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# LMH Beacon

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## Autumn 2023 Edition

***“Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.”***

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As we are all aware, this summer saw the end of the masking and screening mandates from the Ministry of Health - this is one thing that we are all happy to let go! After three long years our staff and visitors are finally no longer required to mask up and sign in when they come into our Home, and we couldn't be happier about this change! It's great to see everyone's smiling faces again and to not have to second guess who you're talking to when they come into the room. Fingers crossed for no more COVID-19 cases in our Home. We want to completely let the pandemic go and move on with our lives!

This fall we are happy to announce the return of our annual fall fundraising event! We are moving on from many successful years of hosting the Gala and moving towards a more casual event. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at the Leamington Best Western Plus for a night of good food, great company, and many laughs. The night's menu will consist of a butternut squash soup, a house salad with toasted nuts, goat cheese, and cranberries, roasted herb potatoes and green beans, and your choice of prime rib, chicken supreme, or salmon, and an apple blossom for dessert. Tables of six, eight, and ten are available at \$200 per person through our Front Office. Proceeds from our fundraiser will go towards the purchase of the vacant lot at the corner of Pickwick Drive and Heritage Lane.

We are looking forward to the season ahead of us and are hoping to start to feel even more back to normal as we bring back some of our beloved events and activities!

Jeff Konrad  
Administrator

# What Did We Do This Summer?



This summer has been full of bright, sunny weather and it's making our days cheerier! We've been doing plenty of summer arts and crafts in Long Term Care and painting classes in the Retirement Residence. We got some last-minute spring planting in at the beginning of June and have spent many lunch hours and afternoons on the patios and garden areas for picnics, ice cream, and social hours. We've taken to having morning coffee breaks in the courtyard, and our Long Term Care residents even got to enjoy a calm morning at the marina! Other group outings included trips to Wal-Mart for shopping, lunch out at the Imperial Diner, and drives through Point Pelee National Park. We can't get enough summer fun!

Our Father's Day plans were rained out, unfortunately, but we still had a hot dog barbeque for our staff and residents to celebrate. We had a hamburger barbeque for Canada Day on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and finally got to have our Classic Car Show in the RR parking lot mid-July! Thank you to our Director of Social & Recreational Services, Judy Ferrari, and one of our nurses, Melissa Scott, for putting the Car Show together!

Our LTC residents enjoyed a morning of games and competition on the Terrace for our 2023 Summer Fun Day! Thank you to our Activity Aide, Nettie Rivers, for putting this event together!

We're so thankful for a wonderful summer, and we look forward to the season ahead of us!

## New Faces

### RR

Tina Rempel

### LTC Floor 1

Karin Lepp

### LTC Floor 2

Valerie Rinehart

Elfrieda Reimer

Murray Loop

Larry Dunmore

### LTC Floor 3

Vera Gemt

Theresia Werner

Rattanaporn Sornteja

Peter Luetti

## Departed Friends

Alma Koehler

June 21st

Katie Pretti

June 25th

Johanna Balasch

July 8th

Aggie Neufeld

July 12th

Gerry McFuslan

July 19th

Alfred Matthies

July 23rd

Edna Gardner

July 28th

Kathleen Kir

July 28th

Pat Parker

August 6th

Helga Dueck

August 19th

Elfrieda Reimer

August 26th

Justina Wiebe

August 29th



The RR Building Committee has discussed many different options so far for what it might look like to build a new Retirement Residence. There are so many different variables to take into consideration, including parking, number of building stories, financing, and what to do with the old building. We are currently weighing our options and considering municipal restrictions while we wait on a feasibility study to be conducted by Glos Associates.

The Retirement Residence Building Committee members include Vern Penner (Chair), Irene Collard, Paul Driedger, Jim Dueckman, Harry Enns, Helga Enns, Samantha Klassen, Jeff Konrad, Mariel Konrad, Charlotte Murray, Henry Neufeld, and Linda Thiessen-Belch.



