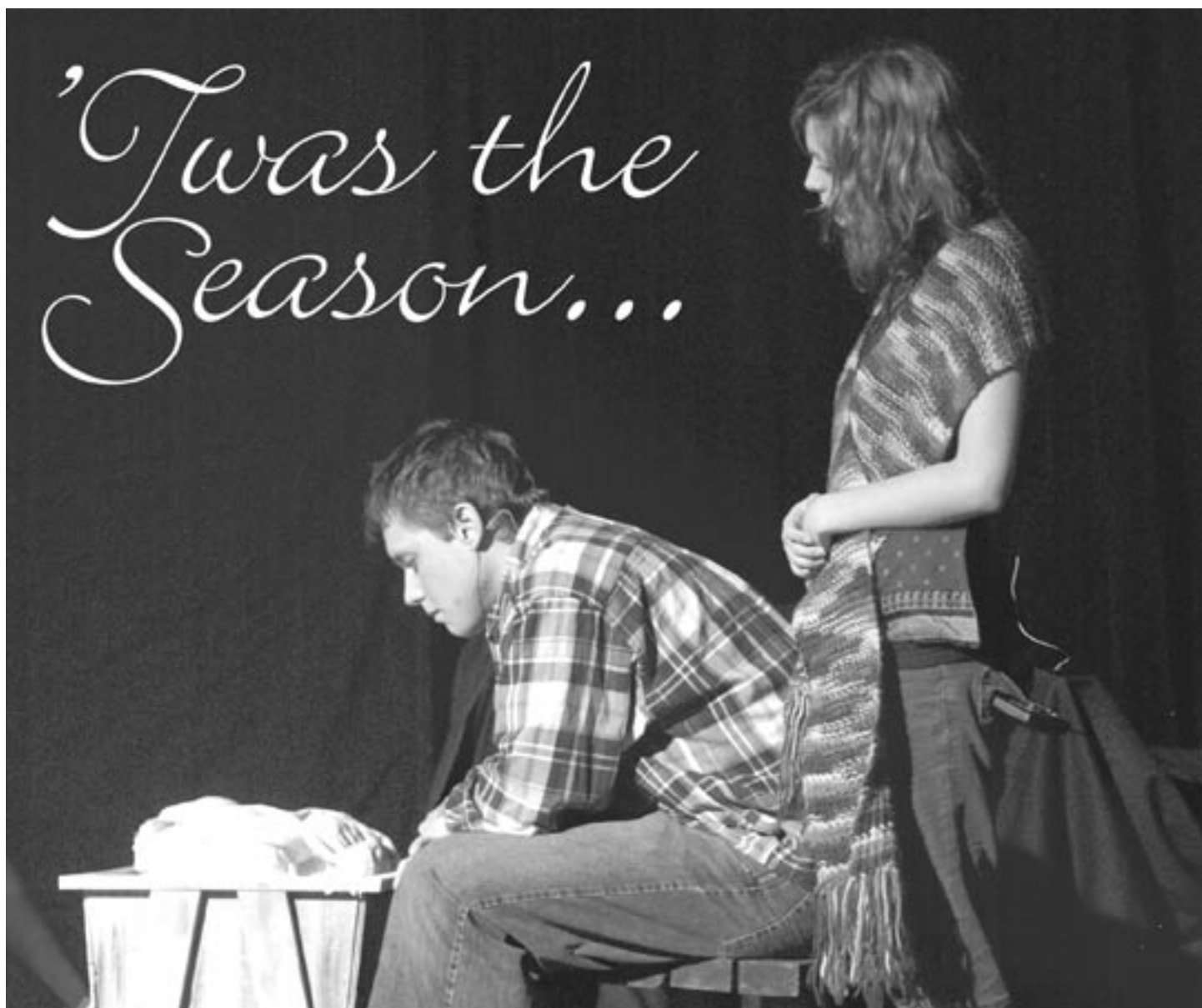


Eastview Link



'Twas the Season...

