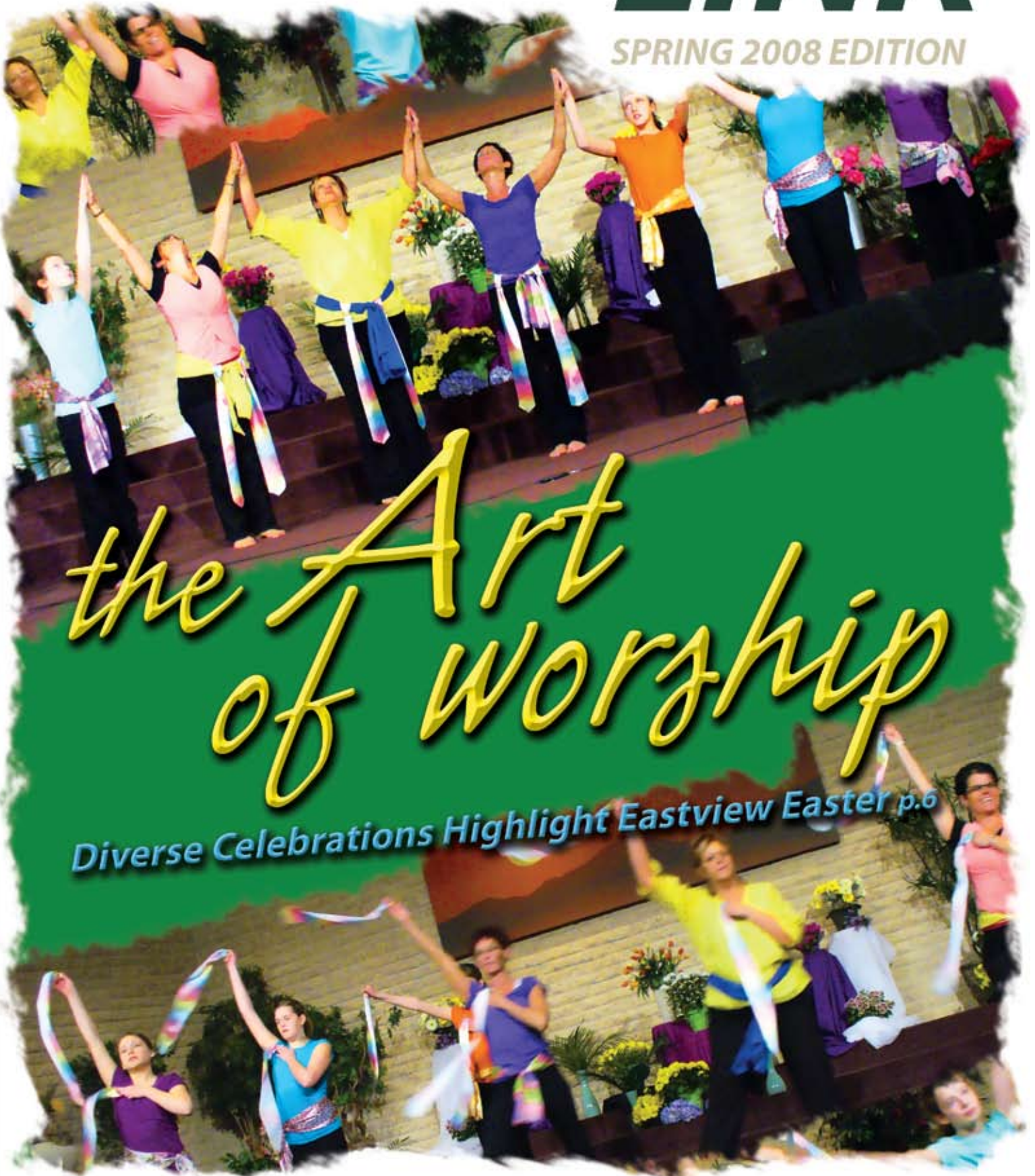


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Library News

There is much to celebrate in the Library this spring. The Library Builder 2008 event took place on February 10, 2008. Due to its success, 144 books were purchased for the library! Some of the new non-fiction and fiction titles include:

Non-Fiction Titles

- **3:16 The Numbers of Hope**
Max Lucado
- **Fantastic After 40**
Pam Farrel
- **Lost in the Amazon**
Stephen Kirkpatrick
- **Moving from Fear to Freedom**
Grace Fox
- **Reframe Your Life**
Stephen Arterburn
- **Still Waters & Skyscrapers**
Dave Tomlinson
- **Walking from East to West**
Ravi Zacharias