- It is recommended that all staff and visitors wear a surgical mask while in our building. However, it is not a requirement. Masks are provided at the main entrances for those wishing to wear one.
- Passive screening questions are no longer required. Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 must not be allowed to enter the Home or visit on our property with the resident. All visitors are still required to sign in and out upon arriving and departing for safety and security purposes.
- Residents and their families may share meals together in common areas, such as lounges. The LMH Kitchen will not be providing meals for visitors.

# Autumn 2023



**LABOUR DAY**  
September 4  
FRONT OFFICE CLOSED



*First Day of  
Autumn*  
September 23



**THANKSGIVING**  
October 9  
FRONT OFFICE CLOSED



**HALLOWEEN**  
OCTOBER 31



**REFORMATION DAY**  
OCTOBER 31



**REMEMBRANCE  
DAY**  
November 11

Our next newsletter will be available at  
the beginning of December

You are cordially invited by Captain Stubby to a Tropical Cruise Fundraiser on the

# **S.S. LMH** *The Love Boat*

**October 14, 2023**

**at the Best Western Plus**

**566 Bevel Line Road, Leamington**

**Pre-boarding and refreshments begin at 5:30pm**

**The Captain will call all aboard for an evening of food, fun, silent and live auction, laughter, inspiration, and celebration. Watch for a special guest appearance from one of the world's most beloved stars and other unforgettable entertainment. Have your boarding pass and passport ready and prepare for a heart warming experience you won't soon forget! Tickets are \$200 per person. To book your table of 6, please contact the LMH Front Office at 519-326-6109.**





**A REMINDER FOR  
RESIDENTS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES:**

**IF YOU ARE BRINGING A BIRTHDAY CAKE TO  
BE SERVED ON YOUR/YOUR LOVED ONE'S  
BIRTHDAY,**

**PLEASE NOTIFY OUR RECEPTIONIST  
([MELISSAGEBRAEL@MENNONITEHOME.CA](mailto:MELISSAGEBRAEL@MENNONITEHOME.CA))**

**OR OUR DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL &  
RECREATION SERVICES  
([JUDY@MENNONITEHOME.CA](mailto:JUDY@MENNONITEHOME.CA))**

**BY 2PM THE DAY PRIOR**

**THIS GIVES OUR DIETARY STAFF ENOUGH TIME TO  
PLAN ACCORDINGLY AND ENSURES THAT THE  
CAKE WILL BE SERVED AT YOUR DESIRED TIME**

**CAKES MUST BE DELIVERED BY  
9AM TO BE SERVED WITH LUNCH AND  
11AM TO BE SERVED WITH SUPPER**



# Resident & Family Councils

All residents are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the monthly **Resident Council** Meetings. Meetings, led by the Resident Chair, focus on resident preferences for activities, events, and programming. Resident services such as meals, personal care, housekeeping, and laundry are discussed and evaluated.

A **Family Council** consisting of resident family members, meets every three months to review resident services, care, and activities. The Family Council assists in the identification of needs, preferences, and projects for the Long Term Care Home.

The Leamington Mennonite Home has a Family Council consisting of resident family members who work to improve the lives of residents. The Council:

- Allows families to give each other ongoing mutual support and encouragement
- Handles group concerns
- Provides the opportunity to become knowledgeable about the Home's operations
- Advises or recommends what residents would like to see done to improve care or quality of life in the Home



*Elfreda Krueger  
LTC Resident Council Chair*



*Katie Brown  
RR Resident Council Chair*



*Brenda Fischer  
Family Council President*

## Family Council Members

Sandy Brown	Cindy Cox	Brenda Fischer
Delores Klassen	Jane Pursel	Louise Tiessen
Ruth Warkentin	Louise Wiens	



# A word from our Chaplain

A man lay seasick in his bunk one stormy night, during a long voyage across the Atlantic. He could hardly move from the severe discomfort. All of a sudden, he heard a cry of, "Man overboard!" from the deck above. His first thought was, *God help that poor fellow - there's nothing I can do.*

Then the thought struck him: *There is something I can do!* So he took his lantern and held it up to the porthole next to his bunk. The drowning man was rescued, and the next day he recounted, "I was going down in the darkness when someone put a light in a porthole. It shone on my hand and a sailor in a lifeboat grabbed my hand and pulled me in."

