

Erindale Alliance Church (EAC) Lead Pastor Profile

A lead pastor who prays with and for his people and believes prayer and the filling of the Holy Spirit are essential for fruitful ministry.

A pastor who is an expositor of the Bible in a way that builds the spiritual life of the existing congregation while also engaging the hearts and minds of a younger generation who want to know about the Christian faith. He should be able to articulate biblical knowledge and Alliance theology in ways that are relevant to life in today's world.

A pastor who is passionate in a way that is true to Scripture and our Alliance heritage. This involves reaching out to our community, our city, our country and around the world.

A pastor who loves people and expresses this through compassion and shepherding. He should have a disposition that genuinely enjoys relating to people of all ages and backgrounds, with a good grasp of how to manage pastoral care for the entire church.

A pastor who lives his life in moral and biblical integrity, knowing how to balance the demands of ministry with personal and spiritual development. It is expected that the EAC lead pastor will be energetic in his ministry but will also know how to balance passionate Christian service with growth in his marriage, family, and community relationships.

A pastor who is able to recruit and manage both professional and volunteer staff so that their gifts and skills function in a team relationship for the benefit of the entire church. While avoiding the distraction of organizational details, he should have a good sense of how to manage the congregation's spiritual resources to advance the kingdom of God substantially.

A pastor who is well-schooled in Scripture, theology, and the issues of the day to a level equivalent to an appropriate degree in formal theological education. Although he may be younger, he should have a successful track record in Christian ministry at a significant leadership level. He should have a good understanding of Alliance denominational culture and be prepared to present its historical development and its application to today's Christians.

A pastor who demonstrates a life submitted to Christ through lifestyle choices, words and practice

We believe that as this man of God demonstrates the above qualities, the congregation of EAC will learn to trust and follow him as we advance together in furthering the purposes of the Church.

Other Qualifications:

- Licensed for ministry in the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada (or successfully completes the licensing process as part of this application process). Preference will be given to those ordained in the Christian and Missionary Alliance.
- Positive and fruitful leadership experience
- Consideration will be given for an advanced degree in a relevant biblical or theological discipline

NEXT STEPS

Anyone who believes God may be leading them to consider this ministry should forward their cover letter and professional resume to 2 emails, please:

eac-searchcom@erindalealliance.ca and ds@canadianmidwest.ca

along with the names of 3 references we can contact.

CHURCH PROFILE

KEY DATES:

1986

Rev. Ernest Regier leads first service in the auditorium of Forest Grove School 1986

1987

C&MA purchases Kusch Property

1989

Erindale Alliance Church Building Dedication Service

2001

Second Building Phase is completed – New Sanctuary Dedication Service

2011

Erindale Celebrates 25th Anniversary with a Mortgage Burning Celebration

2026

Erindale will Celebrate 40th Anniversary on September 7

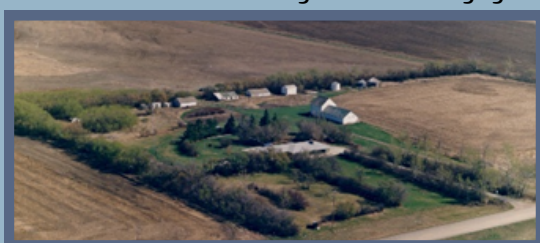
Building History

In the mid-1980s, the Canadian Midwest District identified a developing area of Saskatoon as a prime location for a new church, and Rev. Ernest Regier led a small group in planting what would become Erindale Alliance Church. Beginning with their first service in the auditorium of Forest Grove School on September 7, 1986, the congregation bounced between several borrowed facilities – earning the nickname "The Church on the Move". At that time, the congregation called itself Forest Grove Alliance Church. In 1987, the church grew by over 20%, and searching for a permanent home became a priority. The search led Pastor Ernest to the Kusch family farm, where a providential connection sparked a relationship that led to the family selling their three-generation property.

Even then, the path wasn't easy; construction stalled for years due to a lack of sewer and water services, until a surprising meeting with the mayor allowed permits to be granted within a week. The building Dedication Service was finally held on October 29, 1989, giving the congregation a permanent home at Erindale, after nearly three years on the move.

In 2001, a second phase of the church construction was completed, which provided a new main sanctuary, main entrance, gymnasium, and full kitchen. At that time, the old sanctuary was renamed the "Fellowship Hall", and another portion became the Regier Chapel – a place for more intimate bible studies or gatherings. The gymnasium, fellowship hall and kitchen are the main focal points for most of the Erindale congregation's fellowship activities.