Fiction Titles

- **Between Sundays**
Karen Kingsbury
- **Cassidy**
Lori Wick
- **False Witness**
Randy Singer
- **My Soul to Keep**
Davis Bunn
- **The Pawn**
Steven James
- **Zero-G**
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- **Deception (Audio)**
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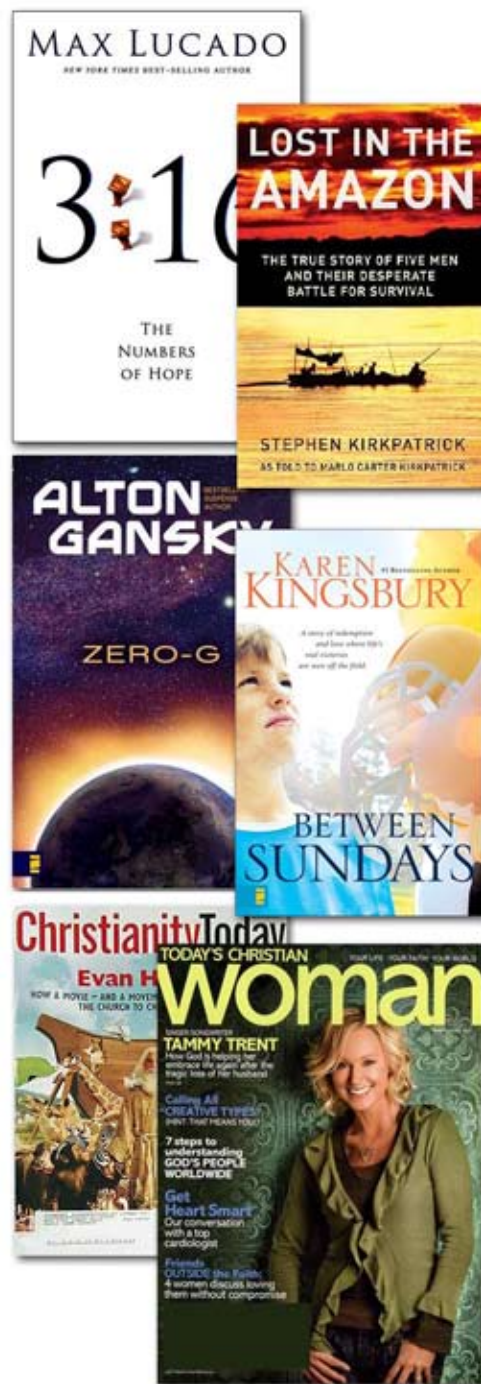
The Library has an assortment of magazines available for you to take out. Some examples are:

- **Christianity Today** – A magazine of evangelical conviction, providing news and commentaries from a biblical perspective
- **Today's Christian Woman** – Many feature articles that provide you with fresh inspiration and biblical insight to help you meet the pressures of your life with greater confidence
- **Christian Leader** – A publication of the U.S. Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches

On March 17, 2008, a presentation was given by “Jews for Jesus” where the significance and symbolism of Passover was explained. The following are books that were purchased from this event, and are now available in the library:

- **The Last Jew of Rotterdam** - *Ernest Cassutto*
- **The Fall Feasts of Israel** - *Mitch and Zhava Glaser*
- **Christ in the Passover** - *Ceil & Moishe Rosen*
- **Christ in the Feast of Pentecost** - *David Brickner, Rich Robinson*
- **Christ in the Feast of Tabernacles** - *David Brickner*
- **Testimonies of Jews who believe in Jesus** - *Ruth Rosen*

All new books are located in the “New Non-Fiction” and “New Fiction” sections at the front of the library. If you're not sure, please feel free to ask one of the library assistants.



The library has an e-mail address where you can submit questions, comments, or suggestions. Have you read a good book lately, or are you wondering if we have a certain video or CD? The e-mail address is library@eastview.org.

~Mary Wachniak



Good Friday and Easter have a way of bringing Eastview back to

The Art of Worship



In God's grand redemptive plan for humanity, the Easter weekend stands alone as the climactic culmination. In three days, God, through a dramatic act of love and grace, brought hope to all humanity and asserted His power over death itself.

Therefore, it stands to reason that Easter should be one of the most (if not the most) celebrated events on the church calendar. A weekend recognizing both the sacrifice and the resurrection is not something to be taken lightly; only our deepest, most heartfelt expressions of worship befit this, the most monumental moment in history.

Eastview has traditionally put a lot of effort into presenting Good Friday and Easter Sunday services that convey this sense of awe and power, and that tradition was only built further by the Easter weekend services of 2008. In particular, the arts played a featuring role in

worship and in communicating the message of the cross and empty tomb. How do we mean? Allow us to recount the numerous ways Eastview worshipped on Easter weekend. In no particular order:

1) Choral music

The Good Friday message was, to a large extent, communicated through the voices of the choir. Led by Monica Kornelsen, the black-clad choir covered a range of musical styles in songs that brought both colour and emotion to the telling of the story, from the last supper right through to the crucifixion.

But that wasn't the end of the choir's involvement. On Sunday morning they were back en masse, less the noir dress code but with the same tour de force vocal performance that made Friday so memorable.

GRAY HARES At left, six old rabbits propose to hire the Easter Bunny, who's good at stealing attention.

STRING TO THE KING Inset left, a bass and two guitars help lead worship on Easter Sunday morning.

RISEN INDEED Inset right, kids point to the one worth praising.

2) Drama

The other major art form present in both the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services was theatre, courtesy of Eastview's drama team. Friday's gripping performance viewed Jesus' final day, from the last supper through to the crucifixion, from five perspectives, including those of Pilate, Caiaphas the High Priest, Mary (the mother of Jesus) and two disciples.

Easter Sunday's theatrical component also featured five characters – but that's where

and at the same time worshipfully focused the attention heavenward.

4) Congregational Singing Much like a typical Sunday, Easter Sunday incorporated an element of congregational singing. Thanks in large part to the worship-leadership of Lori Enns and her team of singers and instrumentalists, the church body could come together as one and lift its praises to the Lord. Unlike a typical Sunday, however,



Weldon Neufeld. The second was a remarkable montage produced by Tim and Andrea Toews that featured Eastview children and adults recounting the Easter story through a number of items they found hidden inside Easter eggs.

