

Eastview Link

Leadership Lifted Up



A Spectacular View from the Summit

For the second consecutive year, Eastview had the privilege to host the Leadership Summit, live via satellite from Chicago, August 12-14. The Summit is hosted by the Willow Creek Association (WCA), and its purpose is to help all Christian leaders, especially those involved in local church leadership, to have access to current and relevant leadership training and thinking at least once a year.

For several years, leadership at Eastview dreamed about the possibility of hosting the Summit on site, and finally took the faith-step of offering to do so. In 2003 the offer was accepted and we were chosen to be the host site for all of Manitoba, northwest Ontario, Saskatchewan and the U.S. states that border along Manitoba. There were 261 registered in 2003 and 369 registered this year. We were very pleased with the increase in registration, especially since there was a site added in Saskatchewan for this year.

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Our Worship Culture

This coming season will bring a new worship evening to our church called Worship Culture Night (WC Night). These will be evenings filled with cutting-edge songs, teaching on worship, celebration and testimonies... all for the purpose of growing deeper in our lifestyles of worship and cultivating a heart of worship and unity at Eastview! We will also have opportunity on these nights to learn new music together.

These nights will be open to anyone with a passion for worship! We anticipate this initiative will provide a place to be challenged and encouraged in your walk with God. The dates are as follows: October 30, November 20, January 15, February 19, April 16, and May 14.

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve within Worship ministries? We are committed

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The Summit consists of 2½ days of intense sessions with world-renowned speakers/presenters from various walks of life: from well-known churches and Christian organizations in North America to the world of sports; from the business world to the academic world. Sessions were prefaced by a time of worship and prayer and often also a humorous drama.

There were 30 attenders from our church, in addition to 68 volunteers who all were exposed to this top-notch teaching on leadership. It is our hope and prayer that this training has encouraged our own leaders and also helped equip them to continue in excellent service here at Eastview. ~Joy Matthews

Boys Club Starts Soon!

Well, a new year of Boys Club is here and with it brings a new leader. Hi, my name is Kevin Dyck, and this year I will be taking over the Boys Club program from Graeme Bennett. I have very big cinderblock shoes to fill!

The Boys Club is a fun and action-packed evening for boys ages 8-12. We meet every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. starting September 22. Half of the evening consists of games (like floor hockey, dodgeball, soccer, etc.). The other half includes small group time where we do a project, play a game, or learn a lesson, and then we end the evening with story time. We have awards for the boys who achieve milestones in their workbooks. Special events include pine car races, sail boat races, small group outings, a men's breakfast, a sleepover at the church, and a regional floor hockey tournament with other churches.

We are also in need of energetic men or teenagers who would like to help out. This is a fun way to volunteer your time, while being a good Christian role model for the boys. It is a good program that has brought many boys to Jesus (including myself), and I hope anyone looking for a way to be active in our church would consider giving this program a try.

I hope to see a ton of new boys this year so we can wear out all the new sports equipment. If you have any questions, please call me at 334-3061. ~Kevin Dyck

Personal Link

Introducing you to people in ministry around Eastview

Joy Matthews

Administrative Pastor

Joy is originally from Newfoundland and has lived in Winnipeg a total of 6 years. Joy and Joel have been married 10 years.

Joy knew at an early age that she had the spiritual gift of administration. She firmly believes in continuing education as an adult, especially to hone the spiritual gift(s) granted from God. She received her Business Administration Certificate at Ryerson University in Toronto. She also has a B.A. in Political Science and Administration from University of Winnipeg. She graduated from Salvation Army seminary, as well as received stenographer training, and is near completion of the Management of the Non-Profit Sector certification from Simon Fraser University.

Joy and Joel have been attending Eastview for 3 years. They became members in November 2002, and Joy became Administrative Pastor in January 2003.

Joy's favourite verse from the Bible is Hebrews 4: 15, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin." Her favourite hymn is *It is Well with My Soul*, and her favourite singer is Phil Driscoll.

Joy enjoys spending quality time with her husband. For instance, they enjoy the complete experience of cooking, including selecting the menu, shopping together for the ingredients, preparing, cooking, and eating their meal together. Joy likes to read and she recently completed *Courageous Leadership* by Bill Hybels and Steven Sample's *The Contrarian's Guide to Leadership*. She is currently reading Jonathan Swift's classic, *Gulliver's Travels*.

As many of you already know, Joy and Joel will be moving to Newfoundland this fall. On behalf of the Communications Team, Philip Wiebe and I would like to wish Joy and Joel happiness and best wishes as God leads them east. We would also like to thank Joy for her leadership and guidance during this past ministry year.