In 2011, due to the faithful giving and generosity of the congregation, Erindale Alliance celebrated its 25th anniversary with a mortgage burning.



Profile - Erindale Alliance Church

Current

Attendance:

Erindale Alliance Church's average Sunday service attendance is currently around 350, with a seating capacity for up to 675. Special Sunday events see attendance upwards of 400+. We are an intercultural and multi-generational assembly of believers.

Ministry Staff:

- Interim Lead Pastor
- Associate Pastor
- Student Ministries Pastor
- Children's Pastor
- Administrators (x3)
- Risk Management Trainer
- Facility Manager
- Head Custodian



Our Vision:

“A family of disciples experiencing and proclaiming Christ’s transforming love.”



Purpose:

- Fulfilling the Great Commission by making disciples in our city, country and the nations (Matt. 29:19-20)
- Biblical teaching, caring for one another, prayer, worship, fellowship and ordinances (Acts 2:42-47)

Core Relationships:

- Upward: Our relationship with God
- Inward: Our personal transformation as children of God
- Outward: Our relationships with those around us

for more information, go to <https://www.erindalealliance.ca/about>

Beliefs:

Erindale Alliance Church subscribes to the Statement of Faith of Alliance Canada posted at <https://thealliancecanada.ca/beliefs>. We believe the values and emphases of the Christian and Missionary Alliance are consistent with our goals. The church has chosen, in accordance with the Alliance Canada “Statement on the Roles of Men and Women in Ministry,” to operate as a **complementarian church**.

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Ministries:



English as a Second Language (ESL)

Our English as a Second Language (ESL) ministry is a vibrant, life-changing program that welcomes newcomers – particularly Chinese students – into a warm, supportive community where they can grow in both language and faith. Through engaging Bible Study, fun activities, special events, and the invaluable relationships formed with dozens of dedicated ministry helpers, students are immersed not only in the English language but also in Canadian culture and the love of Christ. The connections built within this ministry run deep, and the fruit is evident – many of our ESL students have gone on to become active members of our church family and committed followers of Christ. It is truly a ministry that transforms lives one relationship at a time. This past year, the ESL program at Erindale celebrated 25 years.

G.E.M.S.

Gracious Engaged Mindful Saints, or G.E.M.S., is a ministry designed to assist the Senior Adults (60+) to grow in their faith and to be actively engaged in the life of the church. Their mission is to facilitate the spiritual, emotional, social and physical well-being of 60+ adults at EAC.

They hold regular meetings for fellowship, lunches, bible studies and prayer times.



G.E.M.S. Motto:

"We are not done yet!"

Children's Ministries

Erindale Alliance Church is committed to raising up the next generation of Godly men and women, starting with our kids! Children's Ministry comes alongside the families of EAC in order to educate, evangelize, and engage our children in Scriptural truths. We aim to create an environment that encourages children to think through their relationship with Jesus, to fellowship with each other, to ask questions, and to grow in their faith. Children's ministry ranges from modelling Christ-like love in the Nursery to tackling hard theological questions in the classroom, but our desire and goal of sharing the Gospel with our children unites and empowers all our volunteers.

Family nights are on Wednesday nights, where families of EAC kids, Gr. 5 and under, gather to play games, hear and discuss God's Word together, pray together, and eat together.



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Adult Ministries:

At EAC, there are many adult ministries to get involved with:

Life Groups

Our version of small groups

Men's Ministry

The primary connection for men is the Men's Breakfast Ministry, which meets every second and fourth Saturday of the Month.

Women's Ministry

A few events throughout the year, along with regular activities such as Women's breakfast, care meal prep, and International Ladies Bible Study Fellowship.



Student Ministries:

Intended for students in grades 6-12, it comprises two programs: E.A.C. Youth and Bible Quizzing.

The Youth Group meets on Friday nights for activities, games, and Bible teaching.

Quizzing occurs on Wednesday nights. Bible Quizzing is a ministry that seeks to help teens connect with God in a deeper way by experiencing Him and expanding His Kingdom. It accomplishes this by providing teens with an opportunity to be involved in the systematic study and application of God's Word, building character, instilling self-discipline, encouraging prayer and unity, and equipping young people to serve in other areas of ministry.



Young Adults

Erindale Alliance Church Young Adults (YA) is for those recently out of high school to those in their late twenties. At YA, we prioritize three connections: connecting to Jesus, connecting to others, and connecting to the church. Our goal is to provide a community of encouragement, relationships, and discipleship, as well as opportunities for young adults to understand and use their gifting to build up the church body.



