dinner theatre and Christmas Eve program that were very specifically designed to give a clear gospel message and then we put out the challenge for everyone to invite friends and neighbours. Well Eastview accepted that challenge and came through in a big way! Both dinner theatre

performances were sold out and all three Christmas Eve services were filled beyond capacity with the auditorium being required for each and every service. In all, over 2,100 people attended these two events! Let's continue to pray that God's Spirit will do amazing things with the seeds that were undoubtedly planted in many hearts during these events.

Again, a huge thank you to all involved! During the follow-up review process, a staff person was sharing how they felt things went, and they summed it up as follows. "I, for one, place a huge value on the body of Christ working together within their areas of giftedness for the purpose of joining Him in His redemptive plan for mankind". While that's a mouthful, that's indeed what it's all about... a body of believers coming together with God's power to do collectively what could not be done individually for the eternal benefit of many. A biblically functioning local church truly is a powerful vehicle for sharing the hope of the world! It is with great anticipation that we look forward to what God has in store for Eastview in 2004!

Eastview Church Council

Council is pleased to report that the votes from the November 30, 2003 congregational meeting have now been counted with the following results:

Total votes cast: 107

Recommendation 1: Council recommends that the Worship Pastor ministry position be divided into three areas of responsibility; a) overall worship leadership and vocals, b) administration and instrumental, and c) choir.

Carried with a 97% Yes vote.

We are thrilled to announce that Malynda Zacharias has been hired as Worship Ministries Leader effective January 5, 2004, Sandi Hamm has been affirmed as the Worship Ministries Administrator/ Instrumental Leader effective January 1, 2004, and Rachel Klassen has been hired as Worship Ministries – Choir Leader effective January 5, 2004. We know you will join us in supporting these individuals as they commit their time and talents to God through service at Eastview.

Recommendation 2: Council recommends that Eastview's financial support of the Manitoba and Canadian Conferences of the Mennonite Brethren Church be separated into an administrative component and a missions component with \$25,000 to each of these conferences being allocated annually for administrative support (for a total of \$50,000 per year); and with the equivalent of at least 10% of the prior year's actual undesignated income being allocated as the annual amount budgeted for missions. Any support Eastview provides to Conference missions activities will come from the missions budget line. The actual missions amount will be included as part of the annual budget process.

Carried with a 98% Yes vote.

Thank you all for your valued participation in this process.

Looking Back

Celebrating God's blessings in 2003

'04 is going to be another big year

Get Ready

get connected through Care Groups

The adult Care Group Ministry is led by the Care Group Ministry Committee, which consists of the coaches for Care Group leaders and Pastor Lorne. Bob & Sharon Boychuk chair the committee that includes Ron & Lorraine Dacombe, Berent & Lina Hamm, Jennifer Pearson, and Stan & Sally Massey-Wiebe. It is a thrill and honour to have this committee work together to provide support, encouragement and training to the Care Group leaders.

There have been changes in leadership of various Care Groups as well as some additional Care Groups started. Three of our existing Care Groups were responsible for the starting of three additional Care Groups. It is such an encouragement to see God working in people's lives as they catch the vision to lead a Care Group and grow into new groups. Another three groups are planning to start this month.

To those Care Group leaders who have stepped down from leading a group this year, we thank for your faithfulness and your ministry over the previous years.

A Care Group Training Manual has been developed for new Care Group leaders and a training session was held in November 2003. We thank God for the nine new leaders who attended.

During the Christmas season, Care Groups were busy gathering together food and gifts for needy families in the church and in the community. This is a highlight in our ministry as they reach out to others and share God's love and goodness with them.

Plans are in place to have a breakfast 'mini-conference' training session for Care Group leaders, their apprentices, and anyone else who is interested in becoming a Care Group leader. This will be held at the church on **January 24, 2004** and we are hoping that many will be able to attend.

If you are not in a Care Group, and would like more information about Care Groups or would like to join one, feel free to speak to any of the coaches or give Bob & Sharon a call at 667-5793.

