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Christmas Dinners are always a huge highlight for everyone! Having a festive meal and good conversation around the table with our family, friends, and neighbours makes the Holidays an extra special time for many of our residents. The echoes of laughter can still be heard in the auditorium!

January Events:

January 2 Birthday Party

January 15 Resident Council Meeting

10:00 Pineview

11:15 West

January 22 Pizza Party

January 23 Year End Memorial

It's hard to believe that Christmas has come and gone and the New Year is upon us already. It was a very busy time here at the Home during the Holiday Season, and we would like to thank all of the music groups, volunteers, staff, and families who made Mennonite Nursing Home such a joyful place! We would also like to acknowledge all the residents that were a part of the Christmas program this year. It was a job well done by all involved!

We are always looking for volunteers and entertainers for the Home. If you or someone you know is interested please phone Alana.

It is also cold and flu season! With all the illnesses that are making their way through the community, we ask that you be diligent with hand hygiene when you are visiting the Home. Please use the provided hand sanitizers and help us keep our residents healthy. If you are feeling unwell please refrain from coming to visit until you are feeling better!

This coming May we are once again going to have our Spring Fling! In addition to a great time with great entertainment and dancing, we will also be having a silent auction with all proceeds going to the Activities Department for parties and entertainment for our residents. If you have anything to donate to the auction, please phone Alana.

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February Events

February 6 Birthday Party

February 13 Sweetheart Luncheon

February 14 Valentine's Day Lunch

February 19 Egg Fry Breakfast

Sweetheart Lunch

The sweetheart lunch will be held on Feb. 13th for our couples that live in the Nursing Home, Pineview and Sunrise Place. If you have a spouse living in the Nursing Home, please watch your mail for the invitation.

A Word From Our Chaplain—*Amos Fehr*

The Gift



It was Christmas Eve in 1970 as I attended the evening Sunday School program in Hague. When all the songs had been sung and Bible verses read, we rushed down to our Sunday School class for our gift exchange. We had picked names a month earlier. I made sure to buy a very special item for the boy whose name I had been given. And there was my gift...wrapped up neatly in a long, narrow, flat box. A BB gun perhaps? Maybe an airplane/glider to assemble? Eventually it was my turn to open the gift!!! But, within the twinkle of an eye, my enthusiasm hit the floor in burning flames. My gift? It was a saw with a blue handle. A saw?? What does any 9-year-old boy want with a saw? My dad had enough saws in his workshop for me to use. I remember walking to the car so very disappointed. I had given a red windup toy Mustang car as a gift and in return I received a saw. Fifty-five years have come and gone since that moment, and you know what? I still have that saw. It hangs in my workshop, and I still use it occasionally. Who knew?

There are times in life when what we hope for isn't exactly what we receive...nor what we wanted! Life has a way of creating crossroads and detours. Maybe 2025 was not what you thought it would be. Still...God in His wisdom gives you what you need at the proper time to navigate through it. His ways are much higher than ours. In Isaiah 55:8-9 the Lord says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. My ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts and plans are above yours." Life happens. Hopefully one day we can all look back and say, "Ah ha...

now I get it! It is beginning to make sense!".

I encourage you to take some time and read the story of Joseph found in Genesis chapters 37-50. As a 17-year-old man his charmed life was suddenly filled with pain and betrayal. He was humiliated and crushed, but God took what was intended for evil and within 13 years, Joseph's life turned into something wonderful as he was elevated to a place of power in the land of Egypt; from years of slavery to becoming the prime minister of Egypt! Joseph was able to look back and see God's hand and guidance through the darkest of times. He never imagined how God would bless and guide him. May we too be able to look back as Joseph did and see God's providence shine forth.

Over the holidays I will have a few projects in my workshop. I'll probably use that old saw that was given to me so many years ago. Who knew that something as insignificant as a saw could lead to building toys for grandchildren! In 1970, the last thing I wanted was a saw...or another handkerchief, but years later I now see it as a special gift.



"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." James 1:17