

Eastview Link

A Home for the Hasanis



Don Koseda, Ed Loewen, Vern Koop, Ron Dacombe, and Ali Hasani celebrate the groundbreaking for another Eastview Habitat Build, which happens Aug. 7-14.

Once again it's summer, and at Eastview, we are blessed with the opportunity to provide safe, decent, affordable housing to a low-income family from Winnipeg. The following is an excerpt from a letter I received from Ken Bishop, CEO Winnipeg Habitat for Humanity, introducing the family we have the privilege of building with this year:

"Ali and Hatigje Hasani are excited about their new home and looking forward to a dream come true! This summer we are building in the vacant lots across the street from 1240 Kildare in Transcona. This area meets our goal of providing safe, decent, affordable housing for families. Ali and Hatigje and their three young children live in a small apartment in central Winnipeg. They are concerned about safety in their current neighbourhood; however, partnering with Habitat has given them renewed hope. Hatigje is a stay-at-home mom and Ali

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Leadership Summit '04

Eastview is delighted to invite you and any leader you may know to join us and hundreds of other Christian leaders from our area on August 12-14 at The Leadership Summit 2004 – one of the finest leadership training events available anywhere. We're partnering with Willow Creek Community Church and over 80 other churches and ministries to bring this can't-miss training event, live via satellite to tens of thousands of Christian leaders throughout North America.

As Bill Hybels, Senior Pastor of Willow Creek, says: "Change a leader, change a church; Change a church, change a community... and eventually an entire city, county, state, country, even the world."

Imagine the potential impact upon our community if hundreds of Christian leaders were envisioned, empowered, and equipped to effectively lead the churches, businesses, and ministries in our area. What

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Are You Ready to Rally?



Plans are well under way for a terrific VBS ministry this summer, being held August 16-20. The theme is “Rickshaw Rally – Racing to the Sun,” and will be held mornings for Preschool, ages 3-5, and evenings for Elementary, grades 1-6. Bring your friends, families, and neighbours. There will be a Family BBQ on Thursday evening, August 19th, for the Elementary VBS children and their families. On Friday, August 20th, there will be a Family Lunch for the Preschool VBS children and their families.

Come and be a part of the excitement and help make this adventure an unforgettable experience for you and your children! There’s plenty of room for everyone, and plenty of ways to get involved – from helping to prepare crafts and decorations, to shepherding a group of kids and serving in activity areas during the week, to assisting at the Family BBQ. Want to get involved? See the VBS Volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for more details, or call Trish Koslowsky at the church office. Drop by the Info Desk at the front of the church to get registration forms. ~Trish Koslowsky

Men’s Ministry Update

Since our last communication via the Eastview Link, we have completed the “Half Time” study by Bob Buford. We were blessed to see some new faces during the Tuesday evenings. Bob’s book sparked a desire in some men to think about changing their game plan from “success” to “significance.” Shortly after this study, about 6-8 of us went on a field trip to Teen Challenge. We had a great time of fellowship with the men there, beginning with a short reading from The Purpose Driven Life. Then we walked to the Forks and played some touch football. We all enjoyed the fresh air, exercise (sore muscles), and time to talk and share our life stories. We look forward to our next visit.

To wrap up the ministry year we are studying Men of the Bible. We began with Adam and will conclude with Joshua. This has been a great experience! Each man has had to pick one of the Men of the Bible and has had to prepare and lead the Tuesday night study.

We will break for July and August and our leadership team is presently working on a **Plan and Purpose** to reach men that we will introduce in September. Remember, ‘As iron sharpens iron’ Proverbs 27:17. Enjoy the summer and I encourage each one of you to keep reading His Word daily, and continually pray for His will in your life. ~Greg Payne

Personal Link

Introducing you to people in ministry around Eastview

Reg Siemens, Moderator

Reg and Laurie have been married 23 years, and have three children, Brittany, 19, Christopher, 17, and Derek, 13. After finishing high school, Reg attended Briercrest Bible School in Caronport, Saskatchewan for one year. He then worked for Redekopp Outdoor Living, and enrolled in the CMA program. After working at several other places and attending school for several years, Reg realized he wanted to work for himself. In 1988 he started a security company called Tower Security Systems Inc., which he still runs today. A few years later he also started buying, selling, and supporting computers, but he currently focuses more on security.



