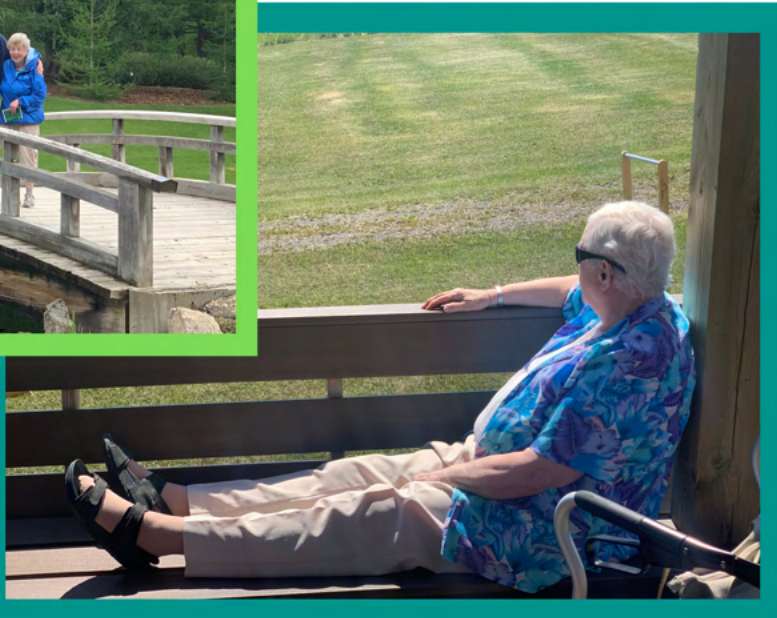


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PEACEFUL VALLEY

Every year, the residents of Emmanuel Home take a trip to Peaceful Valley, a day dedicated to relaxation and admiring nature's beauty. This year was no different, as the photos above illustrate. The staff prepared a steak lunch, and residents enjoyed golf cart rides around the stunning scenery. In contrast to this slow peaceful pace, as the holiday season approaches, life at Emmanuel Home becomes busier! This is experienced with increased visits from friends and family, special dinners, and events, like our annual Christmas Market! We are eager for the upcoming season and would like to thank everyone who participates in these exciting events and activities. They bring much joy to the residents and contribute to life here at the home. We look forward to connecting with you all soon!

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Message from the CEO



Hello from Emmanuel Seniors Living Society!

I write this as we enter into October, the fall colors are still vivid, but the frost has come, and you can feel the winter season starting to settle in. Each year, at this time, I am reminded of the concept of wintering, which allows a timeframe of rest. The familiar passage rings true, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven ..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1). At Emmanuel Home, we can see wintering in the tidying up the grounds, the residents tending their garden boxes pulling in the last of the season's harvest, and the preparations beginning for a shared thanksgiving meal.

We have much to be thankful for! We welcomed two new managers in September, for the Director of Care role, and the Kitchen Manager role. These are both significant areas to fill, and I thank the staff for assisting in this transition, and the residents and family members for their patience as they get settled.

Work at the Lighthouse continues to hum along, we have met with prospective residents at the Lighthouse sales trailer and are excited to have many of them secure their top choice in suite selection! It is wonderful to start these conversations and feel the momentum grow as we look forward to its completion. A detailed construction update from Darren can also be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

With all these blessings we are reminded of God's hand in all of this, in the opportunity to offer another Christian home for our seniors, the work of our staff, and the faithful support of the community as we tend to our mission to offer seniors a Christian environment that is safe and comfortable so they can live in dignity.