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Global Connections

The goal of the Global Connections Team is to engage in global ministry in word, action, prayer and resources. We meet monthly as we seek to care for our IWs (International Workers) and spur on the church to proclaim Christ's love locally and globally.

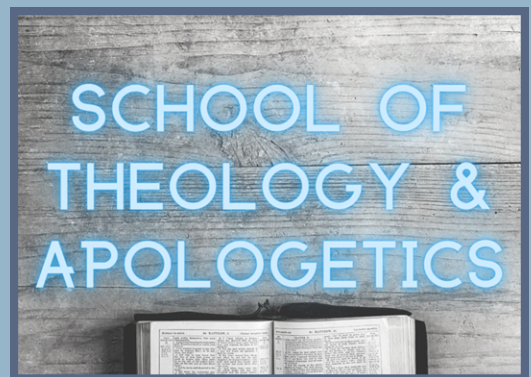
Many IW endeavors are supported by EAC:



Big River Bible Camp, Christian Motorcycle Association, Dorrie Manu - Power to Change Ministries, Emmanuel Hospital Association (India), Envision Canada, Heather Hahn de Cabezas (Mexico), Jay Vellacott - Power to Change Ministries Bosnia, Jerome & Morgan (South Asia), Keith and Melanie Haensel (Senegal), Marie Ens - Rescue (Cambodia), People International, Ryan and Emi Munchinsky (Japan), Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes, Saskatoon Alliance Missions Conference, Saskatoon Spanish Alliance Church, The Bridge Fellowship Centre in Saskatoon, The John Family (South Asia), and The Pleasant Hill Project in Saskatoon.

The School of Theology and Apologetics

These sessions at Erindale Alliance focus on learning to understand the Bible, to apply it both to our own lives and to our contemporary culture, and for ministry in the local church. Each course is designed to be informal and interactive as we strive to be people who not only listen but also contribute to the lesson. All regulars at Erindale Alliance, and visitors are welcome.

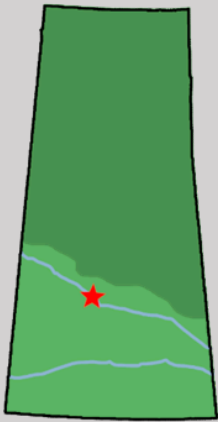


The classes run most Sunday nights and have tackled topics such as Eschatology, Elements of Systematic Theology, Creation, The Problem of Pain, Church History, Cross-Cultural Ministry, The Reformation, Discernment, and more.

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Why Saskatoon?

COMMUNITY PROFILE



Saskatoon is one of Canada's fastest growing cities and the largest in the province. Known for its natural beauty it is home to over a hundred parks and many scenic riverside trails. Even with its growing size, Saskatoon has never lost its prairie hospitality and maintains its affordability and strong community feel.

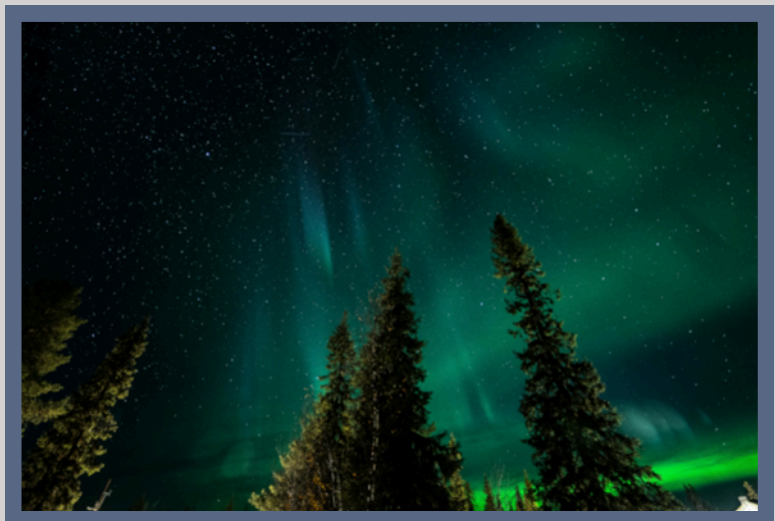
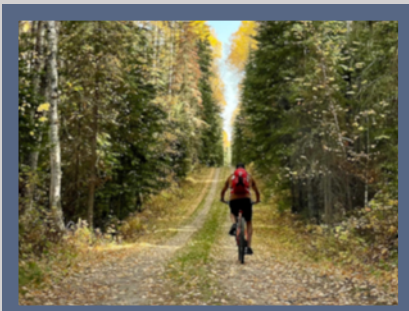
In the Area

Located on the South Saskatchewan River and the Yellowhead Trans-Canada Highway, Saskatoon is the central hub which "bridges" the surrounding area. Receiving some of the most sunshine in Canada, here you can enjoy the many hiking and biking trails by the river. The boreal forest and lake country are also not too far away for a retreat. Even at nighttime, you can enjoy the beautiful Northern Lights and see why we are called The Land of the Living Skies.