Women's Ministries: *Update*

Ladies Morning Out: Women of all ages... come and join us for the 'Great Adventure' **starting January 21, 2004, 9:30 - 11:30 am.** Let me highlight a few exciting experiences for you. Women of Faith videos: 5 personal testimonies of great speakers, Special Features including Interior Design, Norwex Enviro Products, and Double D's Cheesecake. Cost is \$20.00 or \$3.00 a session for 8 sessions. Babysitting available and wonderful food, a chance to meet other women and share in their lives. Feel free to invite your friends for just one session or all of them. A very friendly environment to relax and share in some new experiences.

Women's Cafe: Join us again **starting Wednesday, January 14, 2004.** This evening welcomes women who are dropping kids off at clubs, who work during the day, or looking for a casual environment with great specialty teas and coffees, to sit and relax and share life experiences with other women. All are welcome. We meet the second and fourth Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

NOW.com: (Night Out for Women in Community) Join us **March 18, 2004** for this special evening for all women. Joy Myers-Piske is our speaker. She is a professional Kitchen and Bath Designer and speaks all over at Home Shows. She will be sharing her personal story on Balance in a Working World and showing us a presentation on kitchen and bath design. A relaxing evening with dessert and coffee to invite your friends. Cost \$5.00

Women's Bible Study: "Jesus - The One and Only" is a 10-week study that **starts March 17, 2004.** This is taught via videos by renowned women's bible teacher Beth Moore. It includes a workbook for personal home study. Get to know Jesus as you follow Beth on location in Jerusalem and the places Jesus walked in Israel. This will be a life-changing journey with Master and Savior Jesus. Available 9:30 - 11:00 am and 7:00 - 8:30 pm Wednesdays until May 26 (not including Spring Break) **Introductory Session to study held on March 10, 2004 (7:00 pm ONLY).**



a jolly good time



More Christmas Dinner Theatre 2003.

Clockwise from above left:

Edwin Reimer delights the diners with the sweet strains of a festive melody.

Joel Neufeld convincingly plays the role of Police Officer as he patrols the tables.

Joseph (Mike Fuellbrandt) takes a break from the dysfunctional living nativity to serve one of the delicious dishes.



Girls Alive!

NOTES FROM EASTVIEW'S
GIRL'S CLUB

There are 70 girls that currently attend Girls Alive.

It used to be that a lot of girls would only come out for the fun nights (held every second Wednesday). Now there is a high attendance every week.

There are many unchurched girls that attend, and more new girls that attend that haven't come before (they don't attend Eastview).

The sleepover before Christmas was a big hit. It was a time for the leaders to interact with the girls, and a time for the girls to get to know one another better.

Seven new leaders joined this year, many because previous leaders' children moved up to Jr. High.

The biggest development since the beginning of the ministry season was the bonding between leaders. The camaraderie is very good.

Girls' Alive resumes Jan. 21st, and is held on Wednesday night from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Eastview.

sr high / college and career

One of the most memorable highlights of the past six months or so was twenty-four Eastviewers (Sr. High students and leaders) going to Kansas City, Missouri for a Mission Adventure the end of June-early July. This was truly a life-changing experience as we all saw much more of the world than we knew existed, and got to work hands on at improving it, if only a little. God protected us physically, while spiritually and mentally we were thoroughly challenged... yay God.

Another big hurdle for us this past year has been the formation of Care Groups in College and Career Ministry - some 35 people are involved here, and we thank God for their commitment to each other and to their growth. We are excited to see how this ministry grows as more people find their home at Eastview.

Our worship and teaching time, 242, has also been exciting with some 80+ students (Sr. High and C&C) walking through The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. The next term starts Jan. 8th, and we are excited to "go out," having just come from a series where we were challenged to "go deep."

Looking ahead, June 4-5, 2004 marks the first 'Love Winnipeg', an initiative to shower this city with as much love as it can imagine through selfless acts of kindness, servanthood and love. This is a city-wide, multi-church event initiated by Eastview! The idea's parent, 'Love Abbotsford', has been running for several years now. We can only imagine what this nation could be like if, for at least one day, a major city was showered with the practical love of Jesus.