Laura Pothoven



Emmanuel Home's
CHRISTMAS
Market

Saturday, December 2
9:30am - 2:00 pm

VENDORS
CHILDREN'S VIOLIN GROUP
DUTCH FOOD
SILENT AUCTION

EMMANUEL HOME
13433-57 STREET
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On-line Auction:
November 27 - December 1

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The following individuals were remembered with Memorial Gifts:

Bill Groot
Grace Dykstra
Helen Jager
Felte Tolsma

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY
RECEIVED FROM
LOCAL AREA CHURCHES

Ebenezer CRC
Edson-Peers CRC
Fellowship CRC
First CRC
Inglewood CRC
Neerlandia Can. Ref Church
Neerlandia CRC



Two Bedroom Large

LIGHTHOUSE UPDATE

If you've had a chance to drive by the Lighthouse recently, you may have noticed the sales trailer at the southeast corner of the property. The headline is 'Built on a Foundation of Faith', and I've reflected on this theme so many times throughout the entire story of the Lighthouse project. It's a story of God's provision and leading since that initial Board meeting in 2015, the subsequent committee work over the next couple of years, donors that stepped up to make this project a reality and, as we turn the corner this winter into 2024 and the last full year before the Lighthouse is open, the multitude of partners that are working hard to get to the finish line! Please continue to pray for safety at the site, smooth logistics throughout a complex project, and the entire Society leadership team as they gear up for this next stage.

As the structure of the building is almost complete and we move to the interior stage of construction, we are thankful for the progress that's been made to date. Many future residents have already signed up for their suite, and there are many more to come! We encourage you to reach out and arrange a time to sit down to go through your options, review the wide range of price points and services that will be available, and discuss how the Lighthouse might be a great option for you. Stay tuned for more updates on the construction progress!



Two Bedroom Corner Balcony



One Bedroom

Emmanuel Seniors Living Society Investment Programs

Our two investment Programs were created to give Residents and Society Members the opportunity to help the Society succeed financially. Funds invested are used to reduce high-cost bank debt as well as interest costs. The investment rates paid to investors are competitive with investment options available from banks. This helps us to keep our budgets under control and work with the money we save to bring the best possible quality of services to our Residents.

Life Lease Program

The Life Lease Program is a simple investment program for Residents that provides a return in the form of a rent credit. The Program was introduced in 2020 to reduce our reliance on bank financing for our expansions. In 2020 this was very helpful in setting up the North Wing of Emmanuel Home.

Right now we are in the middle of building the Lighthouse, our new Home in west Edmonton. Any new Life Lease investments that we receive are being used to help with the financing of this new building.

The current rate on this Program is 4.0%, and is shown on a Resident's monthly invoice on a separate line as a credit. At this time, the rent credit is not subject to income tax and does not need to be reported as income.

Private Loan Program

For Society members who wish to help the Society through an investment, the Private Loan Program works very much like a Term Deposit or GIC, with interest rates geared to different terms. At the end of every calendar year, interest can either be paid to the investor or re-invested at the same rate as the original investment. For tax purposes, we will issue a T5 on the interest earned each year, which must be reported on your annual tax return.

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Greetings from Emmanuel Home's Recreation department!

We have been so blessed to have two antique car shows this past summer, allowing many of our residents to reminisce about the days of driving old cars. Some of the families, friends, and supporters also had cars to add to the show. We were so happy that many people from the larger community came out to support these events. We were blessed with great weather and the overall feel of these events was a blessing to residents and staff alike.

We are so thankful for the success of the Golf Tournament that was held at the beginning of the summer, allowing us to further enhance more of the North Wing Common Areas for the residents to use. So far, we have moved the pool table from the basement (where it has been located since it was purchased twenty-five years ago), into the North Wing, where it is brighter, warmer, and more conducive for all residents to use. We have also had the bumpers of the table fixed up and the table re-lined, making the table look close to brand new! Stay tuned for more enhancements around the home.

Another way in which the Recreation Department is excited about the funds that were raised through the golf tournament is the plan to purchase a greenhouse for the residents next spring. This will develop the garden space even more, and we are excited to see what else the residents grow and nurture.

We are so thankful to those who do so much outside to keep our gardens and outdoor space so vibrant and pleasant to be around! The thought of a greenhouse will be ideal to start thinking about warmer weather sooner!

Aria Klyn-Hesselink

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



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