6) Speech

Lest we forget the power of the spoken word as a viable artistic medium, Gus Konkel led the listener to a greater understanding of Christ's great redemptive act by luminously illustrating and highlighting a number of nuanced texts and guiding the congregation through three confessions (that of a servant, sufferer, and the saints). In encouraging each individual gathered to consider the decision that lies before all of us, he concluded with Philippians 2:5-11.

So in the final accounting

“...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord”

-Philippians 2:10-11 (NIV)

the similarities end. The brief sketch drew lots of laughs as five famous rabbits conspired in their old age to hire the Easter Bunny to “foither the cause of rabbits world-wide.”

3) Interpretive Dance

In a flowing, colourful display of expressive motion set to the song Sound of Melodies, nine dancers (under the direction of Sue Thiessen) managed to create vibrant and dynamic images that both engaged the congregation

part of the singing was led by the school-aged children, invited to the front to help the rest of us engage more fully through the actions of our hands.

5) Film and Visuals

Easter Sunday also featured two very unique and fascinating segments that utilized visuals and film to connect with the viewer in different ways. The first was a form of immersion in scripture, as a series of visually-highlighted scripture passages were voiced by

of the Easter weekend one finds that a minimum of six distinct art forms were used to worship and bring the messages of the crucifixion and resurrection to the four full services. And so, if we risk of paraphrasing the Apostle Paul's words, we can with joyful hearts say that on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, not only did knees bow and tongues confess, but singers sang, musicians played, actors acted, dancers danced, pictures showed, and speakers boldly proclaimed that Jesus is Lord. ~Philip Wiebe

Young Adults' Escape was Great



More than a retreat, it was a full-scale withdrawal from life-as-usual for a weekend.

Mix a carefree group of young adults, two spacious cottages, and a laid-back weekend in March, and what do you get? The Young Adults' annual Great Escape winter retreat!

This year, sixteen 18 to 20-something young adults enjoyed some rest and relaxation on the weekend of March 7th to 9th, 2008, at the "Cottages of Lac du Bonnet." The weekend featured a pair of memorable sessions, great meals, the annual football game, and a lot of down time in between.

The Young Adults' Great Escape differs from many other retreat experiences in its structure, or rather the lack thereof. Whereas a detailed itinerary often serves a retreat for younger ages very well, we have always designed our winter retreats to be as unstructured as possible, leaving as much room as we can for the unplanned, truly memorable moments of friendship and fellowship. For example, as a group we decide on a time for breakfast the night before. The next day, we'll agree to have our session at 11 o'clock that morning. And we simply continue from there,

planning our time as we move through it.

Joel Neufeld led us through our first session on Saturday morning, guiding us through scripture and discussion on the topic of contentment. He capped off his study by reading a memorable segment from a book in which a former student dialogues with his dying professor about life and the things on which we place value. Our second session took place on Sunday morning. Jesse Hamm led us in worship singing after which we spent time praying together. The Holy Spirit's activity was evident

as we reflected on things we had learned during the weekend and as we prayed for each other and for our church. Big thanks go to Joel and Jesse for leading us so well.

This year's retreat took place at the DeFehr and Loewen cottages in Lac du Bonnet, as has been our custom for the last number of years. The two cottages are situated next-door to each other on the waterfront and create the ideal setting for a retreat of this kind. The spacious accommodations lend themselves very well to a group of our size, and allowed everyone a bed to sleep on and enough room for us to enjoy meals together. Our sincere thanks goes out to the DeFehr family for allowing us to enjoy their space.

As usual, everyone who made it out to the retreat had a great time and we're always disappointed at how the weekend seems to fly by so fast. All we can say is, don't miss out next year!

~Jonathan Wiebe

PERSONAL LINK

Delbert Enns

SENIOR PASTOR (EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2008)

The search is over. Our call for a Senior Pastor has been answered by long-time church member Delbert Enns, who recently left his position as Executive Director of Family Life Network after 13 years of service. To help you get to know him better, we thought it would be fitting for this issue's Personal Link to be about the newest addition to the staff here at Eastview.

Delbert has been married to his wife, Marianne, for 27 years and they have three children: David, who is in his second year of Engineering at the University of Manitoba; Tania, who is in her first year at the U. of M. and aspires to attend the Asper School of Business; and Mark, who is in Senior Three at River East Collegiate. Together they have been attending Eastview since January, 1995, when Delbert and Marianne moved back to Winnipeg to answer a call from FLN, then known as Mennonite Brethren Communications. The following summer they became members here and have gotten very involved in various ministries, including Children's Ministry where Marianne has served for ten years.

Born into a Missionary family in Paraguay, Delbert accepted Christ into his life at the age of eight with the help of his older sister. Growing up in a German speaking home and a Spanish Mennonite Brethren Congregation, he felt a strong passion for God and was baptised upon his confession of faith in 1973. In 1978 he moved to Canada to continue his spiritual and professional development and became a Camera Technician, eventually becoming part owner of a camera repair store. In 1982 he and Marianne, who he met at Bible College, joined a Spanish Church Plant Ministry, which they called Ernesto Pinto to lead in 1988. Delbert sold the business in 1989 and moved back to Paraguay to pioneer a Christian Radio and Television ministry. In 1995 he answered the call back to Winnipeg and helped FLN to grow into the widespread organization it is today.



