

Eastview Link

Sun-sational Show-N-Shine!



The Eastview lawn tractor doubled as a locomotive with Myron Sawatzky as its engineer for dozens of happy kids at the July 24 Show-N-Shine.

Eastview was responsible for hosting the Kids Zone as we worked alongside our neighbour the Henderson Legion, partnering in the July 24, 2005 Show-n-Shine.

The atmosphere of joy, clean fun and loud laughter was evident and food and drink abounded. Whether you were in the cool of the shade beneath the big tent or were basking in the glow of the warm sunshine, conditions were ideal for all manners of games, events, attractions, and fellowship.

For me, and I know I speak for many others, a highlight was witnessing the children's smiling faces and shouts of joy. **Show-N-Shine** cont'd page 2

Don't Miss ALPHA

A Practical Introduction To The Christian Faith

ALPHA is a course opportunity over 12 Tuesdays to explore the validity and relevance of the Christian faith for our lives and includes a midway celebration weekend. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity with intentional opportunities for discussion on some of life's tough questions. An Alpha course is informal, non-threatening and relaxed.

Each week people meet together for a meal and to reflect on topics such as: **Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus Die? How can I be sure of my faith?**

Small group interaction follows each lesson video.

There is no fee for the course or the meal. A freewill offering will be taken to cover the cost of your personal Alpha course manual. You are encouraged to have a manual to follow along and take notes, yet not mandatory.

Start date: Tuesday, October 18

Time: 6:30-9:00 pm

Place: Eastview Community Church Fireside room

~Greg Armstrong

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Senior Moments

This Seniors group meets every second Wednesday of the month. In September they will be carpooling to a cabin near Lac Du Bonnet for lunch, games and visiting.

Eastview is hosting an exercise class every Tuesday afternoon from 2-3:30 for anyone with Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers. The first hour is to exercise the entire body, while the last ½ hour is for sharing and support over a cup of tea. The cost is a loonie each time you come. Contact Karen (661-3896) for more information. ~Karen Gilmour



Barbecue and an inflatable mountain: does life get any better?

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These beaming smiles could be seen on the faces of the kids who were whisked around the Eastview and legion lots aboard the custom made barrel cars pulled by the Eastview lawn tractor and by those who braved the thin air and altitude in their climb up the huge inflatable mountain. Yet others jumped for joy in the air bounce castle. Petting zoos and pony rides are always highlights and were enjoyed by children and the young at heart alike. And who will soon forget the swarms of children around the face-painting table, duck pond, and the candy toss? This was a carnival-like atmosphere that was fit for all ages.

Of course, one cannot go without mentioning the fine custom cars and vintage autos that drew droves of people, from the neighbourhood and beyond, to the event. Amongst the rows and rows of vehicles, one could even find a few Eastviewers proudly displaying their beautiful vehicles.

Hundreds of hot dogs and hamburgers were served right off the grill with all the condiments, while candy floss and ice-cold slushies satisfied the sweet teeth among the masses. The bake sale was huge and it all sold out.

While pop and water satisfied the thirsty crowds, perhaps the most refreshing part of the whole afternoon was the willing and cheerful servant hearts of the volunteers who made the event the big success it was. What a great joy to witness first-hand Eastviewers, car-show enthusiasts, and children at play on a beautiful day, with our ambassadors for Christ serving them excellently. Bravo! ~Greg Armstrong

Personal Link

Introducing you to people in ministry around Eastview

Janet Brown

Drama Ministry Leader



Janet and Craig have been married 25 years, and have two daughters, Cristina, 20, and Lisa, 18. After finishing high school, Janet attended the University of Winnipeg where she received her B.A. in Economics, going on to work for the Bank of Commerce. Once Janet and Craig started a family, Janet chose to stay home to raise their girls, and eventually returned to work part-time. In 2003 she received her Human Resources Certificate from the University of Manitoba. Janet worked for a few years in the HR Dept at Palliser Furniture and until recently worked part-time in a dentist's office.

Janet has attended Eastview since its inception. She was the first member to be baptized at Eastview on August 25, 1991. Her ministry over the years includes singing in the choir, being part of the social recreation committee, teaching Sunday School, worship design team member, librarian, and leader of the drama ministry for the last several years.

