

# Eastview Link



*More than just a simple prop, new believers at Easter were encouraged to physically cross the bridge, a tangible metaphor for the bridge God has built between the human race and himself. Read more on page 4.*

**With only one week to go, what's it all about?**

## Eastview's AGM

The Eastview Annual General Meeting is only a week away, on Sunday, May 7, and while the Annual Report and meeting agenda were distributed into mailboxes last week, there still seem to be some lingering questions regarding what the meeting is all about.

The AGM is one of the few general meetings we have each year, and one of two meetings held on a consistent annual basis (the other being the Annual Budget Meeting, held in the fall). The AGM is an opportunity to reflect on what God has done through Eastview in the past 365 or so days.

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## Service Times, They are a-Changin'!

Pardon the grammar but we wanted you to get the news that our service times at Eastview are indeed changing.

Last Fall, we changed the service start time of our first Sunday morning service from 9:30 to 9:00 am to give us more time between services and ease the congestion everywhere. It worked! But in the process we discovered two things – 9:00 is too early(!) and...

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### ***The Eastview Link Team***

Cherie Dittberner, Phil Kaethler, Terrance Klassen, and Philip Wiebe. The Eastview Link is a publication of



# Staff Changes

We posted a number of vacancies in March. Some were to address our desire to train up young leaders and the summer seems to be an ideal time to invest. We are pleased to announce that Zach Pearson has been hired for our Worship Director Assistant position. We have also extended the hours for Stuart Koslowsky to fulltime for the summer months in his role as Student Ministry Coordinator. We have just finished our interviews for our Equipping Director Assistant role and will announce the results after we have an accepted offer of hire.

In our vacancies in Worship and Student Ministry, I had at least an application or inquirer a day for a month as these positions were posted locally, nationally and internationally. We have been very encouraged by the quality of candidates that have applied for both positions. Senior Management Team (SMT) has started discussion with our top candidates for our Worship Director position. We are a bit further behind in our Student Ministry position, although we have narrowed down our top candidates. We will have further updates for both of these important vacancies in the near future as we establish discernment teams for each position.

In other staff news, Malynda Zacharias will not be returning

from maternity leave into our Worship Ministry, but invest her energy in her family and the ministry she shares with her husband. Sandi Hamm will be transitioning out of leadership in the Worship Ministry (June 30) to take on a more active role in administration within Eastview. She will continue in a part-time capacity and will volunteer within the music ministry of Eastview. Sue Thiessen will be leaving her part-time position (June 15th) in Children's Ministry to spend more time with her family. Trish Koslowsky has taken on many different roles and responsibilities within Eastview the past number of years and we have continued to refine her position to best suit our current needs. These changes have provided an opportunity to create a new position of Children's Ministry Director. We are currently assessing the accountabilities and responsibilities as we draft this ministry position and will be receiving applicants shortly with a projected start date in early fall.

Although we have a few members of our team moving and transitioning within Eastview, we are blessed that all will continue to serve within our church community. Their heart for ministry has not changed, just the place from where they will teach, influence, encourage and serve others. We are grateful for the sacrifice and investment you have made in Eastview.

~ on behalf of SMT  
Phil Kaethler



*Both Stu Koslowsky (pictured above) and Zach Pearson (below) are students who will be working full-time at Eastview over the summer. Stu will continue in his role as Student Ministry Coordinator, while Zach has been hired for the Worship Ministry Assistant Director position.*



**EASTVIEW WEBSITE UNVEILING**  
*the new Eastview.org debuts 5/7/06 at AGM*



## A Fiesta of VBS Fun!

Hola Amigos! Come to our Fiesta Kids Camp this Summer... "where kids are fired up about Jesus!" Get ready for an exciting celebration of Jesus' love, filled with lively mariachi bands, colourful folklorico costumes, spicy chilli peppers, and warm friends.

It's all happening on August 20–24 in the evenings from 6:00–8:30 PM. It is open to kids ages 4 and entering Kindergarten (born '01/'02), as well as kids entering Grades 1-6. Registration forms will be out in May. Volunteers needed! Contact: [kidscove@eastview.org](mailto:kidscove@eastview.org)  
 Lets spice things up together this summer at Fiesta Kids Camp! ~Kathy Chandler

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...we need only 45 minutes in between services, not a full hour. Therefore, starting on the long weekend in May (22<sup>nd</sup>) our Sunday service start times are 'a changin'.

**The first service moves back to its original 9:30 AM time slot and now the second service changes to an 11:15 AM commencement.** In so doing we hope that the 9:30 service once again becomes a more desirable option for you to consider for the next year.