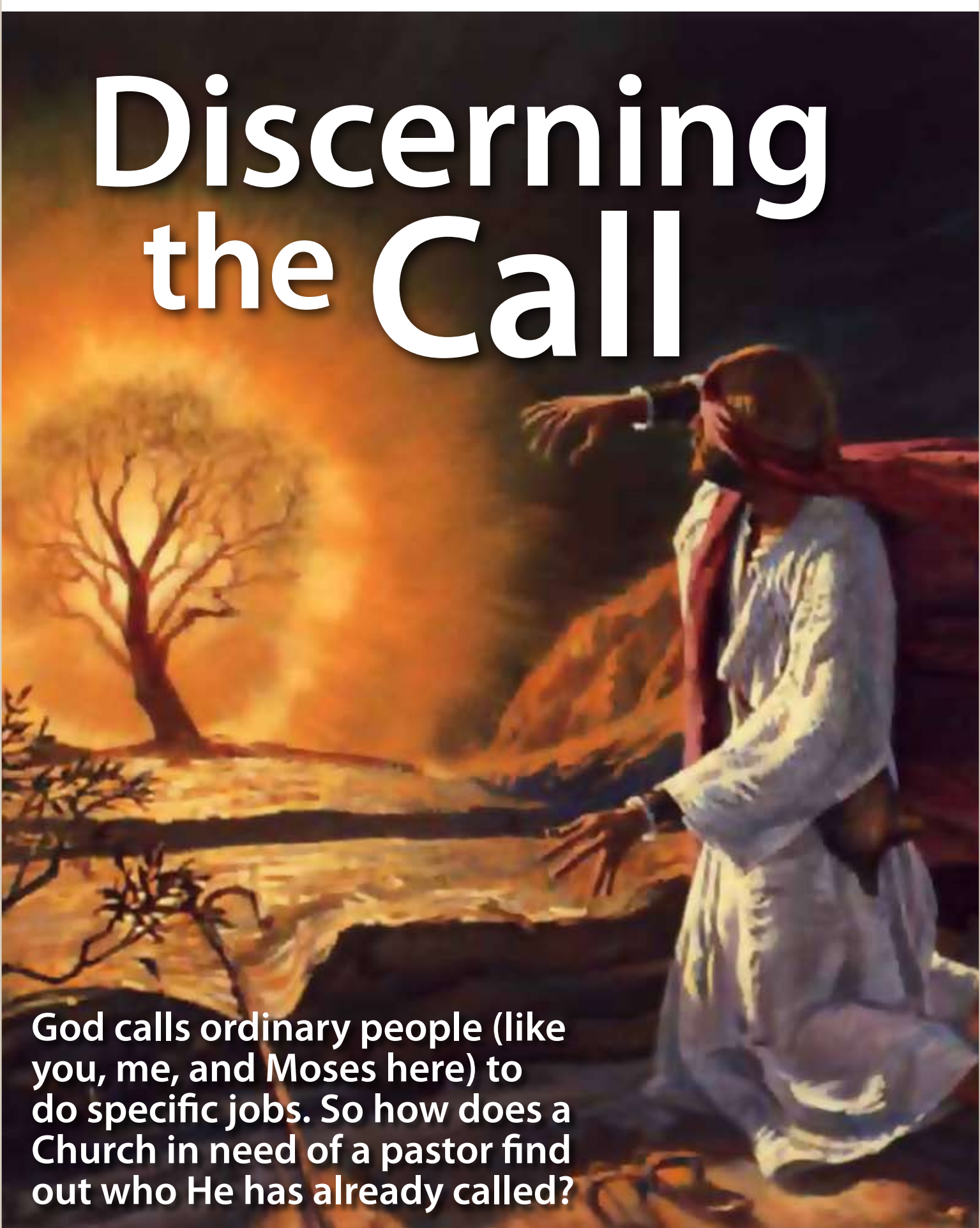
THE ENNS FAMILY From left, Delbert poses with daughter Tania, son David, wife Marianne, and son Mark.

While the desire to travel less and be closer to family was a big factor in his decision, Delbert said that his decision to enter into Pastoral Ministry here was a covenant commitment to the Church, "the only Hope left in this world."

Because of his international background Delbert loves all kinds of music, but especially enjoys Jazz. He also loves reading; besides the Bible ("a daily must"), he likes books on Leadership formation, business magazines, and history.

~Marc Neufeld

Discerning the Call

A painting of Moses in a desert landscape, looking out over a valley with a large tree and a river. Moses is in the foreground, wearing a white robe and a red sash, with his hands outstretched. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with a large, leafless tree on the left and a river winding through the valley. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

God calls ordinary people (like you, me, and Moses here) to do specific jobs. So how does a Church in need of a pastor find out who He has already called?

On March 16, 2008, Eastview's members voted with an overwhelming majority to extend the call to Delbert Enns as Eastview's Senior Pastor. The call was accepted by Delbert and Marianne, and as of May 1, 2008, the Church will once again have a Senior Pastor. But how does this happen? How does a church go about finding a Senior Pastor? How does a church determine who, among the hundreds of thousands in the city and millions around the world, God has chosen to lead them into the future?