Jonathan Schmidt and Emily Thiessen portray Joseph and Mary at one of the six Christmas Eve services.

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Attn: Young Adults (Post-High School)

My name is Jonathan Wiebe and I am the pastoral intern leading the Young Adult community (formerly known to many of you as the College and Career community), geared to the post-high school sector. I envision a community with a commitment to make disciples of both ourselves and those with whom we come in contact with. This disciple-making community has three distinguishing characteristics: its members share life with each other in small groups, they gather for community worship, learning, and prayer as a large group, and they extend God's love to those in need.

The official launch of this group took place in October 2005. The intent is to meet periodically on a Sunday evening for a variety of events. To date we have had the following activities:

- Two open houses - An informal coffeehouse that provides an opportunity for young adults to connect with each other, and for new or interested people to connect with the community.
- One indoor soccer night - A casual athletic event that provides a chance for young adults to interact with one another for a fun, social time.
- Our first large group gathering - a gathering akin to a worship service that provides an opportunity for young adults to worship, learn, and pray, as well as connect with each other.

The next scheduled event is tobogganing, which will be held on Sunday, January 15th, at the Pits on Birds Hill Road at Neyedli Drive. Be there at 5:00 pm, and make sure you eat something first. As well, we will meet on Sunday, January 29th at 7:00 pm at Eastview for our second large group gathering.

Stay tuned for other upcoming events that will be posted on the Young Adult Community bulletin board which is located across from the church office. If you are interested in joining this group, or you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail (jon@eastview.org), or at the church office (334-4675 ext. 54).
~Jonathan Wiebe

Personal Link

Introducing you to people in ministry around Eastview

Trish Koslowsky

Equipping Director

Trish and Jeff have been married 17½ years and have two sons, Josh (15½), and Brendan (14½). After completing high school at MBCI, Trish attended Capernwray Bible School in Germany. She then attended the University of Winnipeg and received her Bachelor of Education.



Trish and Jeff started their family and Trish chose to stay at home and raise their boys. She substituted for a number of years at MBCI and Calvin Christian, held a few term teaching positions, and taught one year at Calvin Christian.

In 1998 Trish left Calvin Christian School and came on staff part-time at Eastview to start her leadership role in Children's Ministry. In 2002 Trish and family moved to Raleigh, NC for 10 months for Jeff's job. They returned to Winnipeg where Jeff continues to work from here for the same company. This past year Trish moved into the part-time role of Director of Ministries 25 and Under.

Trish has also been involved in the following ministries over the years: helping with children since she was 12, starting a Mom's Group while at another church, and at Eastview - Dinner Theatre, Christmas Eve Services, Easter, Operation Christmas Child, and she has been the liaison for other churches that have been looking to make changes in their Children's Ministries.

Trish's favourite bible verse is Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Trish enjoys listening to praise and worship songs by Phillips, Craig & Dean and Hillsong United."

In the summer Trish really enjoys being at her parents' cottage, working outside in the yard gardening and landscaping, and traveling when she gets the opportunity. She is currently reading *Can We Do That?*, by Andy Stanley and Ed Young.
~Mary Wachniak

How Well Do You Know Eastview's Seniors?

Eastview seniors meet in the Fireside Room at 1:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month, and welcome all seniors to join us for an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship. Our first meeting in the new year took place on January 11th with guest comedian and storyteller Janet Lacroix. Tentative plans for the upcoming months include: a visit to Donwood Manor together with two of our youth pastors, High Tea – Scottish style, container gardening, tour of the Dugald Museum, and an outing to Gimli and Selkirk area.

Please watch the bulletin board located on the south wall of the foyer, or the church bulletin for further details.

We also welcome shut-ins and seniors who need a ride. Please call Karen to arrange a ride for you. Special thanks to our coordinators Karen, Esther and Eva who work hard to provide a program for each month. However, they need one or two people to join their team. Please let them know if this sounds like something you would like to do.

