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So Many Milestones! ***September, 2026***

Message from the CEO

As I write this, I look outside my window at Lighthouse and see that the trees are starting to change color, and the leaves are beginning to fall. The change of seasons serves as a reminder that we are not in control…God is. How grateful I am for that! The summer is coming to a close, and what a summer it was. The 2026/2027 Board of Directors was elected in May at our AGM, and the membership once again stood together to face our challenges while still prioritizing our residents.

Our partnership with Rehoboth Christian Ministries (RCM) to host our annual Golf Classic was a roaring success—many thanks to RCM for this collaboration and to all of you who sponsored or golfed.

Like many of you, we had significant flooding at both sites that left us with a renovation project at Lighthouse that is still ongoing. Thank you to our residents and families who all chipped in to help at both sites, mopping up water and moving furniture, and we appreciate your patience as we complete the repairs.

Around the corner is Thanksgiving—a time to reflect on the abundant blessings and providence of God. That our God never changes and never fails is something I am very grateful for this fall. I am also very thankful for our members, staff, volunteers, partners, Board of Directors, and residents who are a reflection of the strong foundation of faith on which this organization was built and continues to grow.

Blessings,
Erin Walton
CEO

Thank You, Golfers!



We would like to thank all of those who golfed or who donated to our golf tournament this year. The total amount that was raised was $56,485.00, which was split between Emmanuel Home and Rehoboth Christian Ministries!

Thank you to all of our donors! With your help, we have raised over $70,000 in 2026 to date!

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM LOCAL AREA CHURCHES

Ebenezer CRC
West End CRC
Edson Peers CRC
St. Albert Canadian Reformed Church

The following individuals were remembered with Memorial Gifts:

Peter Bontkes
Lisa Bontkes-Zirk
Suzette Neverson

Please consider making a memorial gift to honour a loved one.

Volunteer Spotlight



This issue's Volunteer Spotlight shines on Maria Margigotta. For the past year and a half, Maria has been a joyful and committed member of the Emmanuel Home volunteer team. She leads our Keep Fit program with enthusiasm — even bringing salsa-inspired exercise sessions to Friday mornings. Maria also lends her energy to larger events, from pub nights to Northern Perk café sales and our monthly birthday celebrations. She says she loves spending time with residents, and we feel that love in everything she does. We are so grateful she chose to share her gifts with us and look forward to many more moments with her in our story. Thank you, Maria!



Thank you, Treasures Thrift Store Team!

Our Treasures Thrift Store volunteers at Emmanuel Home deserve a heartfelt celebration. Over the last four years, their commitment and hard work have turned donated items into meaningful support for our community. Their cheerful presence and willingness to serve make all the difference. We appreciate you more than words can say. Thank you, team!



A Wonderful Day on the Stettler Train

Residents from our seniors home enjoyed a special outing aboard the Alberta Prairie Railway, traveling from Stettler to the Village of Big Valley for dinner and an afternoon of sightseeing. The trip gave everyone a chance to relax, visit, and enjoy the beautiful prairie scenery along the way. The train ride itself was a highlight of the day. As the residents settled into their seats, there was plenty of conversation, laughter, and excitement. The gentle movement of the train and the views from the windows brought back memories for some and created new ones for others. When the group arrived in Big Valley, everyone had the opportunity to enjoy a delicious dinner together. The meal was a big success, with many residents commenting on how good the food was. Sharing a meal in a friendly setting made the day even more enjoyable. After dinner, residents spent time seeing the town and taking in the charm of Big Valley. The outing offered a pleasant change of scenery and a chance to explore somewhere different while enjoying the company of friends and staff. Before long, it was time to board the train again for the return trip to Stettler. The ride back was filled with happy conversation and smiles as everyone reflected on the day. It was clear that the outing had been a memorable experience for all who attended. Everyone had a great time, enjoyed the good food, and appreciated the chance to spend the day together. It was a wonderful outing and a lovely reminder of how meaningful shared experiences can be.



