

# Eastview Link

## Blood Donor Clinic Sets Record



APRIL FOOLS! Pastor Lorne plays to the camera at Eastview's April 1<sup>st</sup> Blood Donor Clinic.

The April 1<sup>st</sup> blood donor clinic was a great success! Not only was the event held in our gym, but the Canadian Blood Services allowed us to cover the promo material throughout the community, including our message and walk up to Easter. What an opportunity. The event itself was also outstanding. We exceeded expectations by having 103 donors come out, and set a record by hosting 41 first-time donors!

However the clinic has only been a single part of what we've been up to in terms of Outreach in the last little while. Having a position on the Eastview team as I do, skewering the neighbourhood surrounding Eastview for ministry opportunities both inside the building and out, is without question a privilege. Of course our first real wide open outreach was the Christmas Dinner Theatre and He blessed us.

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## Seniors News

In January we hosted the "Keenagers Choir", in which a number of our church members sing in. The group originates from Braeside Evangelical Church, and does a great job of serving our community. We had 125 people who came out to enjoy an hour of great music and fellowship.

In February we had our monthly seniors' meeting at Donwood Manor, together with our Eastview church members who are residents at Donwood. It was good to meet together and have a time of sharing. Louise Sinclair-Peters joined us in March to share her family's experiences, and talk about their mission work in Thailand.

Looking ahead, we'll have a spring tea in April. We'll be meeting with McIvor Church for Ascension Day in May. We are hoping to end this year with a bus tour in June.

*~Martha Wiebe*

## Drama Team Update

Eastview Drama Team continues to meet the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of each month for team and community building. You have to see the improv to believe it!

On Feb 17<sup>th</sup> the team attended Manitoba Theatre Centre's production of *Tuesdays With Morrie*. It was a great night of live theatre where we were able to chat with the actors after the production. This is the third MTC production that we have attended as a group and the question-and-answer session after is fascinating.

On Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> we held our first Drama Workshop. The extended time period of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm allowed us to delve deeper into skill building and improv.



We feel God's blessings on the team as we continue to grow closer and develop our God given gifts. New actors are always welcome... even if you've never "officially" acted before and just want to try it out. Come on down! Give Janet Brown a call at 667-8287 if you'd like more information.

~Janet Brown

## Women's Bible Study

What an exciting time to be studying "Jesus, the One and Only", with almost 50 other women. This is a powerful journey through the gospels with Beth Moore, a renowned author and teacher, via video and home-study workbook. As we approach the Easter season, God is especially blessing those who are taking this study. We are drawn in to see afresh and anew – simply and wonderfully – Jesus. We see him as a baby; our Savior is born. We come to appreciate the Son of God, growing as man, preparing to enter ministry. And our journey takes us through that ministry and toward the awful death, but the triumphant resurrection.

We all can't help but say we love Jesus so much more through this time of learning. I have been reminded again of not only His love for mankind, but how I want my life to be covered with the fingerprints of this very Jesus; the very same amazing and powerful Son of God who walked the earth. He wants us to love to spend time with Him, and longs for us to truly know Him. I believe He richly blesses those who discipline themselves to take that time getting to know Him deeper. We will all be different women after these 10 weeks. We are on a life-changing journey! Ask us what we're learning along the way; we'd love to tell you.

~Jennifer Pearson

## Personal Link: Pastor Lorne Pearson

*Look for this to become a regular feature, introducing you to people in ministry around Eastview.*



Pastor Lorne and Jennifer have been married 25 years, and have two sons, Matthew, 22, and Zachary, 17.

Ever since Pastor Lorne was a small boy,

living in Calgary, his heart's desire was to farm. Lorne came to Winnipeg to take Agriculture at University of Manitoba, and then returned to Calgary. In 1984, Lorne and family moved to Manitoba, where they took over Lorne's uncle and grandfather's farm five miles outside of Clondeboye. Lorne also drove a school bus.

