



# LMH Beacon

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## Summer 2023 Edition

***“Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June.”***

**Al Bernstein**

So much has changed in our Home over the last few months! On April 1<sup>st</sup>, we stopped rapid testing everyone coming into our building, which means that the only COVID-19 precautions in place are the wearing of surgical masks and passive screening. We are eagerly waiting for the day when these two requirements are lifted as well! We’ve started using the Chapel again for resident activities, such as sing-alongs and worship services. The Chapel has been very useful throughout the pandemic for many different purposes, but we are happy to have it transformed back into a resident space.

You may recall that there was a series of gastrointestinal flu cases in RR at the end of February. Coincidentally, the third floor of LTC also experienced a gastrointestinal outbreak at the beginning of March. This is the first non-COVID related outbreak we have had in at least five years. We are very grateful that we are generally able to keep the flu and other illness away from our residents, and we’re very proud of our infection control practices that make this possible.

For the first time since 2019, we had our Annual Meeting in person rather than via video call! On April 25<sup>th</sup> we gathered in the Heritage Centre Auditorium and heard reports on the finances for 2022, budgets for 2023, different projects that have been completed and are currently in progress, and updates from our Board Chair and Administrator about our Home’s functions. We are happy to have been able to come together in person and look forward to many other pre-COVID practices returning!



Jeff Konrad  
Administrator

# What Did We Do This Spring?



We were relieved to get some nice sunny weather sprinkled in between the rainy days over the last three months! We've been doing our best to get outside and enjoy the fresh spring air and warm sunshine. We've had regular outings for both Long Term Care and the Retirement Residence: shopping at Walmart, eating at Joey's Seafood, and visits to Point Pelee. We've also spent many sunny afternoons strolling through the park next door and are happy to hear the birds singing and see the trees start to turn green.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with folk music and cheer - Dorothy & Richard Poisson came to share their musical talents with us. We enjoyed their music with a few tasty treats and good company.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary Group generously brought a hydrangea plant for each of our residents to brighten up our rooms for Easter. We had a Communion Service for Good Friday in the Chapel for the first time since before the pandemic with both LTC and RR residents. We did many Easter and spring crafts in LTC and our RR residents participated in an Easter egg hunt.

We've seen many four-legged friends come into our Home, and it always brightens our day. In LTC we got to see and hear a spirit drumming presentation, and the RR residents were visited by an Italian choir. We celebrated Mother's Day with delicious cupcakes, coffee and tea, and music.

We are so thankful for spring and can't wait to enjoy the summer months!

- New Faces**
- RR  
 Jim Symons  
 Ken Kit  
 Ken McAuslan
- LTC Floor 1  
 Freda Unrau
- LTC Floor 2  
 Elaine Dutton  
 Richard Pare  
 Harry Thiessen  
 Aggie Tiessen
- LTC Floor 3  
 Kathy Wesenberg  
 Doug Trimble

- Departed Friends**
- Irene Langeman  
 March 1st
- Stan Schachowskoj  
 March 18th
- Herm Dick  
 March 28th
- Elaine Dutton  
 April 3rd
- Marion Cox  
 April 4th
- Bill Stein  
 April 14th
- Jim Mastronardi  
 May 21st



## Retirement Residence *Facility Updates*

Our Retirement Residence Building Committee has been meeting every two weeks over the last two months to discuss how we can move our RR rebuild project forward.

So far we have discussed many different ideas. We've looked at other retirement homes in southern Ontario to see their resident suites, amenity space, and overall structure - some photos of these other homes can be seen below. We've discussed the property that we already own and have available to build on, as well as potential plans for resident housing while we build our new residence.