Reg has been a member at Eastview since its inception. One of his ministry involvements has included singing on worship teams. Several years ago, Reg and three other members of Eastview (Rick Hamm, Weldon Neufeld, and Ed Warkentin), formed a male quartet called Soul Desire. They performed at various venues, including touring Southern Ontario with Family Life Network. In 1996 they cut a CD; there are still copies available! Reg has also been a council member, treasurer, sound technician, and more recently, he is involved in the video simulcast ministry, and is the church moderator.

Reg’s favourite Bible verse is 2 Corinthians 12:9, “But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” His favourite Christian artists are Phillips, Craig & Dean and Newsong. He enjoys riding his motorcycle, playing floor hockey, and watching his kids play baseball.

Family Golf Day Two-Thousand-Fore!

Can you believe it? This was our 4th Family Golf Day. This year we tried to make the day family-focused, and from the feedback we received we believe we accomplished this. This was only possible by the grace of God and His mighty power to hold back the rain (and all the other details He took care of). The glory goes to Him!

The day began at the beautiful little par 3 Heritage Golf Course in Lockport. There were a total of 52 people (35 adults and 17 youth) who teed off and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon. We then returned to the auditorium at Eastview to the aroma of a barbecued pig, complete with all the fixin's, thanks to Borden Tanasychuk. Many wives and children joined their dads and husbands, brothers and sisters after golf for dinner, rides and fun.

But the most important part was yet to

come. We were all blessed to hear two men from Forward House Ministry, Peter and David, share their testimonies of how Jesus has rescued and restored them. It was heart-moving.

In the end, everyone (golfers, wives and children) went home with a prize. Thank you to all who donated. The Golf Committee is pleased to announce that because of the generosity of all the corporate sponsors and golfers involved, we have sent a donation for \$1,000.00 to Forward House Ministry.

Next year we plan to keep the same format with a few minor changes. If you have any comments you would like to share that might help us plan better for 2005, please leave them in mailbox B07. Otherwise, until next year, Foooooore!!!

~Greg Payne



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works full-time as a porter at the Manitoba Club and part-time at the Fort Garry Hotel. Ali & Hatigje are from Kosovo and fled the country in 1999 during the war. They experienced the fear and horror of war and left Kosovo not knowing where they would end up living. They are thrilled to be living in a peaceful country that offers a bright future for their children. Ali & Hatigje have developed close friendships and a sense of community through their

church, and are looking forward to making new friends during the build this summer."

The Habitat Calendar

June 27th – BBQ fundraiser in the parking lot following the morning service
 August 7th – Opening kickoff featuring an Eastview band
 August 7th-14th – Blitz Build
 August 14th – Closing ceremony

~Ron Dacombe,
 Juergen Hamm

Missions Note

A quick report from the "There is Hope Festival" in Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine. Eastview sponsored 36 buses, each of which carried about 40 people to and from the conference who otherwise likely wouldn't have been able to attend. Of the 28,472 people who attended the conference over the 4 days, 3,855 responded to Viktor Hamm's call for them to accept Christ. Apparently the response was also disproportionately high among those who came by bus. Praise God for allowing us to assist in furthering His work around the globe.

~Juergen Hamm

Care Groups

June is our Care Group Appreciation Month. The Care Group Coaches would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Care Group Leaders who gave of their time and spiritual gifts this past year. We also thank each and every Care Group member who attended the Care Group meetings, as well as encouraged, supported and prayed for each other in Jesus' name. Although we acknowledge your ministry here on earth, we know the true rewards that

you will receive are "out of this world!" Psalm 62: 11-12 says, "One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God are strong and that you, O Lord, are loving. Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done."

Also, a big thank you to the Coaching Staff, Ron and Lorraine Dacombe, Berent and Lina Hamm, Stan and Sally Massey-Wiebe, and Jennifer Pearson
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8 Jr. High students were baptized on June 6th. It doesn't get much better than that! Congratulations students!

Jr. High Flying High

Summer has started with some great celebrations! We are celebrating the 8 Jr. High students who were baptized on June 6th. We are celebrating them because of what Jesus has begun in their lives and we are celebrating because as remarkable as their stories are, Jesus has promised greater things for those who are obedient! And of course there have been other celebrations as well. We ended the year with a relaxing get-together at Birds Hill Park. You can see the results of that photo scavenger hunt on the Jr. High bulletin board in the east foyer; that was a lot of fun. At our last Liquidfire (Jr. High worship service) of the year, we invited Emmanuel Ali El-Shariff to come and share his story of coming to Christ, and the persecution he faced in his

home country of Sudan. He gave students SO MUCH to think about – what we believe, and why we believe it! Looking back, this year God was able to accomplish so much under our very noses. It's cool to look back and see his fingerprints on what we did!