Lorne's family had been church shopping, and in Fall, 1996 they came to Eastview and knew it was home. By 1997, Lorne started teaching Life Development, and became a church member. When he gave his testimony he felt God saying to him, "These are your people and I want you to love them." He knew at that moment that farming was no longer his heart's desire.

Lorne became the Care Group Pastor, and in 1999 when Pastor Adam left Eastview, Lorne became acting pastor, thinking it was only temporary. Little did he know that God had other plans for his life!

Lorne had previously been involved in various ministries, including a Bible study for young married college and career students, a youth sponsor for Sr. High, evangelistic care group bible study, Sunday school elder, treasurer, as well as his involvement at Eastview.

Lorne's favourite Bible verse is John 8: 32, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." His favourite hymn is "Blessed Assurance". His favourite Christian artists are Newsong and Phillips, Craig & Dean. Lorne doesn't have a favourite pastime, but he is developing an interest in fishing.

~Mary Wachniak

## Not Your Typical Lock-In

*An understatement of epic proportions.*

Since when has Eastview developed a reputation for big events? First there was the Leadership Summit via satellite held here, and now more recently, this. A Jr. High Lock-In, bigger and louder than ever.

The title was "A Night of Great Mystery", and the name fit the event well. Despite months of planning involving dozens of leaders and volunteers, the actual plans were kept under wraps. In the end, the evening event attracted 500 students (including a number of Jr. High groups from various churches throughout the community). They were not disappointed. Popular Christian rock group Thousand Foot Krutch figuratively blew the roof off our radically transformed gymnasium.

Of the 500 students who attended that concert, 200 stayed over night for our lock-in. The most exciting part was that of the 200 that stayed, 100 students were new to Eastview, and at least 50% indicated that they had no home church when they signed in. We scattered seeds to the wind at our worship service that night. Pray that God will use what they heard and saw that night to intensify that eternal curiosity into their hearts.

Under the guise of a reporter for the Eastview Link, I was granted full access to the evening, much of which was spent following around a few of the many Jr. High leaders (many of whom are in Sr. High or College & Career groups). I was blown away by the professionalism and organization which made the event come off

beautifully. The band couldn't have been better taken care of. From the people at the registration desk, to those handling concert crowd control, to those handling the band's requests, the evening went swimmingly. What began as an idea at the end of the 2003 school year, and required 3 months of planning, culminated in an event that will stand as a testament to Eastview of the truth of Philippians 4: 13: We can do everything, anything, through Christ who strengthens us.

Coming up soon is a joint Sr. and Jr. high retreat to Camp Nutimik, April 23-25. If this is the first you've heard of the retreat, unfortunately you

have missed the early bird registration; the cost of the retreat is \$95.

Parents and guardians please note that our next Parents' Network evening is coming up on May 6 while your students do service projects. Chris Marchand, a professor from Providence College, will be speaking on healthy transition for students through summer.

Now is the perfect time to consider joining the Jr. High leadership team (don't let that lock-in stuff scare you). If you are interested in seeing the incredible stuff of God in the lives of students, then let Thom Dick know today! ~Philip Wiebe, Thom Dick



## Missions Team

### 2004 Budget Disbursal Recommendation

You, the congregation, have just finished replying to the 2004 Budget Disbursal Recommendation. Thank you for your comments. It was our first time trying to sort through our options of what missions we could support and become involved in. We will continue to learn. This year, we are pleased with the missions opportunities we have decided to embrace. Now we all can put a picture

to the Sunday morning offering prayer when we ask God to continue building his Kingdom here and around the world.

Thank you for entrusting us in this role. Now we need your help to wrap these donations up in prayer. Without prayer it is just money. With prayer it is a ministry. Will you pray individually? Will you come and pray corporately?

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## From The Library...

Last season we brought you a long list of new books in the library. Here now is a list of the new music in the library. Feel free to check out some of these great titles!