Lighthouse Gardens

We are so thankful for the many hours that the Gardening Committee and volunteers have put into creating the peaceful haven that has been created for residents and their guests to enjoy this past summer. There were different flowers and plants that added color to the side of the building that faces St. Albert Trail. There were even some of the garden boxes used by residents to create their own vegetable gardens. We are thankful for these spaces that make the Lighthouse property look so warm and friendly.





Open House



Friday | September 25 | 4-6 PM

Saturday | September 26 | 10 AM - 12 PM

LIGHTHOUSE

The ESLS Fall Appeal

Our Fall appeal will be launching by October. Consider donating - as a registered charity, we can issue a donation receipt for tax purposes!

Our partners at Christian Stewardship Services: helping Christians make tax-wise decisions

As a valued supporter of Emmanuel Seniors Living Society, you have the opportunity for a confidential consultation with our partners at Christian Stewardship Services (CSS) at no cost to you.

CSS is a Christian charity that helps Christians make tax-wise decision regarding the transfer of their financial resources, as well as offering stewardship education.

If you have questions about updating your will or estate plan, or about making non-cash gifts like the following, I would be happy to talk about how CSS can help you craft a lasting legacy of faith and generosity:

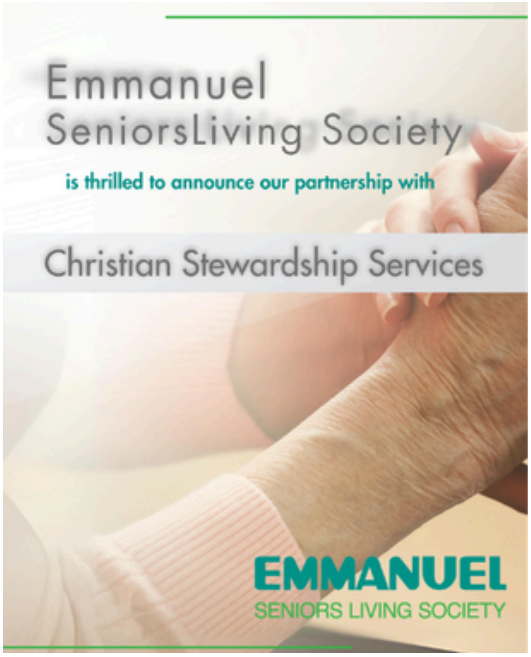
- Bequests
- Gifts of stocks, securities, or appreciated property
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Gifts of life insurance
- Gifts from the sale of a business, home, farm, etc.

With decades of experience in helping Christians with estate and gift planning, CSS professionals will meet you in the comfort of your home to explore and develop a plan that addresses your needs.

Contact CSS for a no-obligation consultation to explore your options

800.267.8890 ext 217
info@CSservices.ca

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HOW TO SUPPORT





Become A Society Member
Participate in making the decisions that keep our vision alive and well.

How to Join: Submit the linked form by email to finadmin@esls.ca or mail it to Emmanuel Home. Payments can be made online at esls.ca/donations-memberships/

Volunteer Opportunities
Both sites are in need of volunteer support in the following areas: activities & events, Northern Perk and Harbour Cafés, bus trips, dining room devotions, companion care and more!
If interested, contact: volunteer@esls.ca.

Check us out on Facebook & Instagram
Emmanuel Home Facebook
Lighthouse Facebook
Lighthouse Instagram



If you're interested in becoming a member of the Emmanuel Seniors Living Society, simply stop by Reception (at Emmanuel Home) or Guest Services (at Lighthouse) to fill out an application and get on board. Your voice matters, and membership is a great way to stay involved and help shape the future of our community. If you prefer to apply online (as a new member, you can do so anytime by using this form: New ESLS Member Form).

Sign up to receive e-news here!

Save the Date!



Emmanuel Home's Annual Christmas Market
Saturday, November 28 from **9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**** Online auction will be from Monday, November 23 - Friday, November 27.***



Introducing the 2026/2027 ESLS Board of Directors

From top left to right: Marian Brennan, Peter Jonkman, Coby Benoit, Sylvia Dening, Erin Walton, Francine Drisner, Andrew Yskes, Mary Velthuizen. Missing from photo: Jack Vanden Pol.

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