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Every Sunday Morning:
9:00 Pre-service Prayer
9:30 Worship Service

Monday-Thursday 8:30am -4:00pm
Friday 8:30am - 1:30pm

Pastor Lou (Monday-Wednesday)
Pastor Tim (Wednesday-Friday)
Pastor Ray (Tues-Thurs & Fri Afternoon)

1st Advent - HOPE

News . . .

Sunday, December 3, 2017 – 9:30am Worship service
Sermon: Silent Night - Scripture: Revelation 12
Speaker: Pastor Lou Geense

Christmas Carols

Nomination of Elders and Stewards

In preparation for the **Annual Meeting of Members** in February, you can now make nominations for Elders and Stewards. The Nomination Ballots (with Elder profile outlines on the back) are at the Information Kiosk. Nominations will be accepted at the office up to Dec 31, 2017. Any questions should be directed to the EPT.

Local Needs:

Leadership and the congregation at Community Mennonite Church.

Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada (EMCC)

Pastor Graham Burkhart Sr and the congregation at Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church in New Dundee, ON.

Missions – David and Brenda Mensah with GRID in Ghana



Thank you, once again, for your meaningful, deep partnership. May the Lord bless and keep you and may His face shine upon you. And, may He enable us to Thank you for your gifts! make an even greater difference in the communities we serve, for the glory of His name in 2018.

For many years, you, through GRID, have sponsored young women and men to pursue studies in high school, community colleges and universities. Without your help, they would not have had these opportunities as their families could not support them. Presently, fifteen of the graduates are giving back through their work with NEA in various capacities: accounting; hospitality; marketing; aquaculture; agriculture; project management; maternal, child and adolescent health.



truly gifts that go on giving ... and giving and giving.

These unusual looking motorbikes with a trailer at the back are known as "Motor-Kings." Since 2014, fifty-eight of these have been given to Christian chiefs to enable them to better serve the people under their care. These are



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

- Dec 10 - Second Sunday of Advent – LOVE
- Dec 15 - Children’s final rehearsal – 6:00pm
- Dec 17 - Children’s Christmas Presentation – during service
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 6:30pm

BOLIVIA MISSIONS TRIP – Jan 19-28, 2018

We are now accepting donations for the Work Team trip to Bolivia. The Team this year is to focus on work needed around El Jordan. The funds raised will not only help the Team get there but also pay for supplies needed (paint, plumbing) to do the work. You can donate in one of the following ways:

1. Online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/23806>
2. Cheque payable to EastRidge – marked Bolivia Team 2018
3. Offering Envelope – mark "Bolivia" on the "Other approved items:" line and the amount to donate.

"Each contribution toward an approved EastRidge program or project will be used as restricted with the understanding that when the need for the program or project has been met, or cannot be completed for any reason as determined by the EPT, the remaining restricted contributions will be used where they are deemed most needed."

Mark your Calendars...

Jr/Sr Youth and Young Adults



JR SR

Friday Dec. 8 - Second last meeting of 2017!
7-9pm | Small Group Night

Young Adults

Few spots left for our Young Adult Christmas Event!
Dec. 10 | \$40 - includes Casa Loma escape room & dinner

Contact ray@eastridge.ca for more info.

Children's Ministry



Contact katie@eastridge.ca for more info.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE!!

The children are hard at work preparing for the Christmas play on December 17th! Until then, please bring your child STRAIGHT to their Sunday school class BEFORE going into the auditorium for worship. Rehearsals will run during this time. There will be a FINAL rehearsal on Friday, December 15th at 6:00PM in the auditorium.

Attendance

Worship Service: 182	Children's Ministries: 25
Youth Nights: 16	Tues PM Ladies Bible Study: 17
Sports Nights: 36	Wed AM Ladies Bible Study: 20
ESL: 54	

WEEKLY

YTD

Budget:	11, 170.00	536, 160.00
Offering – Nov 26	7, 811.10	469, 118.25

LUNCH AND LEARN
5 DECEMBER, 12PM – 2PM

**Turkey Lunch
and Live Entertainment**

\$10 towards cost of lunch would be appreciated.

Sign up at table in the foyer

Clothing needed

There is a need for everyday clothing for two children. Girls size 12 and boy size 10. New or gently used please. Clothing can be dropped off at the church office.

Stouffville SHARE, Sponsored refugee family update

After some delay, the Fandqles, a Christian refugee family that EastRidge and Springvale are sponsoring under Stouffville Share, were interviewed by Canadian visa officials in Jordan on November 20, 2017 and have been APPROVED to continue in the process. Please join us in praying that the next phase of medical testing and security screening will go smoothly, so they can finalize arrangements to come to Canada. Meanwhile we want to start actively looking for possible housing options, so that we are well prepared for their arrival. If you hear of any leads, please contact the office at office@eastridge.ca.

Events:

- Dec 3 – Adult Sunday classes – 11am
- Dec 4 & 7 - Co-Ed Badminton – 7:30pm
- Dec 5 - Lunch and Learn – 12pm
- Dec 5 - Tues Eve. Women's Bible Study – 7:00pm (last day. We will resume Jan 9, 2018)
- Dec 6 - Power Hour in the library – 7:30pm
- Dec 6 - Soccer – 7:30pm
- Dec 7 - ESL – 9:30 am
- Dec 7 - ESL – Conversation English Corner – 7:30pm
- Dec 14 – ESL Last day and Christmas Lunch – 9:30am
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Service – 6:30pm
- Feb 24 – Coldest Night!

Pastors/Leaders

Lou Geense, Pastor - lou@eastridge.ca
 Tim Soukup, Pastor - tim@eastridge.ca
 Ray Liu, Pastor - Youth & Young Adult Ministries - ray@eastridge.ca
 Katie Bernhardt, Children's Ministry Director - katie@eastridge.ca

Elders Eric Paszat – Chair Kent Wideman – Treasurer
 Bill Clubine – Vice Chair Arlene Raymer – Secretary
 Hugh Dodd Marg MacLaren
 Wanda Knights Francie Wideman