

Mennonite Nursing Home Family Newsletter

July and August 2026

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Our Spring Fling Barn Dance was a huge success! The music, courtesy of Larry Krause and his band, kept us all out on the dance floor. The food was delicious and the company was the best! The silent auction was a success and raised just over \$1000. Thank you to all of you who came out and joined us for a wonderful evening!

July Events:

July 3	Birthday Party
July 6-10	Log Cabin Dinners
July 17	Dean Smith Band
July 21	BBQ (East)
July 21	BBQ (Sunrise)
July 22	BBQ (West)
July 23	BBQ (Pineview)
July 23	Resident Council Meeting
	10:00 Pineview
	11:15 West

We are pleased to announce that we have raised a total of \$3853.10 at our May Day Tea fundraiser! We would like to thank everyone who came out to support this event. Proceeds will go towards a laun-

dry label press for Sunrise Place and a portion of new cupboards for the Activity Department.

Summer has finally arrived! We recently took our first summer outing to the Forestry Farm in Saskatoon, which ended in an impromptu stop at Twin Peaks Creamery. We have many more trips planned for this summer. Cross your fingers that the weather cooperates! We do our best to make sure that every resident is given the opportunity to join outings.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers who help make our activities a success! None of this would be possible without your help. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Alana at 306-232-4861.

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Isaiah 41:10 - "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." "

August Events

August 7	Birthday Party
August 10-14	Log Cabin Dinners
August 18	BBQ (East)
August 19	BBQ (Sunrise Place)
August 19	BBQ (West)
August 20	BBQ (Pineview)



Summer outings are in full swing! Our first trip took us to the Forestry Farm in Saskatoon. We even had time for an ice cream from Twin Peaks Creamery on the way home!

A Word From Our Chaplain—Amos Fehr

When Life Does Not Make Sense

My grandpa, Peter Fehr, was born near Winkler, Manitoba in 1886. When he was 6 years old, his parents moved the family to Saskatchewan. This is where he eventually met Elizabeth Pauls. They both stated that they felt like soulmates the day they first met at the Reinfeld country school. A few years later they were married. They were happy and in love. Together they farmed nearly 1000 acres of land east of Hague and by 1917 they were blessed with 7 children. Life was good. It all made sense. After all, if you work hard and live right you should be able to reap the benefits of your blood, sweat and tears! Right? The economy was booming as the 'Roaring Twenties' were already taking shape. Money was plentiful. My grandpa was one of the first men in the valley area to own a brand new 1917 Ford Model T sedan. Most people were still using horses for transportation in 1917!

But...tragedy came to visit their life and put an end to nine wonderful years as husband and wife. It happened on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. On August 19th, 1917, Elizabeth was taken from him in a sudden and horrifying event. This day had a profound impact on my grandpa, and for many, many years after he would not talk to anyone about that awful August afternoon. On his death bed, in 1971, he told the story of that day. He had never told anyone. With tears flowing down his face and in a trembling voice, he recalled how they were going to take the Model T sedan for a Sunday afternoon cruise through the countryside. Check the crops. See some neighbors. The car was parked in the barn lean-to, which was filled with horses and cattle. There was no electricity in those days, so he lit a kerosene lantern to check the car's fuel level...the gas tank in the Model T was under the back seat. His wife held the lantern as he poured some extra fuel into the tank when suddenly everything exploded. The children were waiting in front of the farmhouse and, to their horror, they saw their parents on fire running out of the burning barn...the gas fumes were accidentally ignited by the kerosene lantern. Grandpa was able to grab Elizabeth and place her in the horse watering trough to extinguish the flames that covered her entire body. There are many more details to this story, and they can be found in several Mennonite historical books. After 48 hours of indescribable suffering Elizabeth died. Grandpa remained in the hospital for several weeks recovering from his burns. She was already buried by the time he



1917 Ford Model T

A Word From Our Chaplain (cont.)

came home. Somehow, with the help of his parents, he found a way to survive and continue to farm while raising a young family, though he was never the same person after this event. Two years later he married Sarah Siemens of Rosthern, and 9 more children would be added to the family. My father, Herman, is the first-born son in this marriage, and my Uncle Ben, in Pineview Manor, is the youngest.

I shudder every time I read the details of this story. It makes no sense to me. Why did a man, who loved the Lord, his wife and children, have to experience such a terrible life altering event? The Bible tells us that good and bad events happen to everyone. It doesn't tell us why.

Maybe you have experienced unexpected trauma in your life. Maybe it was the loss of a dear friend, job you truly loved, or a decline in your health or physical abilities. It changed you and it is challenging to know how to move forward. PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) becomes a part of your daily life. Remember this though...the pain won't last forever. There will be a day when God will make all things new even when it seems impossible to trust Him. Revelation 21:4 offers a beautiful image of God's comfort, assuring that all suffering, sorrow and death will be ultimately destroyed! It speaks of a future when God will wipe away every tear from our eyes, and death shall be no more...no more pain, no more sorrow, and all things will be made new!



Peter and Elizabeth Fehr. December 1916.
Elizabeth was with child when photo was taken.