What's Nearby?

Saskatchewan offers a variety of sights. Here are some popular places for 'Saskatonians':

- Prince Albert National Park
- Pike Lake Provincial Park
- Manitou Beach
- Wanuskewin Heritage Park
- Lake Diefenbaker



What is in the Neighbourhood?



The Erindale community lies in the north-east corner of Saskatoon.

Saskatoon is home to many world-class post-secondary educational institutions which draw many people including:

- University of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Polytechnic
- Horizon College and Seminary
- and many other specialized trade colleges

Elementary & Secondary Education

Children in Saskatoon have access to free education from Pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 through the city's school system. We host 19 high schools and 87 elementary schools - several of which are within walking distance from Erindale Alliance church. There are also private schools available, which require tuition, including Christian schools.

Local Attractions of Saskatoon



Beyond its breathtaking landscapes, Saskatoon offers world-class events, festivals, attractions, and a thriving food scene. It is home to sports teams such as the Saskatoon Blades hockey and Saskatchewan Rush lacrosse teams, and hosts many festivals and events.

Located in Saskatoon:

- SaskTel Centre
- Saskatoon Forestry Farm
- Western Development Museum
- Nutrien Wonderhub and Playland
- Museum of Natural Sciences
- Remail Art Gallery
- Persephone Theatre
- Ukrainian Museum of Canada
- Optimist Hill
- Golf courses
- Several pools, libraries and rinks
- Tennis and Pickle-Ball Courts



Community Context

Saskatoon is home to a diverse array of industries. As the central hub of the area, Saskatoon is seeing a growing population and thriving economy.

Population Statistics

Population: 308,600

Annual Population Growth: 13,700

Net International Migration: 8,800

Median Age: 36.8

Saskatoon is the second-youngest city in Canada with a growing international community.

Economic Statistics

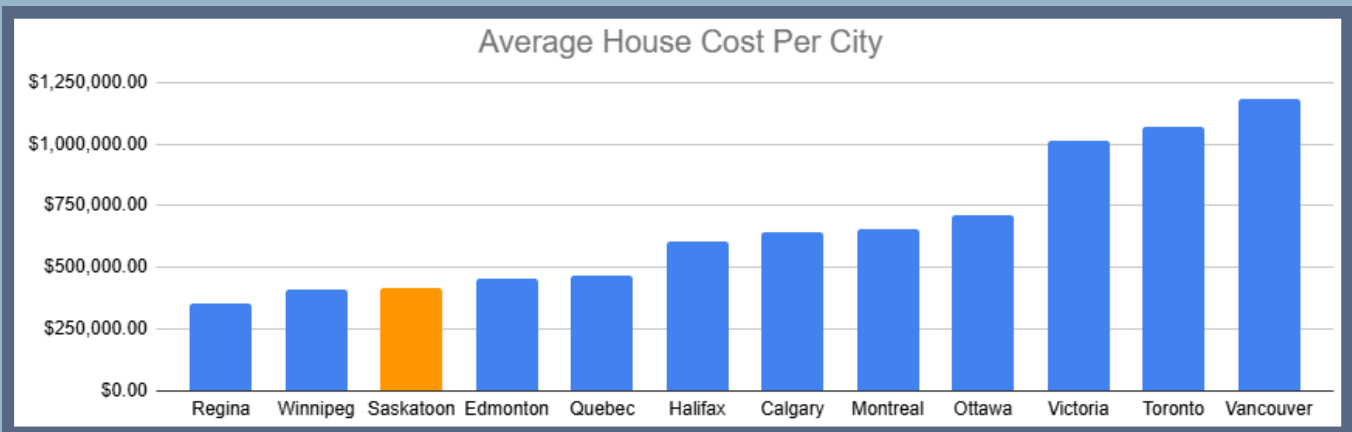
GDP Growth: 4.7% three-year average

Unemployment Rate: 4.6%

Average House Price: \$417,918

Saskatoon has an unemployment rate far below the national and provincial average. Combined with the low cost of living makes it an attractive place to live.

Average House Cost Per City



Saskatoon is a diverse and multi-cultural community from many tribes and tongues. We also have the second largest indigenous population of the major cities in Canada.

Religious Beliefs in Saskatoon