*I'm too sick...*  
*I'm too weak...*  
*I'm not able enough...*

Too often, people who fail to attempt anything for the Kingdom of God will use excuses like these. They see their weaknesses as debilitating and never take initiative to do what they can.

The truth is it's in our weakness that God's power is shown the strongest. So whatever situation or season of life you may be in today, put forth the effort to share Christ and watch how God will use your weakness for His glory!

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 - *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

Lowell Froese  
Chaplain



# Church Family News



## LUMC

June 11<sup>th</sup> - *Blessing of the Bikes*, in preparation for Hogs for Hospice

June 25<sup>th</sup> - *Food Grains Blessing of the Field*, at Thiessen Acres with Rollkuchen and Watermelon

July 9<sup>th</sup> - *Service with Faith Church*, followed by pancake breakfast at UMEI

July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - *VBS: Stellar*, for all school-aged children up to Grade 5

Sunday Evenings - *Traveller's Circle Campfire*, everyone welcome, bring a lawn chair and something to roast over the fire

## NLUMC

June 4<sup>th</sup> - *Sunday School Talent Show*, everyone welcome to join in a pizza lunch followed by a talent show to celebrate the end of the year for Sunday School

June 11<sup>th</sup> - *Membership Meeting*, to discuss the full-time pastoral position

July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - *VBS*, held at LUMC for children in JK to Grade 5

August 27<sup>th</sup> - *Farewell Potluck Lunch for Pastor Ken & Dawn*, at the UMEI Pavilion

## Faith Mennonite Church

June 4<sup>th</sup> - *Church Picnic at Point Pelee*

June 11<sup>th</sup> - *Harmonies for Hospice*

June 25<sup>th</sup> - *Blessing of the Field*, at the farm of Martin & Suzanne Tiessen, to bless the Food Grains Plot

July 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> - MennoCon23

July 9<sup>th</sup> - *Service with LUMC*, followed by pancake breakfast at UMEI

July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - *Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light*, DVBS hosted by FMC, NLUMC, and LUMC





### Deer Run Church

June 4<sup>th</sup> - *Volunteer Appreciation*

June 20<sup>th</sup> - *German Music Talent Night*

June 25<sup>th</sup> - *Church Picnic*

July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> - *Children's Ministry Volunteer Training*

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - *D'Friesens Low German Concert*

July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> - *Vacation Bible School*

August 6<sup>th</sup> - *Church at the Park*

August 26<sup>th</sup> - *Men's Clay Shoot, at Kent Cloverleaf Conservation Club, proceeds to refugee family*

### Meadow Brook Church

June 8<sup>th</sup> - *Young at Heart, 55+ group meeting at Colasanti's for coffee, fellowship, and mini golf*

June 25<sup>th</sup> - *Baptism Service, five baptism candidates and 10 new member candidates*

June 25<sup>th</sup> - *Church BBQ Fundraiser, for Somdy Jusse's Thailand mission trip*

and project mission trip to Moose Deer Point

August 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> - *VBS, for children who have just finished SK to Grade 5*

August 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> - *Moose Deer Point Project Missions Trip*

# BOARD *of Management*

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N/A



### **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association**

June 13 - *Annual General Meeting*

### **South Essex Community Council**

June 4<sup>th</sup> - *50 Year Anniversary*, activities for children, food, tours, and a short program including the opening of the time capsule

### **Southwestern Ontario Gleaners**

August 12<sup>th</sup> - *Open House & BBQ*, to celebrate 10 years of production and thank volunteers, donors, suppliers, and all supporters since opening back in 2013

### **UMEI**

June 24<sup>th</sup> - *Graduation & Awards Ceremony*, celebration of the 2023 graduating class

July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - *Junior Robotics Camp*, for students entering grades 4-6 who are passionate about learning new skills building and programming robots



**Are you looking for something to do out in the community with your family and friends? Give one of these events a try!**

### **Harrow Fair - Aug 31<sup>st</sup> - Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Location: McAfee Street and Wellington Street**

**Time: varies**

The weekend includes 4-H displays and shows, vendors, touring the barns and the parade through town on Saturday morning. Live entertainment performs on our main stage and enjoy the many rides on the midway.