Artist	CD Title
Andy Hunter	Exodus
Billy Ray Cyrus	The Other Side
By The Tree	Root
Casting Crowns	self titled
Cheapskates	Volume 4
Delirious?	Touch (2 CD's)
Derek Webb	She Must and Shall Go Free
Forty Days	Everyday
Gospel Gangstaz	All Mixed Up
gs megaphone	beautiful world
Jars of Clay	Who We Are Instead
Jill Paquette	self titled
Joy	by surprise
LaRue	Reaching
Lisa McLendon	Soul Music
Living Sacrifice	Conceived in Fire
Passion	Sacred Revolution
Paul Colman Trio	One
Relient K	the pirates who don't do anything
Shaun Groves	Twilight
T Bone	gospel alpha mega funky boogie disco music
Ten Shekel Shirt	Risk
The Elms	truth, soul, rock & roll
Todd Agnew	Grace Like Rain
Worship Circus	A Beautiful Glow
ZOEGirl	Different Kind of FREE
Various	Solidstate volume 4
Various	Will Rock for Jesus
Various	I'm Your Biggest Fan Volume 2

~Julie Hiebert

*The following is a book report found in the MB Herald by Susan Brandt. This historical biography is now in the church library for anyone who is interested.*

### Journey Into Freedom By Edith Elisabeth Friesen

It is 1931. A young mother with a baby and four young children has just been forced out of her home by the authorities. Her husband has been deported. Everything has been confiscated and even her right to work has been withdrawn.

This is the opening scene of Edith Friesen's Journey Into Freedom. Friesen allows her two aunts, her uncle and her mother to tell the story of what happened next. Through conversations among the four siblings who are left (the baby died in infancy), the story of their survival in Stalinist Russia, their subsequent flight to Germany, and finally their immigration to Canada, is told. Friesen fills in the context of the conversations with the history of the time and other events, and people who influenced the outcome of this story.

The Dyck family finds new safe places to live in Soviet Russia, only to find their safety disrupted by more violence. The family is separated, then reunited in Germany. How this comes about and the risks they take to get there, is incredible. They settle in Germany for a few years, living in refugee camps and working for a living, until they learn that repatriation to Russia is a distinct possibility. They then pursue immigration to Canada. They find a distant relative to sponsor them, and within months have paid off their "Reiseschuld" (travel debt). Throughout the story it is their faith in God which undergirds them and sees them through.

Friesen does an admirable job of keeping the voices of the siblings fresh and interesting. Her research into the history of that time is thorough and adds much to the dialogue. It's a good read.



**...Missions cont'd from page 4***May Prayer Gathering*

On this note of prayer, we will provide an opportunity for us to gather in May as a congregation to pray. We will pray for God to open doors in the ministries we have sponsored here and around the world. In particular, we will pray for the "There is Hope Evangelistic Festival" (May 14-16) – that the *people of the 36 buses Eastview has sponsored* will come to a saving faith in Christ. Keep your eyes and schedules open for that.

*Habitat Build*

This summer, we will also have a great

opportunity to make use of our hands and feet. This will be the third house Eastview has built with Habitat for Humanity. However, this year we also want to be intentional about building the home – developing a relationship with the family and looking for opportunities to minister to them will also be a goal. Everyone can get involved (whether its through baking, serving food, holding nails, taking pictures, working with the hammer, leading devotions, playing guitar, helping move furniture – everyone is invited to participate – the sky is the limit). The pre-build will begin July, the Blitz Build will take place the first two weeks of August, and the post-build will wrap up thereafter. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities.

~Juergen Hamm

**Men's Group: Faith Works**

The Eastview men's group is blessed with a good platoon of men, a band of brothers, who are faithful in coming out every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm, willing to explore what the Lord has in store for each one of them in the days to come, and how we can be a support for each other. We are now into the video series/book *Half Time*, helping us blend success and significance and make an eternal deposit, helping each of us answer the big question: What now? ...is this it?

A few weeks back we had the privilege to help outside the Eastview building at *Hands Of Hope*, delivering used furniture

to needy people and looking for the divine 'open door' to walk in and share the hope we have in Christ with each one. What a joy.