As most Eastviewers will know, the recent process involved a Search Committee, which was empowered by the Church Council to make a recommendation, but if you're among the people who have never been asked to serve with either of these groups, you may wonder what this process all involves.

Three individuals who were directly involved graciously accepted the invitation to be interviewed about this process: Steve Dick, the Church Moderator, offers the Church



worked pretty hard at being upfront with the congregation rather than doing things in secret, so it would be responsible of us to not just "include" them, but give them the vehicle where they can be a part of the process and the decision.

How was the Search Committee formed? How often did this Committee meet? Who was on it?

SD: A mix of asking for volunteers to step forward, and council shoulder-tapping of a mix of people to take on this role.

EW: The Search Committee consisted of Colin Campbell, Brenda Enns, Walter Klassen, Vern Koop, Laurie Payne, Reg Siemens, and myself and met almost weekly for a couple of months.

So how does a Search Committee work? Were there, for instance, definable

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-Erni Wiebe

Council perspective; Erni Wiebe, offers the perspective of the Search Committee, which he chaired; and Delbert Enns, provides insight of what it's like to be a Senior Pastor candidate. The interview took place via email over a four-day period in mid-March.

First off, why does our Church use a Search Committee?

Erni Wiebe: The Church Constitution describes the process for the search of a Senior Pastor and specifies a Search Committee

for the discernment of candidate(s) for Senior Pastor.

Why is that so? Why doesn't Church Council perform the search function itself?

Steve Dick: There are a variety of reasons Church Council doesn't use itself, and rather uses a committee - among them - congregational involvement, a wider discerning group, and time. Council's role is pretty full right now and for it to take the lead in a Search is just not feasible. As well, this Council has

stages that this Committee went through?

EW: The Search Committee is a forum where the members pray, share, deliberate, listen and discern God's voice. Yes, there were definable stages that this Committee went through. First, the Committee organized itself and selected Chair and Vice-Chair. It made itself very familiar with the Job Description that Council had prepared and developed a picture, i.e. qualities, character and abilities, of the person it believed

~ *Discerning the Call* ~

that God wanted for Eastview. Then it discussed the process to discern that person. Following that process, the Committee discussed potential candidates and discerned the person(s) that it should call. Through all of this there was continual prayer and a session of fasting. Over time, all members of the Search Committee came to the understanding and conviction that we should first call Delbert. It was a unanimous recommendation.

So we've heard a lot about how the Church goes about discerning whom God wants us to call. How did you experience God's call to this position, Delbert?

Delbert Enns: We keep joining where God is at work. During the last two years I knew that God was preparing a new chapter in my ministry life

Sunday." How many such meetings and groups were there?

SD: I believe there were around seven of these meetings. After initial contact was made by the Search Committee (meeting #1), the Moderator went to go meet



him tick.

What were these meetings like?

SD: Most of the meetings were pretty informal in nature - as in, it's not Delbert on one side of a table and a team of people on the other firing off questions. But certainly these meetings are designed to hear the candidate's heart on issues of God, faith, evangelism, discipleship, vision, team building, etc. The meetings were mostly set up in such a way as we would "throw Delbert a pitch and let him hit it." We would set up the format - sharing, questions, etc. - and then see where it would go.

As the candidate, was Candidating Sunday a stressful experience?

DE: No, it was not a stressful experience. The stress always comes before the actual call. As

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And how did your family react to this call?

DE: The beauty about the call to Eastview is that, when it came, we as a family talked about it and every one agreed that this is something they would fully endorse and support.

We know some groups met with Delbert around the "Candidating

with Delbert (meeting #2), then set up a meeting with Church Council (meeting #3). It is pretty important for the candidate to meet with the teams of people they would be working with - thus Delbert then met with Staff (meeting #4). The next phase had Delbert speak on a Sunday morning (meeting #5), and for lunch with Volunteer Ministry Leaders (meeting #6). Finally on a Sunday evening (meeting #7) - with the rest of the congregation invited, so that he could share a bit about who he is and what makes

I mentioned before, when we join where God is at work, he will lead you through a crisis moment where you have to decide for or against it. That crisis moment happened two years ago. So the Candidating Sunday was a celebration moment, not a stressful moment.

What was Candidating Sunday like as a member of council? Did any of you have any concerns about the vote?

SD: That was stressful. I know that God has been in this from the

~ *Discerning the Call* ~

beginning, but people... that's what it's about. I was stressed about having enough people to make the vote "count" according to our constitution. By the way, we did.

What was Candidating Sunday like as a member of the search team?

EW: The Search Committee had the opportunity to hear from Delbert and Marianne a number of times on Sunday. For most, if not all, of the Search Committee members, it was reassuring to see God revealing how true the picture of the person we believed He wanted for Eastview was, and how completely Delbert fit that picture. It was a very encouraging and spiritually fulfilling day. We were so thankful and grateful to God.

I realize that discerning God's will was the primary concern,

12:18, 27-28. It says that God "has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired." "And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings,



God is also saying through them; listen to what God is saying through the church's members and attenders - through interactions with God and His people; and oh, pray without ceasing. The result is patience, thankfulness, and praise.

Our own expectations are human, and therefore irrelevant. God loves our Church and His people more than we do. His ways and timing are perfect.

So what now? Does the search for every open position need the Search Committee or does everything change now that a Senior Pastor is in place?