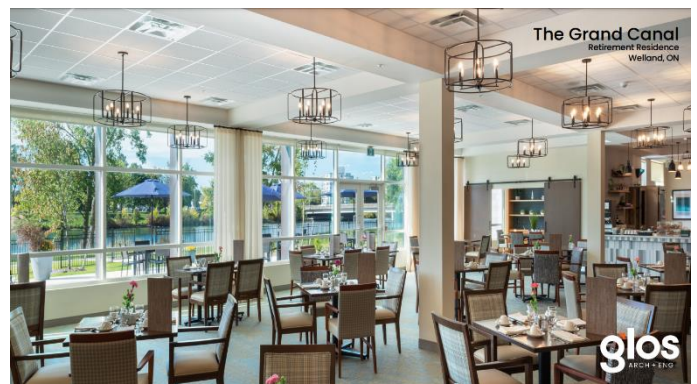
Our next step will likely be to conduct a feasibility study. This study will help us to know the different feasible options available for the property we have available, which will help us to determine where to go from here.



Outdoor Area at Greenwood - Adelaide Place in Lindsay.



Resident Suite at Lynde Creek Village in Whitby.



Dining Room at the Grand Canal in Welland.



# Summer 2023



**Father's Day**

June 18



**National Indigenous Peoples Day**

June 21



*First Day of  
Summer*

JUNE 21



**CANADA  
DAY**

July 1



**CIVIC HOLIDAY**

August 7

Our next newsletter will be available at the beginning of September



**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*



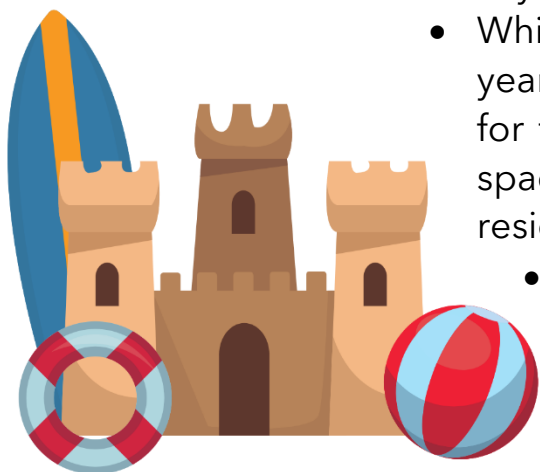
*Brenda Fischer*  
*Family Council President*

## Family Council Members

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



- Visitors are no longer required to receive a Rapid Antigen Test to enter our building. If you are experiencing symptoms and would like a testing kit, please ask the Front Office.
- Proof of vaccination is not a requirement to enter our building.
- Everyone entering our building is required to wear a surgical mask for the duration of their visit. Masks are provided at the Front Entrance. Children under the age of two are exempt from masking. Visitors may remove their masks in the resident's room.
- Residents may have up to four individuals at a time for a visit in their room due to space limitations.
- Visitors should not enter the Home within ten days of visiting an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 and/or an individual experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Passive screening will include inventory of current symptoms and exposure. Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 must not be allowed to enter the Home or visit on our property with the resident.
- If you are taking a resident out of the building, please contact the nurse on the resident's floor in a timely manner.
- While we will not be booking visits in the Greenspace this year, residents and visitors are welcome to use this space for their visits. Our staff will not escort residents to this space - visitors are required to come inside to assist the resident.
- Pets are allowed in our building provided they are up to date on veterinary vaccinations and registered with the Front Office beforehand.





# A word from our Chaplain

Philippians 1:21: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."

One day the famous evangelist George Whitfield was relating the difficulties of ministry to some friends. He said he was tired of the burdens and was glad his work would soon be over as he was getting close to going home to be with the Lord. His other friends admitted to having the same feelings - all except one, Mr. Tennant. Whitfield asked, "Brother Tennant, you are the oldest among us. Do you not rejoice to think that the time is near when you'll be called home with the Lord?" The old man said bluntly, "I have nothing to do with my death. My business is to live as long as I can and serve my Savior as faithfully as I can until He thinks it's time to call me home." Whitfield accepted the word as a gentle rebuke from the Lord, and it encouraged him to continue going about his ministry.