Joy has thoroughly enjoyed being a member of Eastview, worshipping with everyone, and working with the church staff. She thanks Eastview for giving her such a great opportunity. She is looking forward to returning home, but she will miss everyone. ~Mary Wachniak



Eastview Shows and Shines!

The Show-N-Shine was a success in both numbers and significance. We were given the opportunity to work with our neighbour, the Legion, to join in the best interest of what they were doing. We needed good weather, and we were granted awesome weather. We needed to make a few dollars for an upcoming youth conference, and we raised some money for that purpose. We sold 350 hamburgers, 200 hot dogs, slushies, candy floss, cold drinks, and had a ton of bouncer fun.

None of this could have been possible were it not for all the servant hearts willing to pitch in and lend a hand. An enormous thank-you goes to the Christian Motorcyclists Association, as well as the many moms and dads who joined in and gave a helping hand with pitching up the big tent, cooking the food, and getting the condiments ready. A big

thank-you also goes out to the live band (The Peace Makers), who set up their stage on a flatbed trailer, courtesy of Reimer Express. This created a fair-like atmosphere, which added a special touch to the day.

And last but not least, to our youth – thank you. It was a blast working with you all. You made what could have been hard work on a hot day a ton of fun, and that was the idea. Hopefully our Lord grants you the NYC trip. We pray that he would make the way for every one of you as you work shoulder to shoulder to make it happen.

For next year, God willing, we requested that the Legion give us free rein to take care of the Kids Zone area of the show. The request was granted – Yes, Amen!

~Greg Armstrong

Below: Clowns, Cars, and Community at Show-N-Shine



Fun in the Son at Rickshaw Rally VBS

Iesu Wwtashi Wo Kaete Kudasai! That's Japanese for "Change me, Jesus!" And changed we were as VBS '04 *Rickshaw Rally: Racing to the Son!* transformed Eastview into a Far-Out Far-East Japanese Island. During the week of Aug. 16-20, a total of 75 three to five year-olds in the mornings, 115 Kindergarten to Gr. 6 children in the evenings, and altogether about 90 hard-working, dedicated volunteers raced to meet Jesus!

Highlights of the week encompassed: a life-sized footbridge and ponds where real gold fish swam; hallways and walls dressed in vibrant banners and Japanese vignettes; volunteers getting into the spirit by donning kimonos and racing gear; a road cleverly marked out for the "race to the Son"; a stage creatively and colourfully decorated as a Japanese garden; a real gong calling everyone to

lively worship rallies through catchy songs full of awesome actions; entertaining Bible story dramas; hilarious puppets; teams of elementary kids and volunteers wielding hammers and paint brushes to make rickshaws; challenging crafts; Bible study stations; action-packed games; Japanese-themed snacks; lots of laughter; lives changed for Jesus; children animated with excitement about what they were experiencing; families (450 people altogether!) brought together during the morning and evening finale programs, barbecues and games; and so much more. WHEW! It made for a most memorable, fun-filled, life-changing week of racing to meet the Son, Jesus Christ! One little girl wrapped up the whole week so well when she enthusiastically exclaimed, "That was so much fun! Can we do Rickshaw Rally again next year?"

~Sue Thiessen

The Care Group Challenge

Saturday, September 25, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Eastview Auditorium is the evening of the Eastview Care Group Challenge: a fun, exciting and oh yes, a challenging evening where all Care Groups are invited to work together as a team to challenge other Care Groups in a variety of trivia questions, as well as other challenges.

All Care Group members are encouraged to invite seekers and others who are not involved in any Care Group to join their team for that evening. The larger the group, the better the chance of winning a challenge. Each Care Group will be seated together at a table or two and Ron Dacombe, our emcee, will lead



the evening by asking trivia questions and each Care Group team will compile their answers. The volunteers will collect the answers, the judges will tabulate the results, and there will be a lot of laughter and fun as the right answers are revealed.

In addition, there will also be prizes given for categories such as best-looking table and others. Each Care Group is asked to bring their own munchies/snacks (with tablecloth, flowers, etc. if you wish...), and cold drinks (ice will be provided by the Coaches) for the evening while the Coaches will supply hot coffee, tea, and dainties.

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A Word from Council

We have been busily working on the mandate given to us by the congregation to pursue the securing of new property in order to address the space issues we have been discussing for several years now. We are pleased to report that, subject to congregational approval, we have an accepted offer on 50 acres on the east side of Lagimodiere, just north of the East St. Paul yards, across from the weigh scales. Property discussions will be one of the major agenda items at the upcoming congregational meeting on **October 3 at 7 p.m.**, so we encourage all of you to make every effort to be in attendance. We especially encourage voting members to be at the meeting because it is very important to us that we hear from you and have your full support before we move this project any further.