SD: There will be some restructuring regarding how the search takes place, but the job of searching is definitely not over; Teaching Pastor and Worship Pastor are the next ones on the docket, in no particular order.

EW: The Church's

"I know God has been in this from the beginning, but... I was stressed about having enough people to make the vote 'count'..."

-Steve Dick

but did Council want the Search Committee to put a specific emphasis on finding somebody inside as opposed to outside the church?

SD: No, not really.

EW: While Council did not direct the Search Committee on the process they were to use, the Search Committee (after some discussion) agreed that according to Scripture and advice from other parties, they would first look inside the Church. The Scripture I'm referring to is Ephesians 4:1-13 and 1 Corinthians

helps, administrations, ..."

How do you feel about how the whole search process went, now that it's over?

EW: When you are on a Search Committee discerning the Senior Pastor for your church, the number one requirement is that you have an open channel to God. You have to deal with anything, any sin, that would prevent you from having an open channel to God. You have to be willing to pray without ceasing; listen to the others and hear what

Constitution does not envision using a Search Committee for any position other than Senior Pastor. Such a search must, in my mind, be led by the Senior Pastor and Council. The people in these positions need to work together harmoniously alongside the Senior Pastor and, as such, need to be of a similar mind as the Senior Pastor.

~Philip Wiebe

Check out our Personal Link featuring Delbert Enns on p. 3

One year after we introduced you to Operation Starfish, we check in with the team to see how Eastviewers have become...

Part of this C mplete Breakfast



Eastview has seen many wonderful things come out of our teaming up with the Keenleyside Community, a relationship initiated by Greg Armstrong a few years ago. One of these blessings has been Operation Starfish. Held several times a week at Hampstead School and led by Donna Koslowsky, the program offers breakfast to children from Kindergarten to Grade Five who otherwise might not eat anything in the morning. If the idea of a “Breakfast Club” sounds foreign, it’s probably because among the developed countries in the world, Canada is one of the few without a national food program for students or standards for feeding schoolchildren.

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, several volunteers from Eastview, Braeside Church, the Salvation Army, and the Keenleyside community meet at the school and prepare healthy food choices like oatmeal, fruit slices, toast, cereal, milk, and juice. When the children begin arriving, the cafeteria soon becomes a whirlwind of activity. The appreciation can be seen almost immediately as the children graciously accept their food with smiling faces and go to eat with their peers.



more attentive in class and by having less fighting because kids’ tummies are full.”

Increased participation and improved classroom behaviour has been linked in several studies to better eating habits among students, and eating in the morning also creates a sense of community among the students as they eat together. Angela James, the principal of a Yellowknife school with a similar breakfast program, told Canadian Living Magazine that “[when] all the children are all fed, they all feel equal. We take away completely all the barriers to learning.”

The Canadian Living article mentions the importance of community involvement as well; something evident at Operation Starfish, since several of the volunteers are parents of students attending the program. As mentioned in the report to missions, “Child hunger is a communal responsibility... ownership for this program

“All volunteers have been touched by the demand for nutritious food and even more by the hunger these kids have for love and attention.”

-Donna Koslowsky

As they head off to class they are offered wrapped-up fruit slices and vegetables to have for snacks

SLICING AND DICING At left, Eastviewers Coralee Turner and Donna Koslowsky (program coordinator) prepare some tasty breakfast treats.

STARTING THE DAY RIGHT Inset above, Eastviewer Arlene Neufeld casually chats with a student in a picture Donna says “shows the spirit of the program so well.”

during recess or their lunch hour.

“I think this Breakfast Program has provided kids who are hungry for relationship and food with a warm place to come before they start their school day,” said Donna. “Parents have found a place to connect with each other and our church volunteers. All volunteers have been touched by the demand for nutritious food and even more by the hunger these kids have for love and attention. The school has benefited by the students being

should belong to the people of this church and the community it represents. The program should be driven by, and represent the love God has for all His children.”

~Marc Neufeld

If this sounds like something you would want to become a part of, contact Donna Koslowsky, the Program Leader, at 339-1080.

When they're at their best, you probably don't even notice that they're there.

Behind THE SCENES

They're some of Eastview's unsung heroes, and while they really deserve a hand (as in applause), they'd actually prefer a few hands (as in more volunteers).



Every week, there is a team of 8 people involved with both Sunday services, yet you may not notice them, see them or even know they exist. In fact when their work is perfect, no one notices anything, but if they make a mistake, everyone notices. So who are these people?

They are members of the Technical Ministry Team and they provide technical support for the sound, lighting and video in the sanctuary as well as the video simulcast to the auditorium. The Technical Ministry or "Tech Team" is a diverse group, made up of many volunteers, ranging in age from 16 to approximately 60 years old.

Each Sunday and every special service, there are two audio techs, one computer tech, four camera operators and one video director working behind the scenes. This article describes what the Tech Team does;

In the rear of the sanctuary, the audio tech does the sound mixing for the sanctuary. This includes adjusting the overall sound levels, tuning for each vocalist and instrumentalist in the worship team,

team, as well as providing monitor mixes so the vocalist/musicians can hear each other. In addition, the audio tech attends and sets up for the mid week worship team practice. Of course, the tech also mixes the audio for the speaker delivering the message, the drama characters and any video clips as well.