How well do you know Eastview's seniors? Here is some shocking news about them! Please turn to page 7 if you need help in identifying them.

~Abe and Erica Siemens

1. I was a dance skater on the roller rink.
2. I was a cabbie for Moores Taxi.
3. I played Ralph in a high school production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "H. M. S. Pinafore."
4. I worked at an exclusive shop.
5. On my wedding night I had to stay at home, while my new husband stayed in the home of his parents – this was a family tradition.
6. I gave our VW a complete turnaround on an icy stretch of No. 75 highway and kept on traveling in the right direction.
7. I had a professional manicure done in Africa for \$8.00.
8. I was an amateur wrestler.
9. I supervised graduate nurses.
10. I belonged to the Winnipeg Flying Club for 15 years.
11. My dad died when I was 11 days old.
12. My school nickname was Elephant Ears.
13. I sang the tenor solo in "Desert Song" in London, England.
14. I was a guest singer in an operetta.
15. I worked in an oil patch where I was taught to reconstruct fingers (which had been mangled in the chains of oil rigs) because there were too many for the doctors to do.
16. I used to sing solos in church choirs.
17. My nickname was Sunshine on a bus tour.
18. I yodel in the shower when I am home alone.
19. I graduated from the Saskatoon City Hospital nursing program in 1952.
20. I have sung in quartets, but now do mostly solos.
21. I have a craving for chocolate.
22. I was an MTS telephone operator, and even spoke to Bob Hope on the phone when he was in Winnipeg.
23. I learned to swim in the Assiniboine River.
24. I played the part of an Irish cop in a high school production.
25. Our family grew by three members the day I was born.

Care Group Leaders' Breakfast

All Care Group Leaders and those interested in becoming leaders will be joining together for a special breakfast on Saturday January 21st at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room. It will be catered by Bergmanns on Lombard, and Pastor Lorne Pearson will be challenging us with New Directions as leaders. As well, we will be seeing an excellent video by Randy Frazee called *Reaching Neighborhoods*.

This will be a very important meeting for us as leaders. God has been challenging us to renew our commitment to Care Groups. This is essential in a large church and all participants will benefit from being in a group where life is shared and relationships are fostered. We look forward and are praying now for the blessing we will experience as we ask God for direction and commitment from our leaders.

~Jennifer Pearson



From L to R, Jim (Mark Warkentin), Helen (Regina Dick), Grandpa (Brad Enns), Margaret (Darolyn Pchajek), and George (Dave Wiebe) ham it up for the cameras while onstage performing *Christmas at the Murphys*

Another Christmas, Another Smash-Hit Dinner Theatre

For the evenings of December 8-10, the Eastview gym was transformed into the expansive yet cozy dining room of the Murphy household as part of this year's dinner theatre production of "Christmas at the Murphy's." The story, adapted and directed by Lil Koop, revolved around the Christmas gathering at the Murphy house and the initially awkward inclusion of their cantankerous neighbour and his estranged daughter. The performance was complemented musically by a number of soloists as well as the choir, under the direction of Monica Kornelsen.

All three nights were sold out, equating to 840 tickets. An enormous amount of work went into making these evenings the success they were. About 100 volunteers were involved in the dinner part of things – setting tables, cooking, serving, greeting, and washing dishes. About 50 volunteers were involved in the program – actors, technical, choir, pianist, set building, and decorating.

Special mention goes to Arlen Reimer and Walter and Velda Dyck, who put in many hours throughout the week, taking time off of work in order to set up lights, sounds, build sets, and more. Agnes Koop did a terrific job of decorating and Maria and Peter Wilms led the kitchen team ensuring that every aspect of the evening was of the highest quality.