As we consider the possibility of having 50 acres of land with which to dream dreams of how we can present Christ to our community, Council would very much like to hear from as

many people as possible on any ideas God has been laying upon your heart in terms of enhanced and/or new ministry opportunities we should be considering. Please feel free to approach any of the Council members personally or submit in written form (e-mail or through the church office) your thoughts and suggestions. We want this to be a total congregational effort and all ideas are welcome.

The annual budget for 2004/05 ministry year will also be part of the agenda for this meeting. How we allocate the resources that God has entrusted to us is an important topic and we would encourage all members to attend and participate in these discussions.

Finally, for some time now it has been of concern to Council that many members actually do not cast a vote when issues come forward. Leadership has also realized that many members are not present at our congregational meetings, so in an attempt to involve everyone and allow the

opportunity for everyone to hear and respond to recommendations, we have been making full written presentations to each member through mailboxes. Our hope has been that this would provide the opportunity for all members (present or otherwise) to cast a vote and to respond in writing to all major issues. To date, we have made the assumption that a lack of response implies support for the recommendations that have been brought forward. It is leadership's desire to remain accountable to the congregation and yet since its beginnings, Eastview has embraced the core value that leadership should lead. We will be discussing the issue of quorum requirements and congregational participation at the October 3 meeting and, again, we welcome all input as we seek to ensure that Eastview follows God's will while remaining accountable to membership. Again, remember to mark October 3 at 7 p.m. on your calendars.

~Joy Matthews

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Cost for the evening will be the low, low, low admission price of one dollar per person to help offset our costs.

The Coaches will be in touch with each leader by September 18 to determine how many are coming as part of your team. So, Care Group Leaders, get in touch with your members and use this evening as a kick-off for the 2004-2005 Care Group Ministry year and be prepared for God's blessing as we serve Him together. ~Bob & Sharon Boychuk

Wild Ponies Largely Untamed



The Eastview Wild Ponies slow-pitch softball team members (last names alphabetically): Steve Dick, Phil Dittberner, Dave Funk, Mike Hamm, John Mantler, Joel Neufeld, Matt Pearson, Zach Pearson, Dave Pinto, Chris Schmidt, Jonny Schmidt, Greg Schroeder, Chris Siemens, Jason Thiessen, Shane Ungarian, Mark Warkentin, Matthew Wilms, Randy Wilms, and Adam Wood. ~Greg Schroeder

What's In Store for Students?

What can I say from the land of Student Ministries – Sr. High/College & Career? What I am authorized to fill you in on at this point is that we are excited about this upcoming ministry season. Our intention is to be more focused than ever on what we feel are the keys to providing opportunity to grow in a deeper walk with Jesus.

For our Sr. High ministry – this translates into more opportunities to give or do something, rather than receive something. We will be focusing quite a bit more energy on finding ways to serve God by serving others. Please pray for us as we focus our attention on “being the neighbour” (Luke 10:30-37). If you have ideas or contacts for us in this area, please forward them to Steve Dick.

For our College & Career ministry – this translates into following up a good thing from last season: Care Groups. With 3 currently running, we have a desire to see this grow to 5. Many “new” people, or those not yet connected this way, have made contact already. Please pray for this ministry as it is both a vital way to stay connected to peers and an awesome way to deepen a connection with Jesus.

For 242 – this is a ministry that meets Sunday nights, and is for ages ~15-25ish. Here we are also focusing our attention on the Luke 10 passage. With edgier bands, relevant teaching, drama, dance and coffee, this will prove to be a landmark year for us. Please continue to pray for this ministry and feel free to come check it out regardless of your age!

NYC '04 – this is a national youth conference for high school students. Already over 35 Eastviewers have registered. This is a great opportunity to gather with several thousand peers in worship, teaching, and community. We have much to do in preparation for this event, including offsetting some costs. Please pray for this tremendous opportunity for these young people. It will certainly be a life-altering experience for Jesus' sake.

Student Ministries are excited about this coming season – and for Eastview's sake... for God's sake, we hope you are too! ~Steve Dick

Get Ready for Girls Club

Calling all girls who are in Grades 2-6! Girls Club will be starting another exciting season on Wednesday, September 22, in Kids' Cove, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

Girls Club provides mentoring to young girls by women of faith. Through fellowship, games, singing, crafts, biblical teachings, and other activities, girls are nurtured to follow Christ.

Every other week, the girls engage in fun activities such as swimming, bowling, crafts, sleepovers, and games. During the alternating weeks, there are a variety of activities including gym time, singing, stories, lesson time/devotional teaching, and snacks.

