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We enjoyed two weeks of Log Cabin Dinners this summer in July and August. This is an opportunity for our residents have such meals as rollkuchen and watermelon, or farmer sausage and hamburgers, fresh potatoes with cream gravy, and of course, plum platz for dessert. We love seeing family come out and enjoy this meal with their loved one, and we are so grateful for the volunteers who come out to make this experience for our residents possible. Everyone always goes away satisfied!

September Events:

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| September 5 | Resident Council |
| | 10:00—Pineview |
| | 11:15—West Wing |
| September 6 | Tradeshow |
| September 11 | BBQ, East and West |
| September 12 | BBQ, Pineview |
| September 13 | Birthday Party |

As summer comes to a close, it's that time to say goodbye to all of our summer students. We want to thank Cheyenne Epp, Natasha Zazula, Ryan Epp, Dallas Reimer, Chad Esperance, Breanna Wieler and Andrea Unger for all their help in the home this summer. We wish them all the best in their endeavours!

On September 6th the Nursing Home will be hosting it's 6th Annual Tradeshow. The show will take place in the Nursing Home Auditorium from 1:00– 4:00 pm. This is an opportunity for staff, family, MNH suppliers, and SHA community organizations to correspond and promote their products and services. We hope to see you there!

We will be hosting our annual Alzheimers Coffee on Thursday, September 19th from 2—4 pm. Please come and show your support for those who are affected by this disease. Coffee and donuts will be served.



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October Events

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| October 2 | Pancake Breakfast, East & West |
| October 3 | Pancake Breakfast, Pineview |
| October 4 | Birthday Party |
| October 9 | Fall Supper, West |
| October 10 | Fall Supper, East |
| October 11 | Fall Supper, Pineview |



The Joyful Melody Trio from Alberta came to perform for our residents on August 7. We will be hosting them again in December for a special Christmas performance.

Seniors Week

Seniors week begins September 30 and ends October 6. To acknowledge our seniors, we will have a set of pancake breakfasts as well as other events happening this week. Refer to our Activities calendar to see what's going on!

A Word From Our Chaplain—Amos Fehr

Jesus was an amazing story teller. The four Gospels are filled with wonderful and thought provoking “gold nuggets” via Jesus’ parables, insights, quotes, questions, responses and discussions. One of these brilliant narratives is found in Luke 15: 11-32 titled “The Parable of the Lost Son”. A story of two young men... one who demands his share of his parent’s inheritance and then goes and squanders it all in wild living in a distant land...the other who stays home and remains the good, responsible and faithful son helping to keep the family farm operating smoothly. To make a long story short we read that the rebellious son comes to the end of his road. The party is over! He is literally starving. Somehow he finds enough courage and strength to return to the family farm...to his father and mother. He is ashamed, remorseful and very, very broken. Feeling he is no longer worthy to be called his father’s son...maybe...just maybe...he could become one of his father’s hired men. Then, one of the most beautiful passages in scripture where it says: “But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him”. He never stopped loving...and longing...hoping to see the return of his lost, broken, disobedient and wayward son.

This everlasting and unconditional love the father has for his son is a very powerful image. In this story Jesus is telling us that God’s love is eternal for everyone, and, yes including the wayward. Unconditional. No strings attached. No hoops to jump through. Our human “spiritual nature” often tries to fill the souls “void” with good deeds and appearing to be faithful. (I’m not belittling good works but simply warning of how forms of spiritual arrogance and pride can so easily manifest itself within us).

One son obeys. One son does not. The obedient son had always listened to his father and did what was asked of him for all these years...until now. This story ends on an extremely sad note. The “faithful” son refuses to join the celebration for his lost brother’s return. The father begs the son to join in on this happy occasion and says to him, “Your brother has finally come to his senses and has found his way back home”. One would think the “faithful” brother would rejoice in the return of his “long lost” sibling. Not so. He was unable to comprehend how his father could love, let alone forgive, his brother who was careless, selfish, foolish and unwise. This story has a way turning “upside-down” our understanding of God’s mercy and forgiveness. Can the truth in this parable lead us into a transformation of our ideas, our understanding, or lack of it, of God? May we truly celebrate God’s love for us, for our children and for everyone we come into contact with throughout our days. May we show mercy just as we have been shown mercy.