Janet's current "favourite" Bible verse is Psalm 27:14, "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." Her favourite spiritual song is "All in All" and she enjoys music by Mark Schultz. She loves to read – she enjoys classics by Charles Dickens and Jane Austen and is currently reading *Portrait of a Lady*, by Henry James. Janet also enjoys traveling and for their 25th wedding anniversary this year, Janet and Craig are traveling to Greece in September. God Bless You Both, Happy 25th Anniversary, and enjoy your celebration abroad! ~Mary Wachniak

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Fall Highlights**Sept. 3rd**

Day of Fasting and Prayer

Sept. 9th (6:30 pm)

Worship Ministry Pep Rally

Sept. 10th (6:30 pm)Church Pep Rally
(communion)**Sept. 11th (9:00 am and
11:00 am)**Services with regular
Children's Ministry resuming**Sept. 16th (7:00 pm)**Kick Off for Sr. High
Program**Sept. 17th**

Day of Fasting and Prayer

Sept. 21st (10:00-11:30 am)

Moms' Program begins

Sept. 28th (7:00 pm)Fall Budget Meeting as well
as discussion on our building
plans**Oct. 1st (9:00 am-5:00 pm)**Willow Creek Arts
Conference hosted via
satellite at Eastview**Oct. 5th (7:00 pm) Kick Off for**- Faith Community Teaching
Night (communion)
- Boys' and Girls' Clubs**Oct. 8th**Vocal/band assessment
day for those interested
in becoming involved in
worship ministries**Oct. 12th**Women's Cafe in the
Fireside Room**Oct. 16th**Student Ministries sign-up
deadline for the Winter
Retreat**Nov. 15th**Blood Donor Clinic at
Eastview**Nov 18-19th**Willow Creek Small Group
Conference**Winter 2006**Watch for the 2nd Annual
24/7 Prayer week

Winds of Change Blow Through Eastview

Fall is an interesting, exciting season for Eastview. While the world outside begins to shed its summer glow and begins to prepare for another Manitoba winter, Eastview ministries spring back into action. This Fall should be even more exciting at Eastview, because we are making several big changes, including changing of the times we gather. Here are a few significant changes which we want you to know about.

Beginning **Sunday, September 11th** (Kick-off Sunday) the two morning services will commence at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. The extra 1/2 hour has been added to accommodate the flow of people between services, hopefully creating more space in the foyer and parking areas by way of reducing congestion. As well, the additional 1/2 hour will provide a longer transition time for those participating in Kids' Church.

Beginning **Saturday, September 17th** (6:30 pm) we are kicking off a third service. It will be an identical service to the two services on Sunday morning and is intended to alleviate some of the space issues we are experiencing Sunday mornings.

Please note: This service is a 1-year pilot with evaluation and there will be no childcare / children's programming provided.

Beginning **Wednesday, October 5th** at 7:00 pm, we will continue with our regular Faith Community Night. October 5th and November 2nd will be similar to (and replace) our old Sunday night Faith Community services with communion, worship and a devotional message. The other Wednesdays will be focused on adult spiritual growth. The evenings are designed to be a teaching atmosphere with invited guest speakers on specific subjects. This will run concurrently with our Boys' and Girls' Club Programs that evening.

A Word from Council

We would like to thank you for taking the time to read about many of the important initiatives and ministry opportunities we are currently working on at Eastview. One of the easiest, yet difficult things for a growing church community to do is to stay in touch. At times we get so busy that we don't make time to share with all our extended family and friends what we are working on as a church community.

This past year has been a year of transition spurred by continual growth. As a congregation we came together several times to celebrate our many blessings and look at the future of Eastview Community Church. We have spent years discussing the options

available to us so far as our physical building and how to best serve and honour our God, our community, and the blessings we have received as a congregation. It was great to see and hear the Spirit work within us and to receive a strong statement of unity from the congregation. We would certainly like to thank all of you who took time to attend the Town Hall meetings to provide us with your ideas and feedback. This input from the congregation is essential to those of us entrusted to present recommendations and direction as we move forward.

It's been a busy few months for Council with several new members

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being affirmed and some significant administrative changes in our structure. These changes have allowed us to focus on our vision of *Leading people to Christ and on to maturity in Him*. Lorne Pearson, our Lead Pastor, will be focusing more on our congregation's spiritual growth. The plans are nearly finalized for an additional service Saturday evening. We anticipate this will make room for visitors and new comers at 11:00 on Sunday mornings. The "On To Maturity" teaching service on Wednesday evenings is also in its implementation stage. Many of our members and regular attendees have been looking for a combination of Life Development activities and further exegetical teaching. We hope you will take full advantage of this opportunity.

The addition of Phil Kaethler as our Executive Pastor has allowed us to move forward with many of our key initiatives, including the building and fundraising committees for our capital campaign.

Our Under 25 Ministries falling under the directorship of Trish Koslowsky, has had an exciting revamping to better meet the needs of this age group. Under Thom Dick's pastoral leadership we look forward to continued strong involvement from the junior high and senior high school-age students. It is absolutely amazing to me how many of our students serve here and globally to teach and spread the Word. It also is exciting to see the level of participation and outreach these ministries have been successful at achieving. We often have as many visitors participating at our special events as our own students.