Please pray for these dates and for those participating.

SENIORS MINISTRIES

This **Thursday, January 15th at 1:30 pm** the "Keen-agers" choir will be coming to serve. Invite your friends and neighbours to enjoy the choir's ministry here at Eastview. Refreshments to follow.

jr highlights news from the liquidfire generation

The retreat was awesome (Oct 24-26 at Winkler Bible Camp). We called it a "meaty retreat" and talked about what a mature Christian looks like as opposed to a SPAM Christian (Spiritually Pathetic and Malnourished). We ate way too much SPAM. Also we gave 10 students the Kingdom Assignment to pray and consider how God might want them to spend \$50 of HIS money. This was a lesson in stewardship.

Our Christmas Carnival on the 11th of December was a big success. Our goal was to bring in as many students as possible and just throw a big Christmas party. This was an entry level type event to bring in non-churched students. We saw about 120 students come with around 20 new students and many we haven't seen for a while.

Finally we have seen students deepening their faith. Our worship service Liquidfire is gaining momentum and students are starting to really look forward to it. They are bringing seeker friends, and telling them about Jesus, even leading them to Christ! And that is the most exciting news of the year, that jr. high students are making Jesus the leader of their lives; it's thrilling.

WE are looking ahead to our lock-in, a Night of Great Mystery on **February 6th** which is going to be REALLY big this year!

JANUARY 16 at 7 PM is the next
Congregational Meeting!
The budget will be discussed.
Dessert and beverages
will be served.

from the library...

The Library Builder event was a huge success. These are the new books donated as a result... Look for them in the designated shelves.

Fiction-

And the Shofar Blew-Rivers
Antonia's Choice-Rue
The Betrayal-Lewis
The Breaking Point-Ball
The Brother's Keeper-Groot
Canopy, The-Hunt
Chat Room-Hall
The Dark Lord's Demise-White
Fatal Harvest-Palmer
Firefly Blue-Thoene
Firstborn-Hatcher
Friday's Child-Chaikin
Hideaway-Alexander
High Stakes-Herman
The Hope Before Us-Larson
The Iron Sceptre-White
The Justice-Hunt
Let's Begin Again-Smith
Line of Duty-Blackstock
The Memory Book-Stokes
Promised to Me-Hatcher
Quest for the King-White
Redeeming Love-Rivers
Riders of the Pale Horse-Bunn
A Rush of Wings-Heitzmann
Southern Storm-Blackstock
Steal Away-Hall
The Still of Night-Heitzmann
The Sword Bearer-White
This Time Around-Smith
Three-Dekker
Tomorrow's Treasure-Chaikin
The Tower of Babel-deGraff
The Tower of Geburah-White
A Treasure Deep-Gansky
Troubled Waters-Gutteridge
Undertow-McCourtney
When You Believe-Bedford
The Yada Yada Prayer Group-Jackson

Non Fiction-

Boundaries Face to Face-Cloud/Townsend
Break Through Prayer-Cymbala
Chosen to be God's Prophet-Blackaby
Courageous Leadership-Hybell
Don't Waste Your Life-Piper
Dream Giver, The-Wilkinson
Every Man's Battle-Arterburn/Stoker
Every Woman's Desire-Arterburn/Stoker
Extravagant Worship-Zschech
The Five Love Languages of Teenagers-Chapman

God I Love, The-Tada
God Will Make a Way-Cloud/Townsend
Jason Has Been Shot-Lang/Lang
Journey of Desire-Eldredge
The Last Dance but not the Last Song-Bondi
Making Sense of the Men in Your Life-Leman
Next Door Saviour-Lucado
The Power of Praying Together-Omartian
The Pressure's Off-Crabb
Purpose Driven Life AUDIO-Warren
Soul Talk-Crabb
Traveling Light-Lucado
Uprising-McManus
Waking the Dead-Eldredge
Wild at Heart-Eldredge

Teen Fiction-

Between Two Worlds-Hardy
Black Friday-LaHaye/DeMoss
Degrees of Guilt - Miranda-Carlson