Summer is stacking up to be full and fun! From Operation Urban Fire, our second missions trip to inner-city Winnipeg, to Tuesday afternoon Bible studies in August, as well as some Thursday night events. Hopefully students will have every opportunity to get to know Jesus better even in the dry days of summer.

There are already big plans in the works for next year, including a conference for Jr. High students, changes in how we do life development, retreats, and a

few other big dreams. If you are an adult, please consider joining our volunteer team, and if you are a student, then make plans to just come and meet with Jesus. Several new individuals have already signed on to be volunteers next year, and we anticipate that together with the established team we have, we will be able to take Jr. High students into new and remarkable experiences with our great God!

Grade 9's, you are invited to take in either Sr. High or Jr. High events this year. Have fun as you make that important transition; we'll miss you guys! And grade 6's, welcome to Jr. High! You are invited to our summer events; I can't wait to get to know you better!

~Thom Dick



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for your outstanding work in serving in leadership roles for the Care Group Ministry this past year. We have truly enjoyed your fellowship, appreciated your support and ministry, and are looking forward to another great year working together.

Keep your eyes open for news of a large-scale social evening to kick off the new ministry year. Also for the Fall, the Coaches are planning a number of

training sessions for anyone interested in becoming a Care Group Leader, and sessions for Care Group Leaders to enhance their leadership skills. One of these training opportunities happens to be the Leadership Summit. Care Group Leaders are eligible for a \$30.00 discount when registering through Eastview, which means that the 2½ day conference is available to you for a low price of \$69.00 + GST. Other training sessions will be advertised, as the details become available.

Love Winnipeg

On June 4-5 Eastview's College & Career joined 25 other church youth/young adult groups from all over Winnipeg to go out into their own communities and "Love Winnipeg". Love Winnipeg is an effort by Christian churches to get out together into their communities to show the love of Jesus through practical acts of love.

On June 4th hundreds of youth/young adults gathered at Eastview to kick off the Love Winnipeg weekend with worship, prayer, and a challenge from keynote speaker Mark Young. It was a high-energy evening that got everyone ready to Love Winnipeg into God's Kingdom.

On the morning of June 5th, Eastview and church groups from all over Winnipeg did just that. While Eastview did "free yard work" on Emerson Ave., other groups gave out free hot dogs and water bottles, or put on free car washes. The Meeting Place even held a children's carnival.

After a morning of service, everyone gathered at Kildonan Park for a BBQ and then proceeded to go down to Rainbow Stage where some 1,300 people gathered together to pray for Winnipeg and celebrate what God is already doing here. Everyone had the opportunity to pray for Love Winnipeg – that churches would rekindle a passion for their lost communities, and that those who were served that day would have been moved and come to saving faith.

The Love Winnipeg initiative will carry on in Winnipeg with the vision of mobilizing churches to commit themselves to serving, loving, and witnessing to their surrounding communities on an ongoing basis. Already we've heard from many reports that it was a really stretching weekend but spiritually rewarding. When we leap out of our comfort zones to become the "neighbour" to our neighbours, it not only feels good for them, but we feel pretty good too. Next year, Love Winnipeg will be a part of a nationwide initiative called "Celebration 2005", initiated by the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. The goal? To see churches reach out into their communities and celebrate God's love together. It will be for all ages. Look for it.

For updates check out members.shaw.ca/lovewinnipeg

~Steve Dick, Juergen Hamm



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What Kingdom impact could result? That's what the Summit is all about.

Every August at the Summit, Willow Creek presents a tremendous line-up of world-class leadership experts and practitioners who share their insights on topics that apply both to our personal lives and to our ministry roles. Joining Bill Hybels this year will be these special guest speakers:

- Pat Summit, Hall of Fame basketball coach
- T.D. Jakes, Sr., Pastor of The Potter's House
- Steven Sample, author of *The Contrarian's Guide to Leadership*

-Tim Sanders, former Chief Solutions Officer of Yahoo!

-Marcus Buckingham, author of *First, Break All the Rules*

-A.R. Bernard, Sr., Founder and CEO of Christian Cultural Center

Some of the topics they'll be addressing at this year's Summit include Self-Management, Team Building, and Managing Change. For more details on how to experience The Leadership Summit 2004 at Eastview this summer, click over to www.eastview.org/summit.html. See you there!

