Mennonite Nursing Homes

Family Newsletter
November/December 2026

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November Events:

November 6 Birthday Party

November 10 Remembrance Day Service

November 17 Crackling Breakfast East

November 18 Crackling Breakfast West

November 19 Crackling Breakfast Pineview

November 19 Resident Council

10:00 Pineview

11:15 West

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Well, another year is almost behind us! Time has sure been flying here at the Home. We had a busy summer and fall, and are now full swing into the Christmas season. Fall suppers were amazing! A big shout out to the kitchen staff for an amazing meal and to all the board members, staff, and volunteers for making these events successful! We hope you enjoy them as much as we do.

If you would like for your resident to have their hair done for a special occasion, please contact our hairdresser, Bertha Klassen, at 306-232-2863.

With Christmas fast approaching we would like you to know that there are several spaces at the Home available for special gatherings. There is also a guest suit available. For more information or to check availability, please phone the office.

If you are interested in what is happening at the Home, please check out our monthly activity calendars! There are always extras available if you would like a copy, and they are also posted online on the website. Don't forget to follow our Facebook page, Mennonite Nursing Homes Inc., to see what we are up to!

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His Name." Psalm 100:4-5

December Events

December 4 Birthday Party

December 15 East Christmas Dinner

December 16 West Christmas Dinner

December 17 Pineview and Sunrise Christmas Dinner

December 24 Resident Christmas Program

December 31 New Year's Party

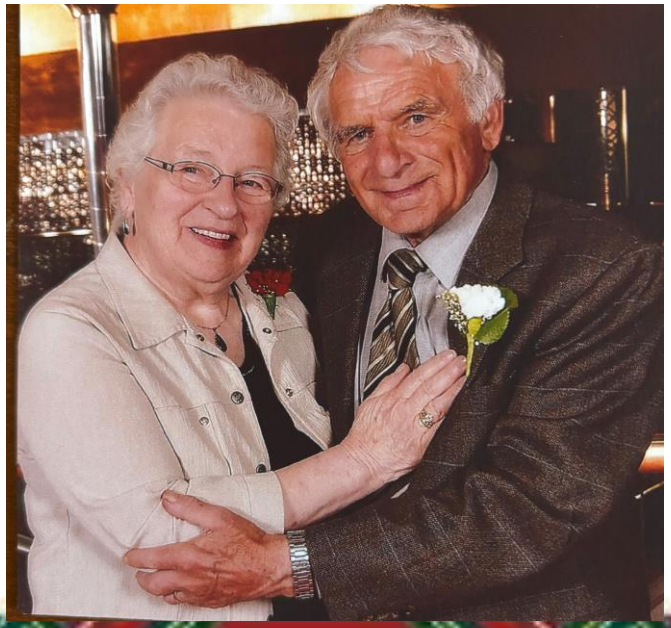
Christmas Dinners are coming up! Invitations will be sent out with more details. Santa will once again be presenting gifts to the residents at the dinner. Please make sure to drop your gift off by December 1st !

A Word From Our Chaplain – Amos Fehr

I Will Give You a New Heart

Many of us take a healthy heart for granted. The average heart weighs under a pound and beats 100,000 times a day without us giving it any thought. Day and night. Awake or asleep. God designed the heart with incredible detail. Strong, steady and resilient as it pumps blood through the 60,000 mile network of veins, arteries and capillaries within each and every one of us.

Today I would like to share a brief story of Sam Wendland. Sam was born near Waldheim in 1931 and married Martha Letkeman in 1952. Together they lived in Waldheim and were blessed with four children: Joyce, David, Pearl and Joan. He was the mayor of Waldheim for 40 years and did much to improve the infrastructure. The beautiful Sam Wendland Park, located in the centre of town, has been a joy to residents and visitors alike. He owned and operated the service station in town, Wendland Ag Services outside of town and Wendland John Deere in Rosthern. He also enjoyed farming the land he purchased over the years. Needless to say, Sam was very ambitious and a visionary!



A Word From Our Chaplain – Cont.

In 1977, at the age of 46, Sam had a massive heart attack that nearly took his life. For the next 24 years he struggled with shortness of breath, fatigue and other complications that come with a compromised heart. Numerous surgeries helped somewhat, but eventually he was told there was nothing else that could be done. Sam and Martha prayed earnestly for healing. They pleaded with God for more years. Their prayers were answered in 2001 when he was given a new heart! The transplant took place in Edmonton. Immediately after the successful transplant, he felt like a new man! In his journal he wrote, "My life went from hopelessness and despair to a new hope and a new life. As I pen these words, my eyes well up with tears of joy and sincere gratitude just that someone out there cared enough to be a donor for an organ transplant!" Sam went on to live another 15 years…with enthusiasm and thankfulness for God's guidance in his life. He was very quick to share his story and praise God for His goodness. He passed away at MNH on August 10, 2016. I had the privilege of getting to know Sam Wendland when he arrived in 2015. Today, Martha calls MNH her home. She has blessed the staff and residents numerous times with her kindness, her skills on the piano, and her love for Jesus.

We all have a story to tell. May our life story, the failures and successes, encourage and uplift those around us and inspire them to strive for higher goals. In Ezekial 36 God says to the people, "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you". I love this verse. No matter the struggle, shortcomings and mistakes we've made the LORD does not give up on us. There is always hope. May we all turn to Him as we travel this journey called life and give Him credit and thanks for every heartbeat we experience.