In addition, we are expanding and providing a more concentrated ministry experience for our young adults who are such a strong and dynamic leadership group at Eastview.

Our Kids Church Ministry continues to flourish and

energize our children to know and understand Jesus and to grow and walk with Him everyday. It continues to be such a vital blessing, which has been bestowed upon Eastview.

Two of the amazing gifts we have at Eastview are our staff and our volunteers. They provide dedicated servant leadership in so many areas.

This Newsletter is coming out to you just in time for Council to invite each and every one who is a member or regular attendee to look at how you personally can be involved with ministry this upcoming year.

As you read through the various updates from our ministry leaders there may be an area where you feel, "Yes I could do that!" We believe that if you truly wish to have a growing personal relationship with your Saviour and our community, there is no better way to experience this other than rolling up your sleeves and being committed as a volunteer.

There is much to be done in the upcoming year and as we proceed we must always keep in mind that the plans and resources we use are for God's glory and to that end the mission he has entrusted each of us with at Eastview – *To Lead people to Christ and on to maturity in Him*.

We encourage each of you to affirm the many who willingly and joyfully give to Eastview through their volunteerism and time. Some have responded to "big asks" as we add more ministry times to their plate. We also welcome your input and feedback and look forward to working with you and serving side by side.

Church Council,

Paul Lester (Moderator), Norbert Bargaen, Dave Fulawka, Phil Kaethler, Larry Kohut, Trish Koslowsky, Val Monk, Weldon Neufeld, Lorne Pearson, Rob Penner, Myron Sawatzky, John Thiessen

Attn: Students and Young Adults!

We have evaluated and discerned how to re-structure Senior High and College and Career Ministries to sustain growth in the next 3-5 years.

We are pleased to announce that Thom Dick has taken on the new role - **Pastor of Student Ministries**.

We are currently hiring a (half-time) **Student Ministries Coordinator** (1-year term position) to provide leadership in Small Groups and assistance in leading the Jr. and Sr. High ministries.

Young Adult Ministries (formerly College and Career) will be in full swing for the Fall as well. In our restructuring we sensed that this group needs leadership that is apart from the student ministries. The hope is to assess the needs of this group and develop a strong leadership team to implement a more formalized program. Many ideas, thoughts and plans are in the making as this Link is being published. More details are coming soon.

Student Ministries Overview

Senior High

Meets Fridays at 7:00 pm – Small Groups – Large Events – Community Service Opportunities

- Kick Off – Sept 17th at 7:00 pm
- Cedarwood Retreat – Oct 28-30
- Christmas Banquet – Dec 16th

Junior High

Meets Thursdays 7-9:30pm – Worship – Large Events – Small Groups – Community Service Opportunities

Sunday Morning Life Development in Both Services

- Kick Off – Sept 15th - 7:00 pm
- Cedarwood Retreat – Oct 28-30
- Christmas Carnivale – Dec 8th

~Trish Koslowsky

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Building, Fundraising Teams: Plotting a Course

With respect to the relocation project, we are currently awaiting a decision from the East St. Paul town council regarding the subdivision and rezoning of the 50 acre parcel we have placed an offer on. The zoning portion of the application is to go before the town council at the end of September. The provincial highways department has expressed concern with the traffic and how this might impact Lagimodière. Other relevant parties to the subdivision application have all signed off. While at the time of purchase we were advised that the zoning would not be an issue for our specified usage, the provincial government has suggested that it would like to explore changing the zoning along this piece of the highway.

This is an unexpected development; however, we hope and plan to be in a position to bring you up to date with this matter by the Annual Budget Meeting.

Our Building Committee has commissioned initial drawings from three separate groups as we look towards our new building. We should have some sketches ready for our Annual Budget Meeting on September 28th and be able to announce the builder we have chosen to work with shortly thereafter.

Our Fundraising Committee has set our budget meeting as the date to kick off our fundraising drive. As has been tradition with Eastview in our previous builds, our first initiative is to set aside days of prayer and fasting. Our desire is that we would pray 3 times as long as it takes for us to build. Please note September 3rd and 17th as corporate days of prayer for God to guide and lead us as we look to build and raise 2 million dollars in pledges and donations by the end of December.

