

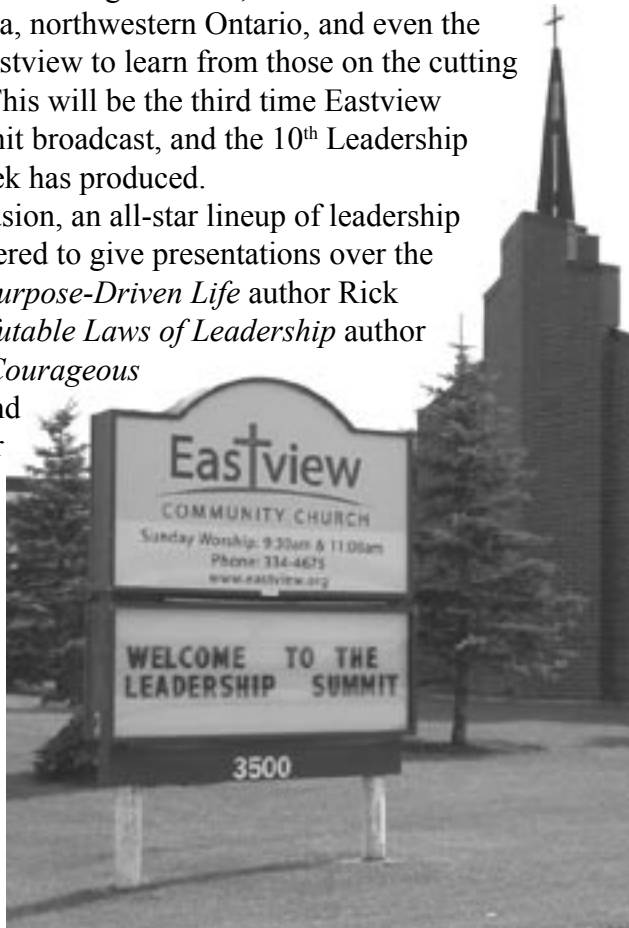
Eastview Link

Mount the Summit Eastview Prepares to Host Local Leaders

Once again this summer, Eastview prepares to host a live satellite broadcast of the Leadership Summit from Willow Creek Community Church in Chicago. From August 11-13, Christian leaders from across Manitoba, northwestern Ontario, and even the U.S. will come to Eastview to learn from those on the cutting edge of leadership. This will be the third time Eastview has hosted the Summit broadcast, and the 10th Leadership Summit Willow Creek has produced.

To mark the occasion, an all-star lineup of leadership minds has been gathered to give presentations over the 2½ day event. *The Purpose-Driven Life* author Rick Warren, *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership* author John Maxwell, and *Courageous*

Leadership author and Willow Creek Senior Pastor Bill Hybels headline an event that no Christian leader should miss. Other presenters include Southwest Airlines president Colleen Barrett, Henry Cloud, Ken Blanchard, Eleanor Josaitis, Mosa Sono,
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Sweet Surprise for Sr. Highs!

As the season comes to a close, we in Sr. High have a few things to look forward to yet: Grad parties, grade 9 invite event, camping... but I would have to say that we just came off a highlight of our year in a surprise trip to Valleyfair in Minneapolis, MN. Fifty-three of us boarded a bus not knowing (some found out or guessed) where exactly we were going. We drove through the night arriving in time for gate opening, and hit the theme park all out for the whole day, rain and shine. What a memory for the students and leaders – as well for me as my time in ministry at Eastview comes to a close.

I can hardly put into words my thanks to this church family... our family... for the love you've shown Regina and me (and our family) over the last 8+ years. Ministry still continues at Eastview regardless of staff coming or going – God's work does not rely fully on the backs

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Eastview Gives from the Heart

Eastview hosted another successful 12-bed Blood Donor Clinic June 2nd. It received a tremendous response from the community with a total of 75 donors attending, 14 of which were walk-ins. Fifteen donors were deferred due to a variety of reasons, the majority having low iron (remember to eat your broccoli). A total of sixty units of blood were donated. Canadian Blood Services reminds us that every donor is very important, and as a result of all our efforts, over 180 patients will benefit from this clinic.

We have tentatively booked another clinic for October 2005 and already have 49 donors pre-booked. Pat O' Donnell of the CBS forwarded his thanks for our dedicated effort. Without our generous support, his job would be much more difficult. For the next clinic it is our hope to launch a Pint-for-a-Pint program with CBS. You will not want to miss this event.

~Greg Armstrong

Below: Sonja Lepp donates at the April 1, 2004 Blood Donor Clinic.