Also at the rear of the sanctuary, the computer tech runs two computers that provide announcements, countdown videos, congregational worship song overlays, scripture references as well as video clips from the computer or DVD player. The computer tech also coordinates with the video director to ensure that a good camera shot is used for large text overlays and to time the video clips. The computer tech also controls the lighting.

There are a total of four camera operators, two at the back of the sanctuary with the cameras

the computer, or the DVD player and selects which image is sent to the video projectors in the sanctuary and the auditorium. The video director communicates to the camera operators and computer tech via a headphone intercom system, advising which camera shot will be used next and to coordinate video clips and text overlays from

MISSION CONTROL The control room is where the real action is during services.



tape (VHS), audio (CD), and video (DVD) recordings.

In February, a short presentation regarding the Technical Ministry was done, along with a request for additional volunteers as the team size was down to about 30 people, which is less than ideal. As a result, 3 people that came forward. However, this team still needs additional members or we risk burning out the team members we currently have. Some on the Tech Team are currently doing double duty, as they also serve as musicians on worship teams.

We still need members in all areas, so if you have a musical or technical background (with a good ear), we could use you on audio, If you are comfortable with a Windows based PC and are willing to learn just one new application, we could use you on computers. Operating cameras is quite easy as you just need good eye-hand coordination, so we could use you on cameras.

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-Larry Kohut

mounted on tripods and two in the simulcast control room, remotely controlling the cameras on the east and west walls. Each of the camera operators composes the video shot by framing the subject (this is done by panning the camera and zooming the lens), and then the focus and brightness are adjusted for each shot. Once the video director uses that particular shot, the next shot is composed. This process is repeated hundreds of times each Sunday.

The video director previews all the images from the four cameras,

the computer or DVD player. Both services are recorded on a hard drive and after the services, the video director selects one of the services and burns a DVD for the library archives and for duplication for those that wish to purchase a recording of the service.

There is another audio tech located in the control room, who mixes the sound from the vocalists and instrumentalist, video clips, etc, However this sound mix is used for the simulcast to the auditorium, the nursery, the foyer, and for the

Joining the Tech Team is an ideal way to get involved at Eastview. If you’re new here, it’s a great way to serve and get to know a lot of people and really get connected within the church community. As was said before, the team is diverse in age and open to both male and female, so if you fall within this group, please consider serving. For more information please contact the church via phone at 334-4675 or e-mail at information@eastview.org.

-Larry Kohut

**4 days
2 countries
1 event you'll tell your
kids about someday**

THE AMAZING
RACE
STATESIDE

**This generation's
unforgettable
senior high event.**

One of Eastview Student Ministry's most anticipated events of the year is *The Amazing Race*.

This year the event is going to be more mind-blowing, more amazing, and bigger than it ever has been in the past! This year's official title for the event is "The Amazing Race Stateside!" The race will run for the duration of

the May long weekend, May 16 – 19. With a price tag of \$115, every penny will be worth it. Similar to the TV show of the same name, students will be asked to carry their belongings along with a sleeping bag and pillow in a backpack that fits on their back. The destinations will be unknown to the students, but a passport or two pieces of

ID will be required since their travels will take them along with leaders into the United States. (Race information and emergency contact information will certainly be granted to parents, but no leaking race information please!) Watch for a shiny brochure for your chance to sign up!

~Terence Hoorman

Summer Missions Experience

Summer is approaching quickly! With the return of the warm weather comes Eastview's annual student mission trip. This summer, from Friday, June 27 to Sunday, July 6, students from Grade 9 through Grade 12 are invited to join with God's people in Altona and on the Roseau River Reserve for a week of service.

The weekend prior to the trip will be spent in western Ontario for some wilderness camping. It is during this camping excursion that students will engage in team building, mission trip prep and training for the week that is to come. At the conclusion of the weekend, we will drive from the border of Ontario to Altona where we will stay at South Park MB church. Each day we will drive back and forth to the Roseau River Reserve to lead a Vacation Bible School, Sports Camp, and to serve wherever else is needed. Our evenings will include community outreach and prayer walks, as well as some team building and entertainment for the students and leaders involved.

The participants from last year's mission trip remain grateful to Eastview Community Church for all of the support – whether financial or through prayer. This year, the price per person is approximately \$270, but through one or two fundraisers that cost can be brought down to as little as \$100 per student. Stay posted for details on upcoming fundraisers!

~Terence Hoorman

Fresh Water for the Soul

“You will be blessed by [H2O]” promises participant

Last week, as I enjoyed another home-cooked dinner in the company of what has become a group of good friends, I listened while the person next to me expressed joy about her H2O journey to date.

Her dilemma, as stated, was how to let more people at Eastview know about this wonderful program. Hmmm.

As with many things in life, I stumbled across this program. My intent, to bring an un-churched friend, was a good one, right? You know, now that I am a Christian I really do need to promote and share this stuff. So I would attend to walk alongside my friend for support and encouragement, even though I don't need another program. Cheerfully, I would sacrifice my time for another - wait - my head has gotten too big to go on.

Due to circumstances (God again!), my friend could not make it to the program. And

week after week, through feasting, fellowship, and film I found myself drinking in old scriptural passages with renewed meaning. Asking deep questions and being asked to consider “what would it really look like to have Christ at the centre of my life?” or, “how do I accept God's unconditional love?”