The Building Committee

Kerry Enns, Harvey Ulrich,
Len Dacombe, Mark Warkentin,
Sonya Kohut, Jeff Koslowsky,
Vern Koop, Kenton Friesen,
and Phil Kaethler

The Fundraising Committee

Delbert Enns, John Schmidt Jr.,
Jason Thiessen, Maria Wilms,
Ernie Koop, Lorraine Dewar,
Henry Schmidt, Geoff Massey,
and Phil Kaethler

Volunteers with expertise and training in specific areas will be asked to participate to bring further focus to the project as it progresses.

If you have skills, gifts and abilities and a desire to assist with the build, we would be happy to hear from you.

~Phil Kaethler

Changes in Children's Ministries

We have made some changes regarding responsibilities of current staff.

Sue Thiessen will have the responsibility of the Gr. 1-6 Large Group teams (worship, teaching, puppets, technical) while **Irene Funk** will take on all Small Group Teams and the Operations Team for Gr. 1-6. **Kathy Chandler** remains responsible for the Preschool area.

In addition to these changes, the kindergartens will remain in the Jr. KIDS program while the Gr. 1-6 will gather together in the KIDS Church room for the elementary age program. There will be no Children's Ministry provided during the Saturday evening services for this ministry year.

~Trish Koslowsky

Record Attendance at VBS!

For five evenings, August 21-25, Eastview was home to lions and elephants and all manner of desert flora and fauna. Had global warming gone haywire?

No, Eastview was just presenting its annual Vacation Bible School program with this year's theme being

Serengeti Trek: Where Kids are Wild about God!

Seventy-five volunteers, under the laudable leadership of Trish Koslowsky and Nicole Lester welcomed a single-week Eastview VBS-record 240 kids. Thanks to Greg Armstrong, this number included 25 children from the Keenleyside apartment complexes, an area Eastview initially connected with as part of the June 2005 Love Winnipeg festivities.

Highlights of the action-packed, fun-filled week included the decorations and music, which featured an authentic African hymn, showing the kids that no matter what continent you live on, we can all get wild about God!

~Philip Wiebe





On the Mountaintop at the Summit

With some of the biggest names from the worlds of business and Christian leadership (John Maxwell, Ken Blanchard, and *The Purpose-Driven Life* author Rick Warren) in attendance at the 2005 Leadership Summit, it would've been easy to overlook a guy like host Willow Creek Community Church's own senior pastor, Bill Hybels. However, if you ask the 386 registered guests who watched the Summit satellite broadcast live at Eastview who inspired them the most, don't be surprised if Hybels name comes up again and again.

Hybels struck a chord with many when he spoke about what drives a leader and where a leader's vision comes from. He passionately presented the idea of a "holy discontent," being righteously dissatisfied with a current state of affairs. Presentations like this energized and stirred the 386 local leaders watching at Eastview.

The event manager for our location, Rick Hiebert, speaks of one pastor in particular whom he saw particularly moved: "I got to personally know one of the pastors from up North. I got to know who he was, and the struggles he faced. I know that the Summit spoke directly to his needs. In a letter of appreciation he wrote 'the next time you see tears of joy, you will find my gratitude flowing there.'"

Of course, experiences like these could not possibly have happened without the outpouring of support Eastview received in the form of volunteers. When all was said and done, 52 volunteers had selflessly donated their time and energies to see that the guests felt valued. According to Rick Hiebert, they came expecting to hear from the speakers, but didn't expect to be ministered to by the volunteers.

The volunteers also found it a rewarding experience. A common highlight was the prayer time they shared prior to the start of each day of the Summit, and God speaking "so directly" to these early morning prayers. A perception shared by most, if not all the volunteers was "we get to do this;" it was not a duty or obligation, but rather an opportunity and a joy.

Another Willow Creek conferences coming via satellite to Eastview is The Willow Arts Conference on October 1 of this year. Call Lori Enns at the church for details on how to register. As well, their Small Groups Conference will be broadcast to Calvary Temple, November 18-19, 2005. And don't forget to book off August 10-12 of next year for The Leadership Summit 2006.

~Philip Wiebe

Get Ready for the New Eastview.org

On Sunday, September 11, 2005, the way you use the internet will change forever. That's because the same ministry that brings you the *Eastview Link* will be unveiling the brand-spanking new www.Eastview.org.

Remember that web survey that we asked you to fill out back in Spring? Well, a good number of you did, and thanks to you, we have been able to focus our energies on delivering an Eastview website that

Regardless of whether you thought "internet" was where 'them there fish go,' or if you spend so much time online that you turn your head sideways to smile, you'll want to bookmark this new site. With so much easy-to-access, current information just a click away, you may even want to consider investing in a second brain just to hold it all. Unfortunately we can't give away all of the new features and fun goodies quite yet, so you're going to have to take our word for it.

September 11 is just around the corner, so start preparing now to have your mind blown!

~Philip Wiebe