



LMH Beacon

Autumn 2021 Edition

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

Albert Camus

As we move into autumn this year, we should strive to focus on thankfulness rather than the limits we've faced over the last year and a half. Things have been very different than we're used to - we don't have the freedom to do whatever we want whenever we want in the manner of how we want to be doing it - but there are also many things to be grateful for.

Restrictions on everyday freedoms can add a different perspective than we had before. Solitude can allow time for well-needed introspection, a lack of options for entertainment can lead to a boost of imagination and creativity, and the minimizing of social circles might increase intimacy among close family and friends. No, this hasn't been an easy time for any of us, but a change in perspective can make all the difference in how we handle difficult situations.

Our hope should be that we learn from this shared experience that we are all going through right now. Let us come out of this season with a heart full of thankfulness for that which we have, not bitterness over what we feel we've lost.

We don't know how much longer this pandemic will go on or what sorts of restrictions we will face next, but no matter what happens we know that we're all in this together



and we will do everything we can to benefit the physical and emotional wellbeing of our staff, residents, and families.

Jeff Konrad
Administrator

What Did We Do This Summer?



We did our best to make this summer fun and memorable! With the warm weather and the restrictions on group gatherings being lifted, we had picnics on the patio in Long Term Care and did an array of crafts together, including butterflies, painting, and beach scenes. We couldn't have our annual Strawberry Social in a large group like we have in the past, but we received two large donations of strawberries from Cielo Vista Farms - thank you to our Retirement residence for cleaning these in preparation for serving!

In lieu of our Canada Day barbeque, we set up the grill on the back patio and brought the celebration right into our dining rooms with burgers and sides. There were no fireworks (not even in the community!), so our Long Term Care Residents made their own with a beautiful glittery craft!

With the Summer Olympics happening in Tokyo, we were inspired to have our own Olympic events in Long Term Care. Our residents participated in Ladder Balls, Bean Bag Toss, and Water Balloons. Everyone had a great time with both indoor and outdoor activities!

On August 14th, we teamed up with the Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) to put on a Community Drive Thru Meal from Wheatley's Car Barn. We had a great amount of support from our families, friends, and the general community, and we served a total of 379 meals! A huge thank you to MEDA for leading this event and to everyone who helped to make it possible! We raised a total of \$15,000, half of which will go to our Home.

New Faces

RR

Rudy Lehn
Margaret Toews
Victor Dick

LTC Floor 1

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LTC Floor 2

Molly Neufeld
Kathleen Kir

LTC Floor 3

Pat Parker
Alice Baerg
Kay Whitfield
Rudy Tiessen

Departed Friends

Fay Bates
July 4, 2021

Harry Wiens
July 6, 2021

Jake Gossen
July 8, 2021

Jean Gilbert
July 12, 2021

Helga Driedger
July 18, 2021

Doreen Cockerham
July 22, 2021

Kathy Shaw
August 15, 2021

Anna Marcovecchio
August 28, 2021



Autumn 2021



OFFICE CLOSED

Labour Day
Monday, September 6th

Thanksgiving
Monday, October 11th



*First Day
of Autumn*

September 22nd



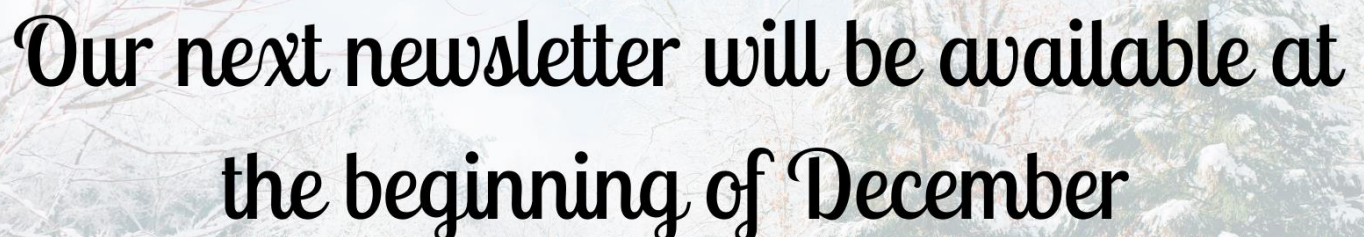
*Thanksgiving
Fellowship Meal
October 7th*