As we continue to age and experience the effects of growing old, it can be tempting to think our best years are behind us. This can cause us to become discouraged, disengaged, depressed, and ultimately miserable. But the truth is that our usefulness for the Lord never expires until the very moment He calls us home.

Jesus said in John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; but I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly." That abundant life is for a lifetime, so stay focused, for Satan will not stop in his attempt to destroy you. Live life with Christ at the center of everything and be encouraged that with each new day the Lord is able to use you in a powerful way!

Lowell Froese  
*Chaplain*



# Church Family News



## LUMC

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - *Pizza & Games Night*

March 5<sup>th</sup> - *Annual General Meeting*

April 5<sup>th</sup> - *Friendship Circle*, everyone invited to join in fellowship, coffee, and snacks

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - *Church Potluck*, for old and new friends

May 7<sup>th</sup> - *PeaceBuilders Community Coffee for Peace*, fundraising lunch to support the PeaceBuilders' future home

May 19<sup>th</sup> - *Photo Scavenger Hunt*, hosted by the Caring Hub

May 28<sup>th</sup> - *Pentecost Testimony Sunday*

## NLUMC

March 8<sup>th</sup> - *Intergenerational Games Night*, everyone welcome to bring their favourite games and a snack

April 14<sup>th</sup> - *Pizza Night at the Roma Club*

April 16<sup>th</sup> - *Membership Meeting*, to bring forward the motion which was made at our AGM RE: land acknowledgement

May 7<sup>th</sup> - *Baptism Service*

May 21<sup>st</sup> - *Parent/Child Dedication*

May 28<sup>th</sup> - *Selah's Song*, performance by Theatre of the Beat, a heartwarming musical of a courageous young girl whose song became an anthem for peace

## Faith Mennonite Church

March 5<sup>th</sup> - *Fundraising Lunch*, for youth group to travel to MennoCon23 Youth Convention in Kansas City

April 9<sup>th</sup> - *Easter Breakfast*, followed by worship

April 16<sup>th</sup> - *Piano Dedication*

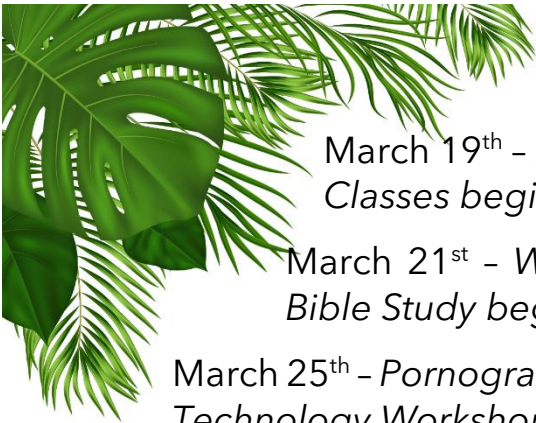
April 23<sup>rd</sup> - *Parent-Child Blessing*

April 30<sup>th</sup> - *Church Potluck*, fundraiser for Family & Social Committee

April 30<sup>th</sup> - *Why We Sing*, County Classic Chorale 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

May 28<sup>th</sup> - *Pentecost and Baptism*





## Deer Run Church

March 19<sup>th</sup> - *Baptism Classes begin*

March 21<sup>st</sup> - *Women's Bible Study begins*

March 25<sup>th</sup> - *Pornography and Technology Workshop*

March 26<sup>th</sup> - *The Chosen, movie night*

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - *Frues Owent, Low German women's night*

May 7<sup>th</sup> - *Membership Classes, for those who would like to transfer their membership to our church*

May 28<sup>th</sup> - *Baptism and Membership Service*

## Meadow Brook Church

March 4<sup>th</sup> - *Marked Men, Men's breakfast and connection, by donation*

March 27<sup>th</sup> - *Prayer Night, a mid-Lent night of humbling ourselves before God in confession, repentance, praise, and more.*