~Mary Wachniak, Philip Wiebe



New Year's Eve: An Exciting Conclusion to 2005

It's an Eastview tradition: each New Year's Eve, we gather together as a congregation for the final service of the year. We know what to expect, or so we think. We expect to worship God by singing, and remember Jesus as we share the Lord's Supper. We expect to hear a short message, and welcome some new members after hearing their testimonies, and maybe even witness a few baptisms.

Pastor Lorne noted that Satan seems to have his own tradition, and as God's children prepare to glorify Him, he desperately attempts to sabotage their witness by launching a series of attacks. Predictably, the seven or eight testimonies we were to hear dwindled to just two. As Pastor Lorne explained this, I thought about all the things that began to happen in our family following my husband Phil's decision to share his story at the New Year's Eve service.

Over the holidays, we shared with my family how we believed Satan was trying to prevent Phil's story from being heard, and explained the series of events that led to his wanting to drop out of the service. The attack came from all angles, creating doubt in Phil. I won't go into detail, but one example was a terrible accident he was in with our 14-month-old daughter. It was a difficult time, but we praised God for protecting their lives. Having accepted Christ as a child, Phil felt as I had a year ago when I gave my testimony: My story isn't a dramatic one, so why is Satan so determined to stop me? But, even as we neared the church that night, we were once again

almost struck by a car just seconds before we arrived. Glorifying God and proclaiming He is Lord of our lives is Satan's worst nightmare, and his attacks are predictable.

What wasn't so predictable was what happened during the service. After telling his story, Carlin Letkeman called his girlfriend, Brittany Siemens to join him on stage, continued with his testimony, then got down on one knee and proposed! It was so exciting and such a privilege to witness such a special event. Don't ask me how the couple was able to survive through the songs, message, prayers, communion, and then the receiving line for the new members after that.

Pastor Lorne had the challenge of holding our attention after that excitement, but delivered a powerful and inspiring message to encourage us to simplify our New Year's resolutions to just one that would help take care of all the other things in our lives that need improving – let us resolve to know Jesus Christ more. What else is really needed?

The service concluded with the Lord's Supper, and a time of welcoming the three new members: Tina Klassen (though housebound and unable to share her story that night), Phil Dittberner, and Carlin Letkeman. It was a night that won't easily be forgotten. Satan was defeated because God was certainly honoured and glorified at Eastview on New Year's Eve. I wish everyone could have been there.

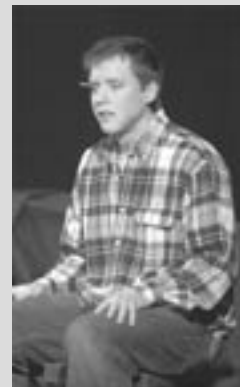
Oh right, I almost forgot – she said YES!

~Cherie Dittberner

Christmas Eve in Pictures

Far left: The Christmas Eve choir shares their vocal talents. Left: Lights behind the manger seem to symbolize the arrival of the light of the world.

Right: Emily Thiessen, Kevin Rempel, Jonathan Schmidt, and Zach Pearson were just a few of the very talented performers serving at all six services.



Women's Bible Study

Ladies, come along for a study through Genesis – the Book of Beginnings, discover God's pursuit of relationship with man, and marvel as His plan to bless all people unfolds. Beth Moore (pictured at right) will once again be our teacher via video for this wonderful study. She will be teaching such concepts as blessing, covenant, and promise. See how they affect our lives as New Testament believers.

Get to know the individuals and families God used to birth His redemptive plan. See a perfect and holy God endure in His relationship with man at his best – and at his weakest, and worst. Full of twists and turns, ruin and redemption, revelation and mystery, this in-depth study of Genesis 12-50 will keep you captivated by the God who stars in it.

We will begin this 10-week study in March and continue through May. A sign-up sheet will be on the board by the mailboxes soon, so we can order a workbook for you. We look forward to having you join us again either Wednesday mornings with babysitting, or Wednesday evenings with no babysitting.