As well, new leaders are always welcome. If you feel God prompting you to come and be part of Girls Club, please call Shirley Penner at 654-2605.

September 22 will include registration and a bonfire. Don't miss it! ~Shirley Penner

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to making service opportunities better known so we can provide opportunities for each person to use their gifts and expertise to their desired level of commitment. For more information, contact malynda@eastview.org or sandi@eastview.org.

To fill you in on a few upcoming events and opportunities, casting for this year's Christmas program will begin Sept/Oct. See upcoming bulletin issues for more details, or contact the Worship Ministries office. Also, Breakforth Canada, a worship conference in Edmonton, is scheduled for January 28-30. For the last few years, a group of people from

our church have traveled together to participate in this exciting event. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Cathy Mason (799-7430).

You can now direct feedback to the Worship Ministries office by e-mailing malynda@eastview.org or sandi@eastview.org, or you can fill out a comments card. The purpose of feedback is to help us evaluate our effectiveness as a ministry in relation to our vision, so your comments are important! This is also a great place to encourage our volunteers!

Please pray over the upcoming year that God would truly have His way in our hearts, in this ministry, and in His church! ~Malynda Zacharias

From the Library

The Library is expanding! We will be back to our original size thanks to the Kids' Church staff who generously offered to relocate. A big Thanks to them. With more space comes the challenge of keeping the library a library and not a meeting place. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter. We also request that parents closely supervise their small children whenever in the library.

Check us out at the Fall Kick-Off and look for our Reading Club for kids. A Noah's Ark Reading Club will be starting on Sept. 10 for all readers up to and including Grade 6. For every book you read, you'll be able to put an animal of your choice up in the library with your name on it. A small reward will be given after every three books have been read. All readers welcome. See us in the Library for more details.

Look for our brand new VHS and DVD movies...

The Sparky Chronicles – Case File: The Map (Ages 9-16) – VHS

The Chronicles of Narnia – The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe – DVD

Frank Peretti's Hangman's Curse – DVD – "A complex and intriguing high school thriller"

Brad Stine – Put A Helmet On (Adult Comedy) – VHS

The Missy Files – Adventure at Sun Rock Ranch (Junior High) – VHS

The New Veggie Tales in VHS and DVD, and many more. ~Julie Hiebert

Guys are Going Deep

Greetings from the Eastview Men's Ministry leadership team: (from L to R below) Brad Enns, Bob Groff, Gerry Kramer, Tom Neufeld, and Greg Payne!



We are very excited to see how the Holy Spirit leads and works through us for the 2004-05 ministry year. Please pray and encourage these men as they are obedient to God's calling, to reach and disciple the men of our church and community.

Men's Ministry meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Come and listen to how God's Spirit is working in other men's lives. Share how He is working in your heart! Develop meaningful relationships with other men. We believe the foundation of a successful ministry is relationships. The coffee is always on! There is plenty of time for fellowship and conversation.

Please join us on Tuesday, September 21 as we kick off the new ministry year with Rick Warren's *The Purpose Driven Life*. Have you ever asked yourself the question "What on earth am I here for"? Come and join us in this 40-day spiritual journey that will enable you to discover the answer(s) to this question.

We will have some books available on September 21 for approx. \$10.00 each, or you can visit Inspirations Christian Store (Henderson Hwy.) to pick up your own copy. Hope to see you on 21st! Any questions? Please do not hesitate to contact anyone from the Men's leadership team. ~Greg Payne

Operation Urban Fire

In summer it often appears that we do less in Jr. High ministry than during the regular season – that is a misconception. In reality we do less Thursday evening events, but there is a flurry of other activity that takes place. This August we had Monday afternoon Bible studies, we prayed for and received applications for new volunteers (this didn't involve students, but will have a direct impact on them), we did a ton of creative planning for the new season, and we experienced the highlight of summer, Operation Urban Fire.

OUF is a mini-missions trip that we have held for the last two

years now. In July we doubled the number of participating students over last year, and all 30 of them had admittedly life-changing experiences. We stayed at New Life Ministries in inner-city Winnipeg, and our schedule included two days of demolishing a house for Lazarus Housing, prayer walks, evening teaching sessions, intense worship experiences, Fun Mountain, and a Sunday morning service at Winnipeg Centre Vineyard... all in less than a week. Students came back pretty different than when they left, and God showed up in unexpected ways! It has been a *good* summer. ~Thom Dick



Prayer Ministry Serves through Summer

Wow, what an exciting and blessed time we as a prayer ministry and team had at the Leadership Summit. We were honoured and humbled to be able to pray for over 300 leaders from various churches across Manitoba. We were also blessed by some very intimate moments of prayer with individuals, some seeking healing, others seeking direction in their ministry, some just simply surrendering to God's will. We were blessed by the opportunity to join forces with God and pray directly with some pastors, and were able to bless them in their ministry.