Personal Link

Introducing you to people in ministry around Eastview

Steve Dick

Youth Pastor

Steve and Regina have been married 12 years, and have two children, Samuel (5 ½), and Georgia (20 months). After completing high school in Virgil,



Ontario, Steve attended Capernwray Bible School in Sweden. He moved to Winnipeg in 1991 to study music at Mennonite Brethren Bible College (now CMU). He then attended the University of Winnipeg and received his B.A. in Religious Studies.

Steve and Regina were introduced to Eastview by a friend, Russ Enns, who invited them to a College & Career event. They've been attending Eastview for 11 years.

Steve has been involved with the youth, children and worship ministries. More recently he's been leading Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at River East Collegiate and Miles Mac Collegiate. He became the Youth Pastor at Eastview 8½ years ago.

Steve has two favourite Bible verses: Philippians 1:6, "...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus," and 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

Steve's favourite song is "Homesick" by MercyMe and his favourite pastimes are music, playing guitar, cycling, and spending time with his children. Steve is currently reading *Seizing Your Divine Moment*, by Erwin Raphael McManus.

As some of you already know, Steve will be ending his position as Youth Pastor at Eastview this July and will begin a new stage in his life as Campus Pastor at MBCI this Fall. The *Eastview Link* would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve for his contributions to Eastview, including his humour, warmth, gift of music, leadership, and nurturing spirit. We wish Steve much success in his new position and we look forward to hearing what God has in store for him.

Steve has thoroughly enjoyed working on staff at Eastview. He is overwhelmed at how Eastview has continuously given him "bucket loads" of grace and freedom in performing his job, allowing him to find his way in uncharted territory. He will miss working with the staff, but is thrilled to be able to still call Eastview "home". ~Mary Wachniak

VBS to take Kids on Summer Safari

Eastview is running a VBS (Vacation Bible School) Ministry – August 21-25 from 6:00-8:30 pm. It is open to children from age 4 – grade 6. Pick up a registration form at the Info Desk – don't forget one for your family, friends, co-workers and neighbours. Let's all bring someone with us.

This year's theme is a trek through the Serengeti in Africa. Each day your children will be a part of fun Bible learning they can see, hear and touch. Crafts, team-building games, lively Bible songs and



tasty treats are just a few of the Serengeti Trek activities that help faith grow into real life.

As kids learn about God's love, they'll also enjoy hands-on Bible adventures and daily video clips from Chadder Chipmunk and Disney's Lion King. So come join us as we cross the Serengeti.

Lots of volunteers are needed in many different ways. Please contact

Trish Koslowsky or Nicole Lester to see how you can serve at trish@eastview.org, nicole@eastview.org, or at the church at 334-4675.

~Trish Koslowsky, Nicole Lester

Jr. Highs Spring into Summer

We have had a very good spring. There are several things we wanted the bigger church to know about:

In April we co-hosted a Parent's Conference at McIvor MB Church called *Understanding Your Teenager*.

This was a very successful event and there are several great resources in the church library from the conference.

We have a snowmobile for sale (*pictured at right*).

The second group of students to go through the Life Development Metal Shop totally remodelled a 1984 Skidoo Safari and we are now in the process of selling it. Talk to Jim Bouwman for details (222-3603). If you would like to see it, it is currently in the church garage. Just come and find me (Thom). Special thanks to Walter Dick for donating the original sled, and to others of you who graciously donated parts and paint.

Operation Urban Fire is coming up on July 13-17. This is our annual missions trip to inner-city Winnipeg. We are in need of some parents to volunteer for the week to help with food preparation, night time supervision, and driving. Please let me know if you can help. And please spend time praying for the preparations and event.

We said good-bye to a few leaders already and several more are planning to commit to other ministries or tackle new challenges in life, which means, of course, that our team will be left with holes. If you love students and love Jesus, please let me know and we will talk about the possibilities.

~Thom Dick



30 Reasons fo



r Celebration

On the Sundays of June 5 and 12, Eastview welcomed its largest group of new members ever. Each individual had a unique and powerful story to tell about how they came to accept Christ, and as a church body, we were blessed to hear them. Here at the *Eastview Link*, we understand that everyone was not able to see and hear all of the new members, and while space restrictions prevent us from reprinting every testimony (this is, after all, a newsletter, not a newsanthology), we are happy to give you the opportunity to match each of the 30 names with a face. Special thanks to our photographers Terrance Klassen and Thom Dick. ~Philip Wiebe

Top:

Back Row: Rick Funk, Mark Neufeld, Cory Normand, Andrea Kruk, Pastor Lorne Pearson
 Middle Row: Wendy Funk, Arnold Loewen, Wanda Loewen, Scot Taylor, Karen Taylor, Lindsay Doran
 Front Row: Rosanna Dieleman, Nathan Loewen, Arianna Tiede

Middle:

Back Row: David Olfert, Pastor Steve Dick, Chris Dyck
 Front Row: Pastor Lorne Pearson, Hermine Olfert, Andrea Kramer, Zachary Kramer

