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It is hard to believe that it was only two years ago we had our 50's themed Spring Fling. Residents talked about this event long after it was over, clearly it had made an impression! We are looking forward to the day when we can all gather together again as residents, family and staff. Feels like we are inching back in this direction, but until then, pictures will have to suffice.

## May Events:

**May 7** Birthday Party

**May 10** Mother's Day Tea

**May 10—14** Armchair Travel: England

**May 27** Ice Cream Party—Sunrise & Pineview

**May 28** Ice Cream Party Nursing Home

As many of you are aware, LTC and Personal Care Homes that have 90% of residents vaccinated have new public health orders for family presence. Letters have been sent out to the first family contact with more information as to which parts of the home meet this new criteria.

We would like to remind visitors who are booking visitations at the Nursing Home to call well in advance to book. With the warmer weather here visitations fill up fast! We also ask that you please show up for your visit on

time. If you happen to be running late, please give us a call so our Front Entrance Attendant can prepare. We know that this pandemic has put everyone under strain, however we ask that interactions with our staff be respectful and kind.

We would also like to remind visitors to please drive slow while visiting the property. Now that it is warmer outside, our residents are busy walking and often times using the roadway to walk. Please note that the speed limit within the property is 20 km. We are happy to see more activity and visitations going on, however our number one priority is keeping everyone safe! Thank you!

This is the time of year we welcome back many of our summer students. Some of them are familiar to us, and some are new faces. They supplement many of the programs in our home and are a great addition to us in the summer months.



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*"For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes the seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations" Isaiah 61:11*

## June Events

**June 4** Birthday Party  
**June 14** – BBQ Sunrise  
**June 15** – BBQ East  
**June 16** – BBQ West  
**June 17** – BBQ Pineview  
**June 18** Car Show  
**June 30** Canada Day Party



### **Car Show!!**

The last two years our Father's Day Car Show has been a June highlight. We would like to carry on this event similar to how we did last year with it being drive thru only. If you or someone you know has a classic car and would like to show it off AND bring a smile to many faces, please contact Chalsie in Activities for more information.

Please note that although we are still uploading Activity calendars, our activities are scaled down to meet the regulations of SHA and the Ministry of Health.

## **A Word From Our Chaplain—Amos Fehr**

### **"Trees"**

I think that I shall never see  
A poem as lovely as a tree.  
A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed  
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;  
A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;  
A tree that may in summer wear  
A net of robins in her hair;  
Upon her bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.  
Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.

-Joyce Kilmer, 1913



- I lived in this Bolivian hut for a few months (in 1980) beside this flowering Tipuana tree.

Many of our residents remember this poem and some are able to recite it with me. Kilmer's poem was once part of the school curriculum. What a great idea. Let's bring it back!

My parents taught me how to plant trees when I was about 10 years old. Over time I have watched these trees grow as they reach for the sky. The bending maples, tall spruce, gnarly pines and thirsty poplars are some of the trees that grow on our acreage today. There are over 60,000 species of trees in our world...such as the Rainbow Eucalyptus in Maui, Coconut Palms in Belize, Giant Sequoias in California or the Curtin Fig of Australia. It is truly wonderful to behold God's design and creativity when you stand before an established tree. Did you know that half of Saskatchewan is covered in a variety of deciduous and coniferous trees that supply 4-5% of the world's oxygen? I have often been asked, "What is your favorite tree? My reply is usually something like this: I like them all but if I was limited to a small yard I recommend the Dropmore Linden and the Japanese Lilac".

In these days of Covid we are in need of healthy distractions that aren't just in front of a glowing screen! Nature has a way of re-energizing us...especially during this season. With the arrival of spring I challenge you to plant a tree or hire someone to do it for you. I'd love to hear from you if you choose to take on this task. Growing trees on the prairies can be daunting but with some TLC you can be successful...usually. [Question: When is the best time to plant a tree? Answer: 20 years ago and the 2<sup>nd</sup> best time is today!]. Having our hands in the soil is also a powerful pathway in connecting with God...and it's good to remember that our body is merely a breath away from returning to that dust.

Pray with me: Dear God...we ask that Your Spirit encourage us today and give us exactly what we need to find meaning and purpose. May we fully embrace the incredible forgiveness we receive in Jesus and help our 'roots of faith' to grow deep in You. Bless our family and especially those living at MNH. May we "be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaves do not wither" Psalm 1:3). Amen.