From the Library

Parents interested in capturing their kids' attention while teaching Bible stories that maintain the integrity of the Scriptures and present the heart of the gospel message, will enjoy this new series titled *Wild & Wacky Totally True Bible Stories* by Frank Peretti (as 'Mr. Henry'). 'All About Helping Others' and 'All About Obedience' are the two series titles that the library currently has available. Each book includes a bonus CD.

*Dear God,
Sometimes it's tough being a kid.
I need some help.*

Everyone needs encouragement as they're growing up. Looking for an easy-to-understand series written for kids ages 5-9 to help see God in everyday life? Two books available in the Eastview Library that might fit the bill are "Dear God, Thank You for Friends!" and "Dear God, Thanks for Making Me Special!"

Some of you have requested books and these are now available in the Eastview Library:

- Lynn Austin – *Hidden Places* (F)
- Linda Chaikin – *Yesterday's Promise; #2 in the East of the Sun Series* (F)
- Gordon Dalbey – *Healing the Masculine Soul*
- Christopher Maselli – *Commander Kellie and the Superkids: Escape from Jungle Island* (JF)

Some other new books also now available:

- Kurt Bruner, Jim Ware – *Finding God in The Lord of the Rings*
- Dee Henderson – *True Courage; #4 in the Uncommon Heroes Series* (F)

Denise Hunter – *Mending Places* (F)

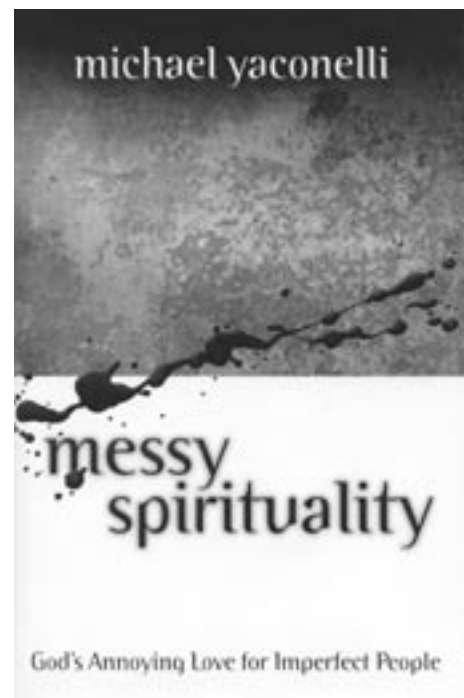
Karol Ladd – *The Power of a Positive Wife, Seven Powerful Principles for Being a Positive (not perfect) Wife*

Dr. Kevin Leman – *First-Time Mom: Getting Off on the Right Foot – From Birth to First Grade*

Beverly Lewis – *The Sacrifice; #3 in the Abram's Daughters Series* (F)

Lee and Leslie Strobel – *Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage*

Michael Yaconelli – *Messy Spirituality, God's Annoying Love for Imperfect People*



~Julie Hiebert

Annual General Meeting Results from Council

At our most recent AGM, members heard a report from Council about our pursuit of property expansion options, and three recommendations were made. The following summarizes the results of the vote:

Recommendation 1: The conditional offer to purchase the property north of Wallace Avenue should be allowed to lapse at this

time. 89 votes were cast with 99% agreeing and 1% disagreeing.

Carried.

Recommendation 2: We should consider selling our existing facility and relocating in order to facilitate current and future growth needs. 86 votes were cast with 92% agreeing and 8% disagreeing.

Carried.

Recommendation 3: We should

pursue the purchase of a new property that will allow future growth and ministry. All such offers will be based on due diligence and congregational approval of details. 88 votes were cast with 95% agreeing and 5% disagreeing. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Reg Siemens, Moderator

Sr. High: Preparing for Takeoff

It has been a busy spring for us in Student Ministry, but hasn't it been busy for everyone? Things are slowly wrapping up, or so it would seem, but there are still many things to do, and things left undone.

Quite prevalent recently in Student Ministry has been the message of the Good Samaritan – we are called to love and care for those in need around us. This was a clear message to our Sr. Highs who went to Edmonton at the end of May for a conference. There were over 15,000 people gathered for Christ's sake and it was amazing. You would think they would be talking about all the people, and the concerts of some of their favourite Christian bands, but a strong sentiment as we came home was the worship and the community. Our group felt amazing community which peaked on the ride home!