April 2<sup>nd</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> - *Mennonite Sausage Fundraiser, all proceeds will go towards intentional Summer Youth Retreats for Jr. and Sr. High*

April 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> - *Missions Sundays, all donations on these Sundays will go towards our mission budget*

May 6<sup>th</sup> - *Church Cleaning Day, church attendees are encouraged to come out to help with spring cleaning throughout the church and property*

May 23<sup>rd</sup> - *River Dweller Class, offering a look at life in the Holy Spirit and practical strategies for Spirit dwelling*

# BOARD *of Management*

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N/A



## **The Bridge Youth Resource Centre**

March 8<sup>th</sup> - *Bursary Writing Workshop*

April 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> - *The Giving Spoon Fundraiser*, by donation, take-out available

April 12<sup>th</sup> - *OSAP Workshop*

May 31<sup>st</sup> - *Youth Cooking Demo*, for ages 14-24

## **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**

April 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> - *Transformed. Inspired. Called. Annual Church Gathering*

## **Southwestern Ontario Gleaners**

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - *Fundraising Banquet*, dinner and auction

## **Thrift on Mill**

May 20<sup>th</sup> - *Annual Plant Sale*

## **UMEI**

March 25<sup>th</sup> - *Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser*, prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, pizza lunch provided

April 21<sup>st</sup> - *Shadow Day*

May 28<sup>th</sup> - *Community Fundraising Fish Fry*, including perch, fries, coleslaw, and dessert

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

## **Arts at the Marina - July 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Leamington Marina**

**Time: 10am-4pm**

This two-day event features dozens of artisans on display, live local music, children's activities, food, and refreshments.

## **Leamington Ribfest - July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Leamington Fairgrounds**

**Time: 4-6pm**

An afternoon of ribs from different vendors and Chatham-Kent based band *Letterbomb*.

## **Hogs for Hospice - August 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Seacliff Park Amphitheatre**

**Time: Friday 4pm to Sunday 5pm**

Motorcycle rally with concert series and charity ride at the most Southern tip of Canada.

## **Wings Over Windsor - August 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **Seacliff Beach, Leamington**

**Time: 11am**

Come and watch some of the world's most impressive aircrew and aircraft for a fantastic outing with your family and friends. Featuring the Canadian Forces Snowbirds.



# Meet your Neighbors

## Long Term Care

John Neufeld



John was born on January 21, 1928 and came to Canada as a toddler. He grew up working on the family orchard. After getting married to his wife, Elizabeth, they purchased their own apple orchard where they farmed for over 40 years and sold their produce at the Windsor City Market. John and Liz loved to travel and enjoyed many vacations all around the world, including different parts of Canada and the United States, South America, Europe, and China. John experienced a severe stroke in 1998. He and Liz moved to a condo in

Leamington and enjoyed 18 years overlooking Lake Erie and the beautiful marina waterfront. John volunteered to sit on the Board of Management at the Leamington Mennonite Home, and his parents and mother-in-law lived in the original Garrison home. John moved into our Long Term Care Home in November 2015, and his wife passed away in February 2017. John enjoys all of his family - 3 married children, 8 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