Remembrance Day
November 11th



*Orange & Black Days
October 29th, 30th, 31st*



**Our next newsletter will be available at
the beginning of December**



Regulations and procedures have been subject to change very regularly over the summer months - so much that it was hard to keep up for a while! These are our current visiting procedures for Long Term Care and Retirement as of July 23rd:

- Fully vaccinated visitors are no longer required to be Rapid Tested every time they enter the building. Given the recent spike in COVID-19 cases, we are testing all staff and residents in the building on Wednesdays only. This may change in the near future.
- All staff and visitors in the building must wear a medical mask throughout the duration of their shift/visit.
- All visits between residents and friends/families must be booked in advance by 2:00pm on the prior business day.
- There is no limit to how many visitors each resident can have at one time. There are, however, limits on how many people can be in one room at once (dependent on the size of the room). The standard right now is that no more than five people (including residents) can visit within a resident's room.
- Common rooms in both of our Homes can be booked for visits. These are arranged through the Front Office.
- Residents and friends/families who are fully vaccinated may share meals together, whether they provide their own food or book meals through our Kitchen.
- Residents are allowed to leave the building for day and overnight visits. These must be arranged through the Front Office.



Our Church Community



Deer Run Church

June 25th - *Excellence in Education*, we received this award from Leamington District Secondary School for recent contributions

July 11th - Baptism Service

August 29th - Volunteer Kickoff, lunch and training event for new volunteers

Meadow Brook Church

June 20th - Farewell Service, in recognition for our Children's Ministry Pastor, Sarah Klassen, as she goes on maternity leave

July 11th - Baptism Service

July 18th - Welcome Service, welcoming our new Children and Youth Director, Renee Rocheleau

August 14th - Meadow Brook Market, free farmer's market for our community

September 12th - Outdoor BBQ

Windsor Mennonite Fellowship

July 18th - Musical Guest, flautist Natalie Dorion

August 1st - Musical Guest, Carlos Correa

Faith Mennonite Church

July 7th - *Indian Horse*, guests from Caldwell First Nations and viewing of the film about residential schools

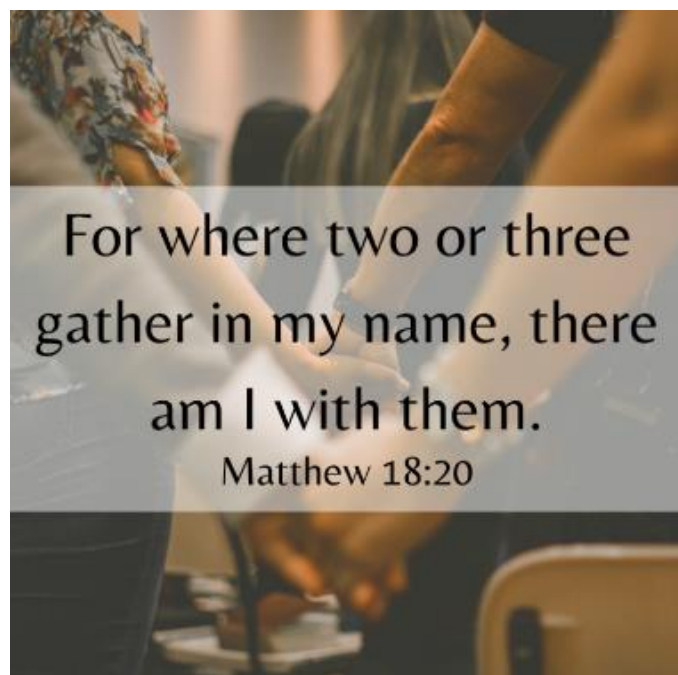
September 12th - Sunday School Picnic, hosted by the Christian Education Committee