The message about “being the neighbour” struck many of us, and personally God has inspired this idea as our theme for next year – keep your eyes open for student neighbours!

On Saturday, June 12th, Eastview Sr. Highs hosted a garage sale at church (*inset picture*) as a fundraiser for our trip to Toronto this coming winter. Thank you so much for all those who participated either by donating or purchasing items. We made



some serious money, but again, the community was really neat, visiting with our “neighbours”, and working together as a team.

We will be continuing our fundraising campaign through the summer and into the Fall. We don't mean to bug you for money; we will certainly work for it, but at the same time,

trips like this aren't cheap. The rough estimated cost for this adventure that students are trying to raise is \$650 per student, and with well over 40 students expressing interest in going... well, it's a lot. In the end however, you cannot put a price tag on a spiritual bookmark as significant as NYC. We saw fruit of that even recently in a student's testimony at the baptism on June 6th. Yay God for what He has done, and what He is preparing to do in Toronto at NYC '04.

This summer for Student Ministry brings grad, camping, 242 at the beach and general get togethers. For leaders (this could be you!) it's preparation for the Fall, and believe me when I say preparations are already underway. This is going to be an exciting year of understanding further the “neighbour” principle, and ways we can live it out.

Thanks for your ongoing support and prayers!

~Steve Dick

Newlywed Celebration

We enjoyed our first Newlywed Celebration with some of our newly married couples and those to be married this year. It was a wonderful way for the entire church family to celebrate with them and have a piece of cake and some punch. God's blessings to those couples, and thanks to our catering committee and to all those who contributed to the couples' gifts.



The New Coffee Area

We are pleased that the work on the coffee area expansion has been completed and we thank Ed Loewen, Rudy Pauls and Darryl Pauls for their craftsmanship and time in accomplishing this. Now that the physical plant phase is completed, we are working towards enhancing the ministry itself so that it is better utilized as a tool for welcoming newcomers to our church. While it has always been an excellent tool for enhancing community within Eastview, we are hoping and praying that God will allow us to use this ministry for outreach as well. Stay tuned for details. Anyone with the gift of hospitality, who would like to be involved in this ministry enhancement, please contact the church office for more details.

Below, Rudy Pauls and Ed Loewen enjoy the fruits of their labour.



Devotional Thought

What an incredible baptism/membership Sunday as we witnessed the power of God's presence, the power of prayer, and the sovereignty of God. I believe that it is prayer that fuels the church and all ministries involved. Without it, we are like a ship out of water. I encourage anyone who feels so led to join the Prayer Ministry Team for the Leadership Summit this August. There are no special requirements other than a heart who loves God and loves to serve His people. All are welcome.

Over the next few issues of the Eastview Link, I would like to share with you some heroes of the faith, as quoted by Chuck Swindoll, both men and woman who "possessed a spiritual depth that sustained a life of integrity" and who took "valiant stands in the face of insurmountable odds." It truly is about "the time spent in secret; the daily moments praying before an audience of One. They knew without prayer, trepidation cripples courageous stands; public criticism softens convictions; and sanctimonious doublespeak replaces spiritual depth.

"To give yourself an idea of the inner strength of these men and women modeled, take a trip with me back to the 16th century, and peer into the life of a meddling monk. On trial for speaking out against corruption in the church, Martin Luther was challenged by the emperor's chief prosecutor to recant his 'outrageous views.' Excommunication stared him in the face, yet this heroic man said, 'Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise.'

"Martin Luther could stand before an emperor, because he had first knelt before the King of kings. I have learned in 40 plus years of ministry that courageous stands start with bended knees."

As we reflect on these heroes of faith and others to follow, let us realize their heroism started with bowed heads before Almighty God. Commit with me, and with our Prayer Ministry at Eastview, to follow the words of groundbreaking missionary Hudson Taylor, "You must go forward on your knees."

The truth in that statement has become my prayer for this church and our upcoming ministry year that we, the members of Eastview Community Church, would go forward on our knees. May you be encouraged to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." (Matthew 6:33).

As I pray I lift this Scripture up as my hope and prayer for Eastview, that it could be said of us (to paraphrase 2 Chronicles 31:20) that in every work that we began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment to seek our God, we did it with all our hearts. So we prospered.

Have a blessed summer.

~Prayer Ministry