Children's-

Bible Hero Adventures-Zobel-Nolan
Bible Heroes-Gallery
Camp Craziiness-Brouwer
The Case of the Mysterious Message-Younger
Elijah-deGraff
Gideon-deGraff
Here's Lily-Rue
I'M Kaitlyn-Bowman
John-deGraff
Journey to the Promised Land-Greene
Kitty Shows Kindness-Simon
Lily Robbins, M.D.-Rue
Mid-Air Zillionaire-Elmer
My Life As Invisible Intestines-Myers
The Mystery of the Hooded Horseman-Beebee
Riddles From the Hope Chest-Freeman
Samson-deGraff
Secrets of Thief Cave-Freeman
Stranger in the Chat Room-Hafer
Tangled Web-Holl
Tow-Away Stowaway-Elmer
What Digby Dug Up-Wilber
Who's New at the Zoo?-Oke

Videos-

David - VIDEO-
Good Sports Gang-Warner
Hometown Legend-Jenkins
We Stick Together Like Glue-MusicLand

Watch for new Life

Life Development (and not only the Adult version) is to undergo a complete review in 2004. A new initiative will begin this week to better serve the needs of the members and attenders of Eastview.

"Life Development" really suggests the church body at work on Sunday as well as during the rest of the week. Everyone attending Eastview, especially members, needs to be involved. Many, many are - and you need to be celebrated and thanked. Others have not yet found their place, or the appropriate ministry opportunity, or still need to determine the gifts God has given them for service.

Adult Life Development is continuing with a number of offerings. The popular 40-day journey "A Purpose-Driven Life" will be facilitated at 9:30 am on Sundays and will continue for 6 weeks. This is an individual devotional study encouraged by sessions led by Rick Hiebert and Erni Wiebe. It is not too late to join. Please do.

At 11 am on Sundays, a Bible class is uncovering God's truth for life from 1 and 2 Peter. The class is facilitated by Peter Friesen and John Thiessen.

Some Care Groups are also taking advantage of Life Development courses to enhance their Bible Study.

What makes this the "New" Newsletter? and answers to similar questions

By now you've probably paged through this entire newsletter, unless of course you went straight to the back cover to find out how you can win that nifty \$25 gift certificate for Inspirations Christian Store (in which case you'll find the answer below). But if you have paged through the newsletter, you'll have realized that we're heavily emphasizing the fact that this is the new newsletter. Some of you may be asking yourselves "What was wrong with the old one?", while others may be having trouble remembering if we indeed ever had an old one. The fact is that this newsletter is the first of (hopefully) many Eastview efforts to improve its communication with the congregation and community through the newly formed

Communications Ministry.

It is the mission of the Communications Ministry to serve God by informing the congregation and community of Eastview as to the exciting things happening in and around the church through Eastview's various ministries. Vision for this ministry includes making more Eastview information available via several different electronic media, and making this newsletter a strong connection between the congregation and the exciting developments taking place in Eastview's ministries. Philip Wiebe (Erni & Ursula's son) will be heading up the Communications ministry, reporting directly to Joy Mathews, while Mary Wachniak has agreed to join the ministry as well.

Want to get involved?

Contact Philip Wiebe at

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Eastview Ministry Leaders:

We want to feature your ministry!

We want to feature your stories about the great things God is doing through your ministry! Testimonies, event recaps, and event announcements are the kind of thing we're looking for!

Submit them via the above listed methods. Don't like writing?

Don't worry! Let us know you have something you'd like to share, and have us set up a time to talk that works for you.

What should we name our newsletter?

^ Write your idea here. ^

Your Name: _____

Your Mailbox: _____

Entries must be submitted to the church office or mailbox D01 no later than Sunday Feb. 14.

One entry per person, please. Winner will receive 1 (one) \$25 Gift Certificate valid at Inspirations Christian Store, located at 1277 Henderson Hwy. In the case of multiple entries submitting the winning name, the winning ballots will be placed in a hat and drawn at random to determine the winner.