Bottom:

Back Row: Pastor Steve Dick, Steve Moerman, Joanne Fast, Tony Fast, Pastor Lorne Pearson
 Middle Row: Silvia Dyck, Stephanie Bergen, Teri-Lynn Dahl, Tania Enns, Brigitte Mueller, Horst Mueller
 Front Row: Sonja Lepp, Jordan Kibsey

Not pictured: Nancy Vokey

Celebration and Graduation in Kids Cove

Sunday, May 29 was a great day for a celebration! We celebrated the close of the ministry year with a breakfast for volunteers and their families. Marianne Enns shared some encouraging words for us before her final day as a staff member. We watched PowerPoint presentations and shared stories reminding us of the impact we have on the children and on one another.

Then we moved right into a Graduation Service where we graduated 26 two-year olds into the Jr KIDS ministry and 40 some grade 6's were welcomed into the Jr High Student Ministries by Pastor Thom Dick. Memory Awards were handed out and Small groups were celebrated through a PowerPoint presentation. Praise God for a terrific year!

Did You Know?

Regular Kids Cove volunteers get the summer months off and we need parents and others to serve. Are you looking for a place to plug in? We have openings in the Nursery and in KIDS Church (ages 5-11) for individuals to assist in caring for and interacting with children during the 11:00 service. If you would like to know more, please call Nicole Lester at the church office (334-4675) or email nicole@eastview.org.

Did You Know?

Eastview children gave \$2,588.90 in offering this year! We were able to send 3 children to a Christian school in Honduras, support 2 World Vision children, give money to Tsumani relief work through MBMSI and still have enough to fill Christmas hampers here in Winnipeg and support orphans in Africa through SPOKE 2005! ~Trish Koslowsky

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of those “paid to work for Him,” but it is with faith in God, and the energy of countless volunteers that make this machine run. Almost all of our leaders are returning for Sr. High next year, and I am sure that God will still be lifted high, and relationships will still be built. I have faith in our leaders; in case you were apprehensive, let there be no doubt.

Please continue to pray for the Student Ministry at Eastview – for its students as well as for its leaders, and for the name of Jesus to be taught and lived out in the lives of those who call Eastview home. ~Steve Dick



Valleyfair was the exciting surprise destination for 53 of the Sr. High youth.



Coming This Fall... ALPHA!

Looking ahead to the Fall of 2005, we will kick off ALPHA – a 10-part program that includes food, fellowship and transformational life learning. The course describes itself as “an opportunity to explore the meaning of life.” If you would like to be a part of the ALPHA team or know more, please contact Greg Armstrong.

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” – Hebrews 10:25

~Greg Armstrong

A Word from the Men's Ministry

As we close the 2004-05 ministry year and review what took place, I want to remind the men it was all for the glory of God. Some of you may be wondering why I have stepped down from Men's Ministry Leadership and there is not a better vehicle of communicating this than the *Eastview Link*. I will not go into a lot of detail, but suffice it to say, about 4-5 months ago, God was showing me some signs in my life and my actions. Being “flesh and bone,” I ignored them and continued on my own strength.

I think about the lyrics from Kids Cove: because our God is a great big God, he did not give up on me. Again He showed me the same signs and this is when I decided to step down from leadership.

I first want to and need to thank the Holy Spirit for His guidance and strength. There were countless hearts, Tuesday night Bible studies, and special events that had His fingerprints all over them. Many hearts, families, marriages, children, and generations

have been changed for eternity by His love.

Next, I want to thank my wife (Laurie) and daughters (Kayla, Adriana, and Kristina) for supporting and loving me and giving up their daddy Tuesday nights. To our Band of Brothers, Greg Armstrong, Tom Neufeld, Kevin Zimmerman, Bob Groff, Stan Woodward, Geoff Massey, Gerry Kramer, Bernie Rempel, Harold Pauls, Murray Reimer, Mark Neufeld, and Carlson Teakle. Men, thank you all for your friendships and prayers. Pastor Lorne, thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support.

My prayers will continue for this ministry and I also ask church leadership and all the Eastview people to keep this ministry in their daily prayers. Only the Lord knows what is in store for the Men's Ministry.

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. – Isaiah 55:8.

~Greg Payne

Care and Love in Action

Love Winnipeg 2005

Care and love are two very powerful words in our English language. According to Webster's dictionary, the word "care" means to be "deeply concerned" or to "pay close attention." Love, on the other hand, means to feel a "strong tenderness" or a "passion towards someone or something."

We know that Care Groups at Eastview are an excellent example of love and care in our church. When you combine Care Groups with the Love Winnipeg Campaign that recently took place in our city, we see God's love in action for the community at large.