On the calendar this year, the Eastview Family Golf Day is designed for the entire family to enjoy. We hope to see you, your family, and your friends! The Men's group has been planting and watering seeds in the Winnipeg Remand, Teen Challenge, Hands Of Hope, and Forward House, to mention a few. Recently Rockwood Correction Center requested a Bible study for men who are long-term (even life) prisoners, similar to the one we do at Remand.



*Receiving a slightly used couch through Hands Of Hope made Deb and son Dallas' day.*

It is a privilege serving Him as He shows each man his heart and uses us to expand His territory. If you are interested and would like to hear more of this vital ministry, please be in contact with Greg Payne or Brad Enns.

~Greg Armstrong

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Later, on Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, Eastview Outreach brought a worship team, under the leadership of Laurie Payne, to the Remand Centre for a time of fellowship in song, and what a blessing that was.

Most recently I attended a community focus meeting with a group, which really has the best interest for River East and its surrounding area at heart. Our

aim is to wrap ourselves around and insert ourselves in many community-based volunteer and good neighbour networks. Our hope is that we will find open doors allowing us to take part and serve as He would serve, that they in turn will want to know of the Father's love for each and every one of them, and that we will be there to figuratively walk them home.

Juergen Hamm will be heading up the Men's Remand Bible Study & Fellowship, and if you are interested in joining the team for this vital ministry, please ask him. Greg Armstrong will trust the Men's Ministry to Greg Payne and a few good men beside him. Greg himself will be continuing to explore new ministry outreach opportunities for all ages and genders.

~Greg Armstrong

## Christian Service Brigade: Stockade/Battalion

We had a good time at our annual Car Races. Many excellent cars were created from what starts out as a block of wood and four little wheels. Some were created with the Design prize in mind, whereas others put all their energy into building the fastest car possible, looking to capture the Speed title.

After a lot of work and planning, Nathan Loewen got his car running true and straight and brought home first prize for Speed. Way to go Nathan! Nick Kruk and James Fulawka managed to fine tune their cars to come in second and third, respectively. The top car for Design was created by Matthew Friesen. Congratulations boys!

The Battalion boys were in the Manitoba Floor Hockey Tournament held here at Eastview. The boys went through the tournament with an unblemished record – no wins! Don't worry, there's always next year. Currently they are planning their fishing/canoe trip for the first weekend in June.

We are having a good year with a fine lot of boys who have a lot of energy, especially when they come to church for a Friday night sleepover. You should see them eat at the Annual Brigade Breakfast – it's amazing how much syrup can go on a pancake!

A big thank-you to Kevin Dyck who has taken over after Christmas while I have been working outside of Winnipeg. Kevin will be taking over next year as Chief Ranger. Also, Ranger Josh Warkentin is also to be commended as he is working on his second consecutive year of perfect attendance.

We are always looking for new Rangers. It is hard, time-consuming work but well worth the effort.

~Chief Ranger Graeme Bennett

## There's no place like Kids' Cove!

We have many exciting stories to share about life change that happens in Children's Ministry. Many of us come to help with kids but then God gets a hold of us and uses our act of service to change our own lives. We would love to tell you all our stories but time and space do not permit. Consider this your *PERSONAL INVITATION* to come and see what God is doing in our part of the building any Sunday! Y'all would be our most welcomed guests!

The most wonderful story we can share with you is the story of salvation for 18 children who accepted Christ as their Forever Friend! Please pray for these children and their families as they grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord. Keep us in your prayers on Easter Sunday morning when we present another clear salvation message with an invitation to accept Christ.

Other highlights this year have been: singing in the sanctuary at Christmas, Missions Sunday with Louise Sinclair-Peters from Thailand, Palm Sunday celebration complete with horseback rides for the Jr. KIDS, and making Christmas cards and collecting Christmas gifts for Operation Christmas Child and a local core area daycare. We have distributed over \$1700 in offering money to worthy missions like World Vision, Las Aguilas School, OCC and Team 2000.