~Jennifer Pearson



Beth Moore

“Praise the Lord” Fall Worship Highlights

Kick-Off Weekend – These services were high energy, filled with praise and celebration as we started the ministry year off. In September we added a Saturday night service to our two regular Sunday morning services. We are blessed with so many talented musicians and technicians who volunteer their time and talents each week so we are able to do three services.

Choir – We are so thankful for Monica Kornelsen's heart and willingness as she has taken on leading the choir this year. The choir is an integral part of our worship services, singing special music numbers and also joining in with the worship team leading our congregation in worship singing every three weeks. A highlight for the choir was participating in our Christmas Dinner Theatre this year.

Arts Conference – Many of us involved in worship ministries were blessed to be able to attend the Willow Creek Arts Conference Simulcast hosted here at Eastview in November. The mission of this conference was “to envision, equip and encourage our Christian leaders to build prevailing churches.” We found it to be a very meaningful time of worship,

encouragement, renewal, and team building.

Drama Team – Eastview is privileged to have a very talented and passionate team of people committed to our drama ministry. In that, we would like to just take a minute to thank Janet Brown as she has stepped down from leading our drama team. She has given us many years of faithful service, and we have appreciated her heart and her leadership in this.

Christmas Eve Services – Once more we witnessed God's faithfulness as He brought many different people (approximately 75) with very diverse gifts, to work together for a common purpose – to proclaim the truth of the birth of His son. It was a real blessing and encouragement to serve with this team of people. Six services were held and attended by 1,697 people!

One of the most fulfilling things about being a part of this ministry is seeing that as each of us offers what we have in our hearts and our hands, God takes what we give and weaves it together to create a beautiful tapestry, and uses it to further His Kingdom. What a privilege to serve such an amazing God.

~Lori Enns and Sandi Hamm

Proclaiming and Practicing our Faith

Reaching Out in 2005 and 2006

There were numerous outreach highlights that occurred over the last several months. Eastview hosted another Show-N-Shine last summer, and in early fall our kick-off Sunday included a delicious turkey dinner. Alpha on Tuesdays has been well attended and received.

Regular-slated Tuesday Bible studies and worship are underway at the Winnipeg Remand Centre, for the fourth year now. A Sunday service has been added once a month, giving an opportunity to follow up with many families of inmates and those set free. Helping and encouraging even one in making an effort toward a changed life on the outside, is worth it in the Lord's economy. Early December brought the Dinner Theatre which was, of course, a highlight with a gourmet meal served, beautiful music, and an inspiring message.

The Outreach Ministry has been working together with Hampstead School, the Department of Education, recreation officials, the Justice Department, and other social and community service providers to help people in distress. One such project has been to build a relationship with the people of the Keenleyside Apartments, a Manitoba Housing complex. Only the Lord knows what is in store for this ministry; however, we are to be found faithful and ever-present amongst the people most in need.

Post-Christmas is a bittersweet time for me:

– Bitter because the festivities have ended, and most likely, for those that received hampers, many may be in need of food again. I believe that if the giving frenzy of what we squeeze into a few days at Christmas was carried on throughout the year (as God intended), then perhaps everyone would have a safe place to sleep, enough to eat, and no one left alone, no matter the season.

– Sweet to have been able to deliver a Christmas hamper, overflowing with needed food, to at least one person or family. The good news is that because of your generosity, we reached out and delivered 30 substantial Christmas hampers to the doors of this community's most needy, bringing the kind of joy that can be expressed by one word – purpose. I had the pleasure of hearing many stories from some of you who delivered hampers, and even reports of gratitude from a few who were on the receiving end.

Thank you for your generosity in responding to the needs of so many. I pray you would experience a perpetual joy throughout the year as we witness together what can be accomplished with Christ as our model for ministry. Thank you for the privilege of serving.

~Greg Armstrong



The Winnipeg Remand Centre is now in its fourth year as host of a regular Tuesday Bible Study, and now also hosts a monthly Sunday service.

