

## Minute for Grace - June 7, 2015 – East Wall Mosaics

In 1928, stained glass windows were installed on three walls of Grace church to provide lighting. However, since the fourth wall was not an exterior wall, a window was not added. Instead, on the East wall of the sanctuary, three beautiful mosaics were installed, which were designed to look like stained glass. Each of these windows is dedicated as a memorial to a person or couple by members of the church who loved them.

The centre panel is dedicated to the memory of Archibald L. Vickers (1873-1927). Vickers was an active member of Grace Church's congregation and the first president of the Insinger Club, a group dedicated to supporting a Methodist mission in eastern Saskatchewan. The Insinger Club began with a project centred in Insinger, Saskatchewan, where the club reached out to offer support to a group of Ukrainian people who were experiencing troubled times. The Church sent layman Peter Yeman to the area to create a community centre and to offer support to all who needed it. In future years, the Insinger club continued to raise money for the mission fund of the church.

The North panel is dedicated in loving memory of George and Isabelle Turner. The top image of this panel reads "I am the Good Shepherd and know my sheep." The bottom image shows the letters I-H-S, meaning "In His Service."

The South panel is dedicated in loving memory of Mother Elizabeth Ann Hewgill (1852-1927). The upper portion of this panel reads, "The Good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." The lower image is the intertwined Greek letters Alpha and Omega, symbolising the beginning and the end.

These mosaics are only a few of many stunning vestiges of the original Grace Church from which our Grace-Westminster Church building has grown.