LUMC & NLUMC

July 4th - Virtual Pancake Breakfast

August 27th - UMEI Fundraiser, *An Evening by the Lake*

September 12th - Ordination Service for Mike Williamson



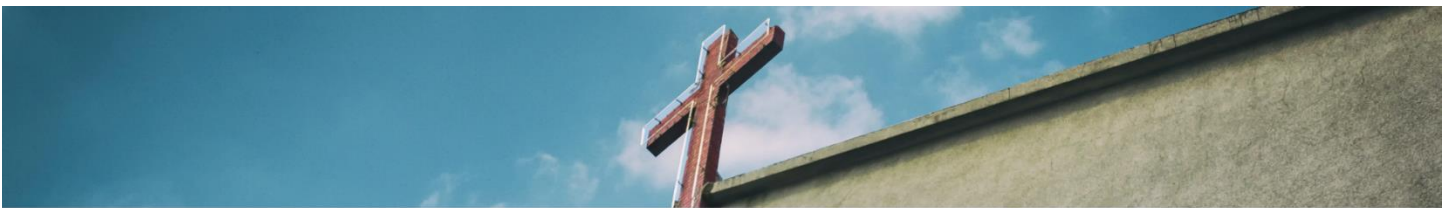


As we enter this year's season of Thanksgiving, we can look back and truly be amazed about how far God has carried us throughout this year. We have made it through some very dark days of the pandemic - days of tears and loneliness, waiting for vaccinations to happen, seeing our families again, and inviting loved ones back into our Home.

This year we have travelled far, not in miles, but in emotions and in our personal reserves. We had to learn to be more compassionate, more understanding, and more loving. We learned to be more thankful for the small things in life.

As staff at the LMH we pray that you will have a blessed Thanksgiving season. May the Spirit of God continue to guide you in all your ways.

-Rev. Cathrin van Sintern-Dick



Weekly Church Services

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:45am LUMC 1:00pm Catholic Mass	6:00pm Deer Run	6:00pm NLUMC	6:00pm Meadow Brook	2:00pm Faith Church		

The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing. He lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters; he keeps me alive. He guides me in proper paths for the sake of his good name. even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me. Your rod and your staff - they protect me. (Psalm 23)



Meet your Neighbors

Long Term Care

Harold Taylor



Harold was born at home to Harvey and Grace Taylor on September 3, 1938. He had 1 brother and 3 sisters. Harold drove a truck his whole working life, starting at *Borland's* in Wheatley as a young man. He married Shirley in October 1956. They lived in Leamington for a short while before building a home in Wheatley. Harold later went on to work driving truck for *Omstead's* and *Pettapiece's* before he went independent, buying his own truck. Before he retired, he owned 3 semis. He loved to play golf during his free time. He retired from trucking at the age of 66 in 2004 and came into our Home in June 2007. He has 3 daughters, Pennie, Peggy and Pam, and a stillborn son, 12 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. His wife, Shirley, passed away in our Long Term Care Home in May 2021. Harold loves music - you can often hear Harold singing his favorite Johnny Cash songs or *You Are My Sunshine*.

Retirement Residence

Irene was born on February 13, 1930. Her parents were Gertrude Unger and Herman Peter Lepp. She has two older siblings, Rudy and Hedy, who both live in London Ontario, and her younger brother, Peter, lives here in Leamington. Brothers Henry and Herman have both passed on. Irene has many fond memories of growing up in Reesor, a Northern Ontario Mennonite Community. Irene and her family left Reesor, moving to Kingsville and then on to Harrow where her father purchased an orchard farm. Irene married Arthur Rempel and they had four children: Don, Joan, Richard, and Ruth. Irene's working days were spent on the farm where her family grew cash crops and ran a dairy operation. She now lives in our Retirement Residence and loves to read books and visiting the lake with a *Tim Horton's* hot chocolate.

Irene Rempel





Canadian Federal Election

September 20, 2021

Resident Voting at LMH

Although the Canadian Federal Election is officially taking place on September 20th, *Elections Canada* will be coming to our building on Wednesday, September 15th to set up a polling station for our Long Term Care and Retirement residents who are able to vote. Staff will escort residents to the polling station at their allotted time (LTC residents will vote in the morning, and RR residents will likely vote in the afternoon). The Voter Registration Card that each eligible voter receives in the mail will come to our Front Office - we will keep these until September 15th and distribute them to residents as they arrive at the polling station.

Green Party of Canada

Leader: Annamie Paul | Chatham-Kent - Leamington: Mark Vercouteren

New Democratic Party of Canada

Leader: Jagmeet Singh | Chatham-Kent - Leamington: Dan Gelinas

Conservative Party of Canada

Leader: Erin O'Toole | Chatham-Kent - Leamington: Dave Epp

Bloc Québécois

Leader: Yves-Francois Blanchet | Chatham-Kent - Leamington: n/a

Liberal Party of Canada

Leader: Justin Trudeau | Chatham-Kent - Leamington: Greg Heatherington

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