Answers to **How Well Do You Know Eastview's Seniors?**

1. Muriel Winter
2. Aaron Isaac
3. Abe Siemens
4. Bill Kroeker
5. Anne Hamm
6. Erica Siemens
7. Esther Dyck
8. Don Hilder
9. Anne Froese
10. Ed Reimer
11. Karen Gilmour
12. Henry Dyck
13. John Thiessen
14. Henry Friesen
15. Gwen Carroll
16. Christel Blieske
17. Mary Dyck
18. Sara Friesen
19. Tina Loewen
20. Henry Buhler
21. Bruce Sinclair
22. Olga Reimer
23. Sue Doerksen
24. John Froese
25. Ed Loewen

The Gift That Awaits

Once again, Eastview had the opportunity to open our doors and our hearts to the hundreds of participants attending this year's Willow Creek Leadership Summit in August. We had the opportunity, not just as a prayer team, but as a group of volunteers to walk alongside those who were hurting, those who were seeking direction, and those who were weeping over uncertain futures. The times of greatest impact for me were as we gathered together at volunteer central and prayed before we went to serve the people. I was especially blessed by someone who was sensitive to my heart and took the time to pray for me before I had to go and pray for others.

We also had the opportunity as a prayer team to serve the many participants who came to our

first ever Willow Creek Worship Conference that Eastview hosted in November.

As the season closes and a New Year begins I can't help but think of the words, "we will go from strength to strength" (Psalm 84:7) as we join our hands and our hearts to impact this world with the hope that we have in Christ Jesus.

May the love of Christ and the great anticipation and hope of His coming, be born anew again in our hearts. Come to Jesus with the heart and expectations of a child. May His gift of love, His gift of peace and His gift of great joy be planted in all who call on His name. "Come Jesus, oh sweet Jesus, come. Be born in us again." (Revelation 22:17)

~The Prayer Ministry

From the Library

The Kids' Reading Program wraps up on January 29th. Please see us in the library for contest details and how to enter.

Eastview's 3rd Annual Library Builder will be held on February 4th and 5th. We need your help in continuing to develop the Library and here is how the event works:

1. Choose from over 100 books on display at discounted prices.
2. Be the first to read the book.
3. Receive a tax deductible receipt when you donate your purchased book(s) back to the library.

Keep your ears open for brand new music available by January 29th.

Keep your eyes open for brand new DVDs currently available:

Adult –

Left Behind III: World at War

The Passion of the Christ

Kids –

Angel Wars Guardian Force: Episode 2

Auto B Good: On the Road Again

Buzz & Poppy: The Shy Super Spy

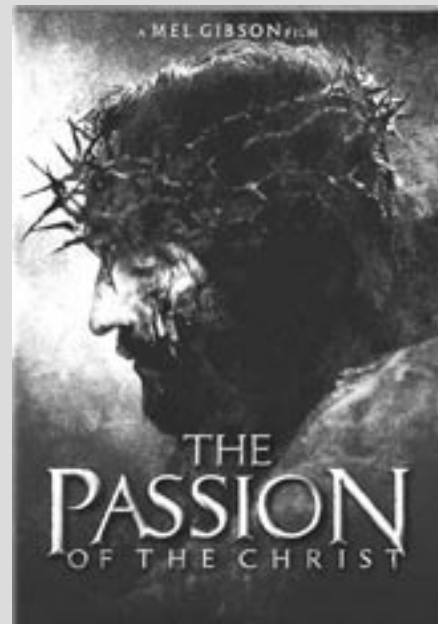
Chronicles of Narnia: The Silver Chair

Punchinello and the Most Marvelous Gift

Veggie Tales: Minnesota Cuke

Don't forget to bring your books, movies, CDs and DVDs back to the library as soon as you are finished so that our many other Eastview attendees can also enjoy them.

~Lori Derksen



The ground-breaking film from Mel Gibson that took the world by storm last year is now in the Eastview library.