### **Cindy's Night Market - Sep 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Location: Cindy's Home & Garden**

**Time: 4-9pm**

Free, family-friendly event. Live music by *Fresh Breath* from 6:30-8:30pm. Local artists and local food trucks.

### **Ruthven Apple Fest - Sep 30<sup>th</sup> - Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Location: Colasanti's Tropical Gardens**

**Time: 9am-6pm and 10am-5pm**

Each year hundreds of vendors and thousands of patrons flock to the festival grounds to enjoy live music, great food, games, and shopping.

# Meet your Neighbors

## Long Term Care

Helene Stadler



Helene was born on February 7, 1923 in the Ukraine. She was the eldest of seven children born to Peter and Susanna Janzen. During World War 2, her family was forced to leave their home and eventually ended up in Salzburg, Austria where Helene met her future husband, Eduard Stadler. They were married on April 16, 1947. Two years later they set sail from France and arrived in Halifax on the ship *Samaria*. From there, they took a train to

Leamington and were reunited with Helene's parents and some of her siblings. Soon after, they bought a seven-acre piece of bush land outside of Leamington.

Helene and Eduard had four children (three sons and one daughter), as well as seven grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Helene worked outside of the home for most of her life. In 1965 when the Leamington Mennonite Home officially opened, Helene worked in the kitchen as a cook. She later worked at *Lakeside Bakery* until she retired. Eduard passed away in October 1981, but Helene continued to live on the farm until December 2015, when she moved into our Home.

## Retirement Residence

Katie was born in Hague, Saskatchewan on April 23, 1933. Her family moved to Greendale, B.C. before moving to Leamington in 1948. Katie attended UMEI before going to London to attend Teachers' College. She began her teaching career in Ruthven in 1953, where she taught for eleven years. She then went to Bethel College in Kansas, graduating in 1961 and returning to Leamington to teach in Windsor and Ruthven.

Katie Brown



Katie married Henry Brown in 1962. In 1965, their son, Larry, came along and Katie left teaching because women with children were not allowed to teach. In 1967, their daughter, Sandra, joined the family. Katie returned to teaching in 1969 and retired in 1989 after 35 years in the education field.

In 2014, after being on their farm for seventy years, they moved to a condo on Pickwick Drive. Henry moved into our Long Term Care Home in 2015, and Katie moved into the Retirement Residence in 2017. Henry passed away in January 2020.

# A Woman in Prayer

When a woman seeks God, she lays her soul bare  
like a tree in autumn is a woman in prayer.

Through Jesus she makes her supplication,  
to Him, the Father of all creation.

To Him who divided darkness and light,  
to Him who gave the sparrow flight.

Attentively, He listens; God knows she's sincere.  
And if she cannot speak, He interprets her tear.

When a woman seeks God, there's a trembling of the earth:  
hope and healing, a miracle at birth.

She breathes into a soul that which it lacks  
then praises Him for his mighty acts.

When a woman seeks God, she transforms the air;  
more precious than a ruby is a woman in prayer.

Chrisanthia Blount  
Submitted by Ruby Baker (RR)



# FALL



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| acorn    | colors   | leaves    | scarecrow  |
| apples   | fall     | mushrooms | spiders    |
| autumn   | football | orange    | squirrels  |
| birds    | frost    | pumpkins  | trees      |
| bonfire  | harvest  | raking    | vegetables |
| changing | jacket   | red       | yellow     |