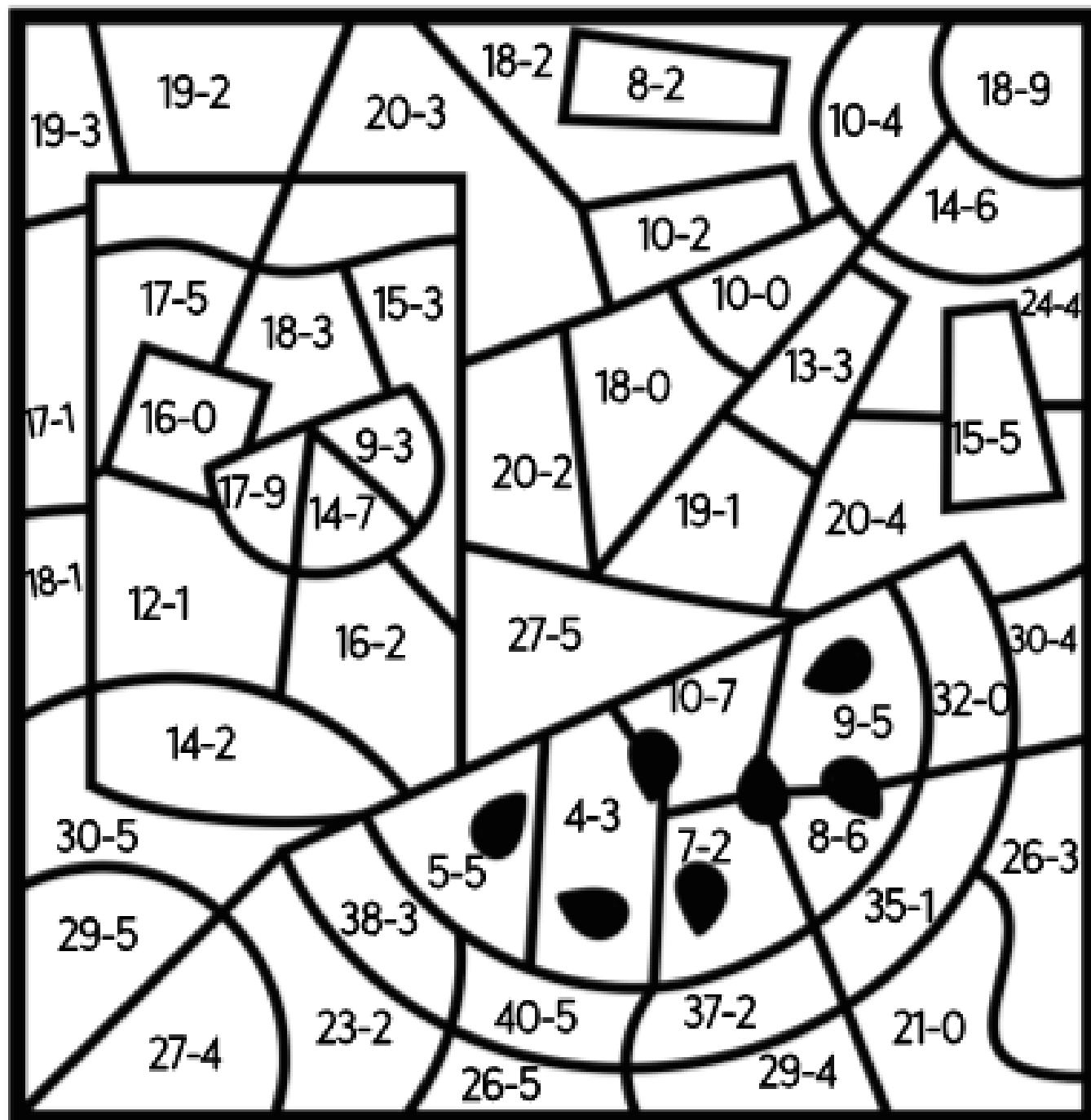
## Retirement Residence

Henry was born on September 17, 1926 and grew up in the village of Franzfeld, Ukraine. In 1943, during the Second World War, Henry and his parents fled to Germany. There he worked on a large estate and it was here where he met his wife, Wally. They married on June 22, 1947 and their son, John was born the following year. The family emigrated to Canada in 1948, where three more children were born. In 1957 they bought their first home on Maynard Street in Leamington. Henry and Wally both worked until their retirement at Canadian Cannery. Over the years Henry enjoyed many hobbies including gardening, playing cards, fishing, and collecting stamps and coins. In June of 2017 Henry and Wally celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary before she passed away in August of that year. Henry has four children, eight grandchildren, and many great grandchildren. He moved into our Home in May of 2016.

Henry Penner



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Yellow 6-10	Blue 16-20	Green 31-40

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## Summer



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