We are eagerly anticipating another opportunity to bring our brand of worship music into "big church" on Mother's Day and to celebrate the "graduation" of our kids on May 30th. Summer may prove to be our biggest event yet with a bigger-than-life VBS week from planned for August 16-20! We are chomping at the bit to plan and execute an exciting preschool (morning) and elementary (evening) VBS – *Rickshaw Rally: Racing to the Son*. It will be a week filled with fun, food, fellowship and a life changing message that Jesus loves us and wants us to "...run in such a way as to get the prize...a crown that will last forever" (1 Cor 9:24-25).

We're always looking for a "few good men or women" to join the team! Call or email Trish Koslowsky to hear more about how you can be a part of changing children's lives!



*Hosanna! At left, Lukas Krause as 'Jesus', as Brittany Siemens leads Beauty into 'Jerusalem' on Palm Sunday. At right, Adam Lutz gets up close and personal with the gentle horse. Beauty was available during both services for horseback rides.*

## Care Groups Update

Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> saw the Fireside Room play host to over 50 care group leaders and their coaches who gathered together for a mini-conference and breakfast. There was plenty of fun, food, and fellowship for all who attended. A time was set-aside for the Care Group leaders and their coaches to discuss, by way of a questionnaire, what the ideal Care Group should look like. This was followed by a video where Bill Hybels spoke at the Small Group Conference of 2002 in Chicago. Bill challenged Care Group leaders of the importance of reaching out and inviting seekers to their Care Groups. To complete the morning, a time of prayer was held with the coaches and their Care Group leaders together.

God has wonderfully provided new leaders for the ministry in the New Year as some groups have caught the vision to multiply in order to let new people experience the joy of community in a Care Group.

Just a reminder that the Leadership Summit will once again be hosted by Eastview with a live simulcast from Willow Creek in Chicago on August 12, 13, & 14<sup>th</sup>. Those who attended last year's Summit can attest to the effectiveness that this

conference had to their personal lives and ministry. In order to encourage all Care Group leaders to attend the Summit this year, each Care Group Leader will receive a \$30.00 discount off the registration fee.

Special thanks to Julie Hiebert and her volunteers, who have been setting up a Care Group Resource area in the library. A number of videos, Bible studies, and resources related to leading a Care Group have been catalogued and are available for the Care Group leaders to borrow. Leaders are encouraged to stop by the library and ask for the Resource Area, and sign out any books or videos that would enhance your ministry in Care Group. More resources will be added as the budget allows. If any of the leaders have any resources in their homes that they feel would be useful to others, please pass them on to Julie to be catalogued.

The Coaches Committee will be meeting towards the end of April to plan a retreat for this Fall for all the Care Group leaders and their apprentice leaders for a time of learning, sharing, and caring along with lots of fun and fellowship. Further information will be distributed as plans get finalized.

~Bob & Sharon Boychuk

## News from the 242 Generation

C&C have had a pretty cool spring with its annual retreat (having the theme of "rest"), being a very restful time. There are a variety of service opportunities preparing us for Love Winnipeg – a city-wide service project for C&C students – as well as just practicing serving – something we're supposed to do, right?

We are looking forward to our post-exam dinner at the end of April, and seeing just where God is leading this group through a variety of summer options, and into the remainder of 2004.

C&C is in the process of changing its name, yet to be sorted out.

Our Sr. Highs have been busy, but many are looking



forward to our Good Friday Bonfire (becoming an annual event), including the major items of 2004: YC '04 where 26 Eastview'ers will be heading to Edmonton for a conference with other students from North America; NYC '04 (National Youth Conference) sponsored by the Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. This event happens every three years, which will be held for the first time in Toronto in December, 2004.

As such, we will be fundraising for this event. If you would like to help in this area,

or if you have any ideas, don't hesitate to let Steve know. Two major fundraisers on the horizon will be a dinner served prior to Eastview's Annual General Meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a Giant Garage Sale scheduled for some time in early June. If you've been doing some spring cleaning already and have items that are "garage-sale worthy", we'd love to take those off your hands. All proceeds will go towards helping students reach Toronto for this historic and spiritually memorable event.