Space does not allow us to tell of all the care and love the members of our Care Groups demonstrated to our city over the past few weeks. Some examples of this love and care "in action" occurred when meals were prepared, lawns were mowed, and yards were cleaned up for neighbours. A house was re-shingled; a porch was fixed and painted by another group. Snacks and beverages were delivered to a variety of groups in the community, such as the police and firefighters.

Greg and Laurie Payne's Care Group showed God's care and love by getting together at the church to bake several batches of cookies and packaging them in gift bags for distribution with a note saying, "Love Winnipeg, Jesus loves You, Compliments of Eastview Community Church." After praying for God's will to be done, they distributed the cookies to a variety of locations.

After the distribution, Laurie felt there was one more place that God wanted them to visit. She knew it well; in fact, in her youth, she spent a lot of time in places like this. With cookies in hand, the Kramer family and Laurie headed for the Curtis Hotel and went straight to the bar.

"This is where Jesus would have gone to show love," says Laurie. They left the cookies with an attendant at the bar. "For me, just seeing the look on their faces said it all," Laurie describes. She goes on to explain, "I was once on the other side and I knew



Eastview's own Juergen Hamm has been one of the driving forces spearheading the first two Love Winnipeg initiatives.

what they were thinking. I felt like I knew these people and I knew how much Jesus loved them. I loved them with His heart and I will never forget that night."

A changed life, never to be the same again! Thanks to Greg and Laurie's group for demonstrating God's care and love in action and thanks to Laurie for allowing us to share this story. It only takes a spark to get a fire going – a planted seed that brings new life. A special thank you to all the Care Groups who demonstrated their faith by spreading sparks of God's love around and planted seeds of care. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless these efforts and they would become fruitful for His kingdom.

As June is Care Group Leaders Appreciation Month, the Care Group Coaches would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Care Group Leaders who demonstrated God's love and care in their groups this past year. We also thank each Care Group member who loved and cared 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!"

~Bob & Sharon Boychuk

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Jack Groppel, Curtis Sliwa, and Kenneth Ulmer.

In the past, God has used this event in incredibly powerful ways, challenging and motivating leaders to go to the next level of leadership, whether at work, at church, or wherever they find themselves leading. Whether you're the CEO of a Fortune 500 company, a care group leader, or a supervisor at a burger joint, you will not regret the decision to attend the Summit.

To top it all off, Eastview members have the opportunity to attend for an amazing price. Simply call the church office and sign up before July 22, and you'll pay only \$99 (plus GST).

If you don't feel led to participate in the event, but would like to get involved, volunteer opportunities abound. Putting on an event of this size and calibre requires an immense coordinated effort. Contact Trish Koslowsky at the church office to find out how you can get involved in this awesome and rewarding event.

~Philip Wiebe

From the Library

Did you know that...?

- There's a three-week lending time (books only) for the summer months.
- You can reserve books, etc. at the library front desk.
- You can pick up a list of all Library Builder items added to the library.
- Your donations for children's videos and DVDs (\$1.00 per week) enable us to purchase more for your family's viewing enjoyment.
- *Intercessory Prayer* by Dutch Sheets (a resource DVD) is missing from our shelves – please return ASAP.
- *Parent Life* and *Baby Life* magazines are now in.
- We take suggestions for books/items you would like to see in the library.
- A Kids Reading program will take place for the months of July and August and here's how it works: any child reading age up to and including grade 8 can sign up to be part of this (there's a sign-up sheet in the library). For every age appropriate book read, the child can fill out an "entry" form for a prize at the end of the summer. There will be 5 names drawn for prizes on August 28 and every child signed up will receive a little something for participating. See us in the library for more information.

~Julie Hiebert

A Week in the Life of 1 Thess. 5:17 "pray continually"

What an incredible time of praise and prayer we all experienced as we participated in Eastview's first 24-7 Prayer event from May 9-15. 24-7 Prayer, as stated on the initiative's website, "...exists to transform the world through a movement of Christ-centered and mission-minded prayer." Well, that happened for many of us at Eastview as we gathered together corporately, young and old alike, to pray as Jesus has called us to pray.

A special thank you to Malynda Zacharias and Thom Dick for making this vision a reality, as well as to the countless others who set up and rallied us together to pray. Also, thank you to those who watched over us at night as we prayed, particularly Pastor Lorne and Jennifer Pearson.

A special journal has been compiled comprised of the prayers that were written by participants on the banners. You can view this book by contacting the church office. As well, to read more about Eastview's involvement in the 24-7 prayer wave, go to www.24-7prayer.ca

Let us remember the words of King Solomon, reminding us again and again that "prayer will also be made for Him continually, and daily He shall be praised." – Psalm 72:15

If you are interested in becoming part of a Praise and Prayer Team that is forming in our church, please contact the church office for more information.

~The Prayer Ministry