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## Open House Enjoyment!

After 2+ years of limits on visiting and gathering due to the pandemic, we were finally able to throw open the doors and have a party! On August 24th, we held our first public Open House for all of Emmanuel Home and it was a fantastic day. Over 400 people attended the event, and the buzz in and around Emmanuel Home was undeniable. Residents welcomed friends and family for supper and dessert, tours were led throughout the building, and everyone was able to see the beautiful new common area and suites in the North Wing expansion. Many volunteers helped host all of the residents and guests, and it was such an encouragement and boost to witness the

Emmanuel Home community in action. Thank you to everyone that took the time to visit, and we look forward to more of this excitement soon!

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### Message from the CEO

Greetings from the Emmanuel Seniors Living Society! As the seasons change and the cold weather comes in, it feels as though time is flying by and things just keep happening. At the same, though, I'm reminded of God's faithfulness and consistency as He sustains us throughout that change. He is the constant source of everything that is good!

With the construction of the Lighthouse in full swing and a full calendar of activities and events at Emmanuel Home, we are busy. Our staff continues to stay focused on creating the best atmosphere possible for our residents, and the residents themselves contribute so much to their community of care and fellowship. The Board of Directors have been working hard on budget planning for 2023 and developing a healthy governance structure to ensure that the Society stays sustainable throughout this significant growth phase.

As I reflect on all that is going on in our work and the many faces of the people that make up this community, I'm humbled by how the Lord is working. I also want to thank you, on behalf of the Board, for taking the time to keep up with all that is going on and continuing to support the Society. Together we can continue to ensure that our seniors are provided with an enriching Christian environment that supports them with caring, integrity, and excellence.

Darren Sinke



## The Lighthouse Update

There are so many reasons to be thankful for the beautiful weather we've had this year, and one of them is the progress that has been made on the construction of the Lighthouse! Keller Construction has been able to make significant strides in the site preparation, excavation, and foundation work for the construction of this new seniors' community. If you drive by the site you will see how different it looks already!

With thanks to the Lord, we are excited about how the project has progressed. Of course, there is still a long way to go before we open the doors in early 2025, and we ask for your continued prayers and support as the construction project moves along.

# RECREATION UPDATE

""Even though you're growing up, you should never stop having fun." - Nina Dobrev.



#### **Greetings from Emmanuel Home's Recreation department!**

We are so happy that we have been able to lift the COVID restrictions around Emmanuel Home. To be able to see smiles on residents' faces are something that we took for granted for so long. We have been blessed with a summer of great weather, which meant that we could participate in many activities outdoors.

One of the residents favorites was a trip to Peaceful Valley. Located near Pigeon Lake, this greenspace is filled with wildflowers and many birds. It is free to groups of people with disabilities, those that are terminally ill, and to seniors. It has a couple who "host", helping where needed and providing golf cart rides around the approximately two km of land. For those who love to walk, the trails are maintained impeccably. The Emmanuel Home staff made a wonderful steak lunch, enjoyed by all. This is generally a difficult trip to book, but well worth it, as residents wish they could go back more than once a year!

Another trip that residents enjoyed was a trip to Mirror Lake, near Camrose. The residents did not have to walk around the whole lake, rather they were able to ride a train! They enjoyed themselves by having a tasty picnic lunch, fabulous weather, and fantastic fellowship!

As we come to this point of the year, where thanksgivings are being celebrated, we are truly thankful for ways in which the Lord has blessed us and keeps us happy with fun, food, and fellowship!



#### **ONLY A FEW STUDIO SUITES LEFT!**

Emmanuel Home is now offering Studio Suites for independent seniors who want to become part of a supportive Christian community. These are newly renovated 375 sq. ft suites with full kitchen, combined living and bedroom area, walk-in shower and extra storage. Residents have access to home care, meal plans, and recreational activities as desired.

Residents of Emmanuel Home enjoy a loving and supportive community of Christian seniors, beautiful courtyards and grounds, a diverse range of recreational activities and dedicated, caring staff.

Contact us today to arrange a guided tour of the Studio Suites and Emmanuel Home. Call Fred at 780-442-3122 or fwoudstra@emmanuelhome.ca for more information. We look forward to meeting you!



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Are you caring for a loved one and need a shortterm break? Consider Respite Care at Emmanuel Home. Respite Care can improve the long-term functioning of both the caregiver and the person receiving care. For more information contact Marianne Peacock at 780.478.2051, mpeacock@emmanuelhome.ca