Thanks for your support in the past. We look forward to how God will guide our group, and what He will do to grow us!

~Steve Dick

## Announcements and Upcoming Dates

The **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The supper starts at 5:30 pm, while the meeting gets going at 6:30 pm. There will be a vote regarding new leaders, and probably a vote regarding a new property proposal.

Other Upcoming Events:

May 9 – Mother’s Day – Child Dedication

June 6 – Baptism Sunday

June 13 – Church Picnic

June 20 – Father’s Day – Men’s Choir for those who are interested

Watch for details in the bulletin as these dates draw closer.

## So who won the Name the Newsletter Contest?

*...info from the cluttered Communications desk*

Congratulations to Rudy & Irene Bartel, who won our *Name the Newsletter* contest, and the \$25 Gift Certificate to Inspirations Christian Store!

*Eastview Link* was chosen because it described well what we want the entire Communications ministry, and the newsletter a vehicle of it, to be: a connection between ministries and the people of Eastview.

Thank you very much for all who submitted entries to our contest. The decision process was not an easy one, and the many creative names that you came up with were a joy to read through.

We hope you’ve enjoyed this issue of the *Eastview Link*. What else is in store for the Communications ministry? We’re looking to make the *Link* available digitally, be it via e-mail or on the net. We believe that to be in the Communications area these days and not be heavily focusing on electronic means of communication is impossible. Also, we’re looking at doing redesigning of print materials around the church.

If this describes something you might be interested in, why not drop us a line? E-mail Philip Wiebe at forty5@shaw.ca, or get in touch with me via phone at 661-0974. We’d love to have you on board!  
~Philip Wiebe

## Devotional Thought

As I was studying “The Passion of Christ” by Martin R. De Haan II, I came across a point that impacted me deeply.

“Yes, [Jesus] had chosen to undergo all the pain and shame that awaited Him without the help of His own divine power, without the comfort of the Holy Spirit, and without the support of His heavenly Father. Some 14 hours later, after almost 6 hours on the cross, the intensity of our Savior’s spiritual anguish wrenched from Him the cry: ‘My God. My God, why have You forsaken Me?’” (Mk.15:34).

“As we reflect on this scene, we cannot help but think the pain the Father and the Holy Spirit must have felt as they saw the Son, the fellow member of the eternal trinity, suffer and die as He did – abandoned and alone. How they must have longed to reach out and touch Him. But to redeem us, it was necessary for the Son, who had become a member of the human family, to face severe testing without sinning, and to suffer death in all its horror.”

My prayer for all of us is that we not focus solely on the physical pain and torture that Jesus endured for us, but that we would see, yes feel, the anguish Jesus felt when He was totally isolated from His Father, His friends, His family, even His enemies. Isolated from all. When He was alone enveloped in the intense darkness and seeming desperation, the cross almost became a sense of release for Jesus. He knows the time is near approaching when He can finally draw His last breath and say, “It is finished” (Jn.19:30) and yes, oh yes “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit” (Lk. 23:46). Jesus’ suffering occurred through all the events leading up to the cross, not just as He was being beaten and tortured. It almost breaks my heart to think how much easier the physical pain was to bear for Jesus in comparison to the separation He experienced from His Father. During this monumental season, may we all experience anew how deep the Father’s love for us. May the love Jesus showed all of us recapture our hearts and attention as we reflect on the enormity of His love. May we serve our Risen Lord and Savior with the honour and love that He so rightfully deserves and in so doing may we glorify His name.

“As you gaze upon the cross, and long for conformity to Him, be not weary or fearful because you cannot express in words what you seek. Ask Him to paint the cross in your heart. Believe in Him, the crucified and now living One, to dwell within you and breathe His own mind there.”

- Andrew Murray –

~Devotional Thought courtesy the Prayer Ministry