We also had the opportunity to pray specifically for requests that came via the prayer basket, along with some in-house church requests. This again was a moment in time I will never forget. I am so thankful that God gave us the insight in how to pray for His people. I am sure those who prayed on this team will also have moments they cherish in their hearts. Thanks to those who prayed for us before and during the Summit, and especially to one member of our prayer team who was praying for us while at work. Thanks also to the many prayers that went up on behalf of the Summit and for the people volunteering and attending. I believe God honoured the prayers of His people.

I would also like to thank those of you who have utilized the services of the prayer ministry

through our prayer basket located at the Information Desk. It has been an honour and a privilege bringing your hearts before Jesus in prayer. I continue to encourage you to utilize this vital ministry.

I was asked a question not too long ago about who is part of the prayer ministry and what is involved. My answer to those who read this letter is that you, the people of Eastview Community Church, who pray on behalf of others and this church, form the core of the prayer ministry.

I encourage you all to continue to pour out your hearts and petitions before God and ask, "Is anything too hard for God or too big for Him?" I quote the words of Jesus that "Assuredly, I say to you if you have faith and do not doubt... it will be done. And whatever things you ask in prayer believing you will receive." (Matthew 21:21-22) I think the key word here is *believing* and not doubting. Do we truly believe that what we ask for can and will be given? If it is not granted can we trust and rest in the sovereignty and infinite wisdom of God?

May God the Father, hear from heaven and may our prayers reflect the heart of Jesus in saying, not as I will, but Your will be done (to paraphrase Matthew 26:39). Blessings to you as we begin a new and exciting ministry year in His service.

~Prayer Ministry



Habitat for Humanity Recap

The pre-build for Eastview’s Habitat project didn’t start until July due to delays in Habitat getting required approvals. However, once the basement was dug and the footings for the house completed, a team of dedicated Eastview volunteers, along with our partners from Teen Challenge, worked Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturdays in July to prepare for the blitz build.

On Saturday, August 7, fifty volunteers from Eastview, Teen Challenge, and The Meeting Place began construction on our Habitat house. It was a beehive of activity with volunteers working willingly on any and all chores they were asked to complete. By the end of the day all the walls were up, and the majority of the roof system was installed and sheeted with plywood. In addition, the inside of the house had been wired and insulated wherever possible.

Despite the inclement weather on that Monday and Tuesday, the team laboured on, succeeding in making the interior of the house weatherproof, and all activities got underway full steam ahead. Throughout the rest of the week we continued to have a dedicated team of volunteers working on our house. Through their efforts we were able to complete the house to the point we were aiming for. This included completing the exterior siding installation, the wiring, the upstairs plumbing, the installation of the drywall (both upstairs and the basement), and applying one coat of taping to the walls and most of the ceiling in the home.

Presently, a professional taper is completing the taping. Once that is finished a team of volunteers will be required to paint the interior of the home, and to install the interior doors and woodwork. If you would like to assist in this part of the build, please contact Vern Koop or Ron Dacombe.

In addition, a team of Eastview ladies provided lunch to over 200 volunteers on August 7. As well, an Eastview worship team led a time of worship during the lunch on August 7.

Once again Eastview’s Habitat Mission project was a success in getting Eastview into the community. One interesting aspect to this year’s build: Our homeowner Ali Hasani was featured in articles in The Winnipeg Free Press, The Winnipeg Sun, and The Herald regarding Habitat’s work in providing affordable housing for deserving families. Not that we were looking for publicity, but Eastview Community Church was not only mentioned as the sponsor of the Hasani family’s home, but that we were also providing the volunteer labour to build it!

~Ron Dacombe

Seniors Tour Whiteshell

The Seniors group ended the year in May with a Fehr-Way Bus Tour to the Whiteshell. The stops included Seven Sisters, Nutimik Museum, Whiteshell Fish Hatchery, lunch at Pinewood Lodge (located at Dorothy Lake), and, of course, some coffee stops.

Although it was a rainy day, the weather co-operated every time we set foot outside the bus. I don’t think anyone got rained on. It’s interesting how those things happen!

Bus rides are a great place to get to know each other – lots of interaction, some singing, and plenty of relaxing to good music.

We are looking forward to beginning a new season starting September 15. We will open the year with a day at the cabin where we will enjoy a barbecue, games, visiting, and hopefully some sunshine! ~Martha Wiebe