### “Well It’s Another Saturday Night....”

Well it is for another few weeks at least! But then we are giving Saturday night a rest for the summer. **Our last Saturday evening service for the season will happen on May 13<sup>th</sup> and will resume on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you to all who supported this service and provided room for others on Sunday. ~Lorne Pearson

## Weekend Service Times Change Summary

### Saturday Evening Service

The single 6:30 PM service will be discontinued for summer after May 13, and will resume on September 9.



### Sunday Morning Early Service

The 9:00 AM service will move to its previous time of 9:30 AM, effective Sunday, May 22.

### Sunday Morning Late Service

The 11:00 AM service will move to its new time of 11:15 AM, effective Sunday, May 22.

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The evening kicks off with the meal (sign-up required), enjoyed together in the relaxed company of friends and church family. We also have the opportunity to participate in communion at this time, collectively remembering Him whose triumph we live to share and celebrate.

The AGM itself is also a chance for the church to corporately acknowledge and thank its volunteers who have enabled ministry to continue for another year. Eastview has a lot to be thankful for in this regard. Last year, volunteers filled over 800 separate roles within the church alone. In specific cases, it is also an time to recognize and appreciate those who have served and to affirm those who are taking on more responsibility within our organization.

Also a big part of the meeting is the time dedicated to communication between leadership and our community. Change is ever-present within our walls, and the AGM is a terrific opportunity to update everyone on these changes and discuss them. Specifically, staffing, web communications, and property are three areas where we will have the opportunity to see the progress that is being made.

The AGM is informative, it is interactive, and it is an exciting evening of which to be a part. For those who filled out the bulletin tear-off (or have otherwise registered for the meal), the action starts at 5:30 in the auditorium. For those who would like to come for the meeting portion alone, plan to arrive in time for the 6:30 start. You will not want to miss a minute of it!

~Philip Wiebe and Phil Kaethler

## Youth News

On May 12-14 we will be taking our Grade 9 and Senior High Students to **YC Manitoba** (pictured below), a Christian Youth Conference at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Includes worship, teaching, workshops, activities and concerts. Expect a time of fun, growth and spiritual challenge. Registration is still available for \$99 until the conference begins.

We will also be having a **Senior High Lock-In** on May 26! Come take part in our very own *Amazing Race* around the City of Winnipeg!

Attention Grade 9 students! We want to end your time in Junior High with a bang! On June 2 we will be having a Grade 9 event to celebrate your Junior High years and usher you into Senior High! More details to come. *~Stu Koslowsky*



### What's Missing Here? You!

Eastview Church Picnic  
 June 4 from 1:00-4:00 PM  
 Birds Hill Picnic Site (TBA)  
 Bring a Lunch and Lawn chairs  
 Worship and Family Games

## A Love That Bridges the Great Divide

It's all about love – God's love. We believe that is what many who entered the doors of Eastview this Easter Season would have experienced.

It all began Good Friday with the drama and two thieves hanging on the cross. One failed to understand the love that Jesus was extending to both. The other, meanwhile, was impacted by the love that Jesus had for them both, even for the other thief who continued to mock, curse and ridicule Christ and died with hate and disbelief in his soul. Jesus sought forgiveness for those who condemned Him, misjudged Him and ultimately placed Him on that cross. Jesus loves us enough to allow us to make a choice to follow Him or follow our own ways. This Easter the cross was no longer a symbol of torture, but a symbol of love; a very unselfish, undying act of love.

What happened then following Good Friday, during the Saturday evening service, overwhelmed my heart and soul. We saw entire families get up to receive the love, grace and forgiveness that Jesus was offering them. We watched many cross that bridge of love. One could not help but weep even as they came to the front for prayer by Pastor Lorne.

No one could have prepared our hearts for what was to happen during both services on Sunday with both old and young alike coming forward for Jesus. I was particularly moved by a grandfather who had walked that bridge with his grandchildren as they accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We can never explain the joy that we felt as we witnessed this most glorious event, but all we can ever say is 'thank you, Jesus.' Thank You for Your undying love for all.

We pray this Easter season you experienced His love anew in your hearts and in your homes. May we continue to pray for the many that chose to take that step of faith and walk across that bridge of love. May we continue to pray for the countless others who may have silently crossed that bridge in their hearts and for those who are still standing at the edge uncertain if they should go. May we learn from our Lord and Savior what it truly means to love. A love that knows no limits, has no conditions, that is open and available to all whom we meet.

That the world may believe....

*~On behalf of people praying at Eastview,  
 Greg & Laurie Payne*