The H2O group jokes about being “guinea pigs” as we're the first ones to experience this program at

Eastview. I sure hope we're not the last! I know you're reading this; you, the one who would recommend this program to a friend, a seeker perhaps. Let me assure you: no matter where you are on your Christian walk, you will be blessed by this program. Whether you are feeling contentment and satisfaction or have small nagging doubts about your faith, challenge yourself by participating in a program like H2O as a great way to fight off spiritual apathy or, worse, indifference.

~Cory Normand



A Message Wrapped in Love

Who would have thought that God would so graciously send His children a message on Palm Sunday in an unexpected gift from another kind soul serving at Eastview? I had the privilege of being pleasantly surprised by a dozen cupcakes delivered as a gift to “me and my girls.”

Now, these weren't just any ordinary cupcakes either. They were made with great detail, great love, and great precision and care. Chocolate cupcakes with red fruit roll ups wrapped around their base and decorated with candy tulips with pretzel stems and spearmint leaves nicely concealed in a brown, unassuming box.

As I sat in the sanctuary during first service, it started to become

apparent to me that God was going to use these cupcakes as a lesson for the girls I teach in Grade 6. I had the honor of having two very dear friends sit beside me, one of which had her husband and two children with her as well. At the end of the service, I felt strongly that I was to share this blessing with these two children. As I did the math in my head, I knew there would be plenty to go around as our group is not very large. After

the service, I anxiously awaited the arrival of my Grade 6 girls. It seemed as if for the longest time no one was going to come when finally Melodee arrived followed by Amber. I thought to myself that we were going to have plenty of cupcakes left over with there being just the three of us. But God works in mysterious ways if we have eyes to see and ears to hear him and follow where He leads.

To my surprise Irene Funk asked if I would be willing to take the Grade 5 class as well as they were short a teacher. For a moment I was very concerned as I knew this was a very large class. Would there be enough cupcakes for all the girls?

As we gathered for our small group time I sat the girls in a circle on the floor and explained that God had a very special message for each one of them this morning. I explained how we had been blessed by this unexpected gift of these cupcakes

Stockaders' Car Races An Annual Hit

Our Shape and Race Pine Car Rally was a great evening on March 12, 2008. Congratulations to our winners, Eden Sulkers and Zac Schmitke for fastest car and best design respectively. Thank you to all who came out to cheer for our racers.



PHOTO FINISH At left, pine-car fans of all sizes anxiously watch the race.

GRACIOUS IN VICTORY Above, the top 3 for speed and design pose with their hardware.

CARS ON THE TABLE At right, dozens of colourful wood-carved creations sit and await judgment for design.

and how I had given two away. The girls did the math and we realized together that God knew we would need ten cupcakes for that morning and ten He provided.

As I gave each girl her own special cupcake I explained that this was God's way of telling each of them how much He treasured them all. These were no ordinary cupcakes and they were put together with such tenderness much the way He created each one of these girls before me. I shared that the cupcake that they held symbolized God's love for them and that He wanted them to know that morning how much they meant to Him.

I thank God for His message that He sent wrapped in a cupcake filled with love and I pray that each and every one of you would experience the joy of knowing that you are loved and cherished by Your Father in Heaven. ~Laurie Payne



Serve in the Write Place

Since you're holding this newsletter or reading a PDF of it online, you're already familiar with the concept: talk up the things that are happening at Eastview and make it (hopefully!) interesting and readable.

You might be able to guess that putting together a newsletter like this takes the participation of a wide variety of people, especially writers. If you know you're a good writer, gifted with the ability to convey a message with a basic understanding of style and English grammar, you should know opportunities exist within the church to share your gift.

Communications is always open to taking on more writers – our newsletters and the Eastview website have an amazing thirst for content. And we're not looking for

the next Woodward or Bernstein; in fact, we'll be happy as long as you don't turn into the next Jayson Blair or that guy who lied and almost brought Oprah to tears (inset). For instance, if you're still a prolific blogger – and it's not 2005 anymore, so that's quite something if you are – consider putting those skills to use for the church. Or if you've ever

picked up a copy of *Maclean's*, *Sports Illustrated* or even *People* and thought to yourself "I could write like that," then send an email to philipwiebe@gmail.com and introduce yourself.

In other Communications scuttlebutt, Eastview.org is getting some much needed work done. Without letting the cat out of the bag entirely, the site is getting some much-needed back-end work done and, in the meantime, is getting a bit of a facelift at the same time, both of which should contribute to a much cleaner, more efficient pipeline of information. So keep your eyes peeled for upcoming announcements about a refreshed Eastview.org, the first details of which should be hitting your monitors before the next Eastview Link hits your mailbox.

~Philip Wiebe

JAMES FREY NEED NOT APPLY Like Oprah, the Eastview Link values honesty. Unlike Oprah, the Eastview Link won't vault your writing to the top of bestseller lists worldwide.



Bring your friends and neighbours to
Eastview's Spring Family Party

A chance to play, eat, laugh and visit together



Come & Enjoy

A Mystery Scavenger Hunt

Fun Carnival Games

A Delicious Potluck Supper

**Saturday, April 12
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Bring your spy senses and spy gear to help you decipher the clues in the *mystery scavenger hunt*

There will be a prize for the best spy costume



Sign your family up to bring a hot dish contribution to the potluck meal. To help with keeping the food warm, use a crock pot if possible. Sign-up sheets are on bulletin boards and in the children's ministry wing.

*Sign up to bring a hot dish
enough food for 10 people*

