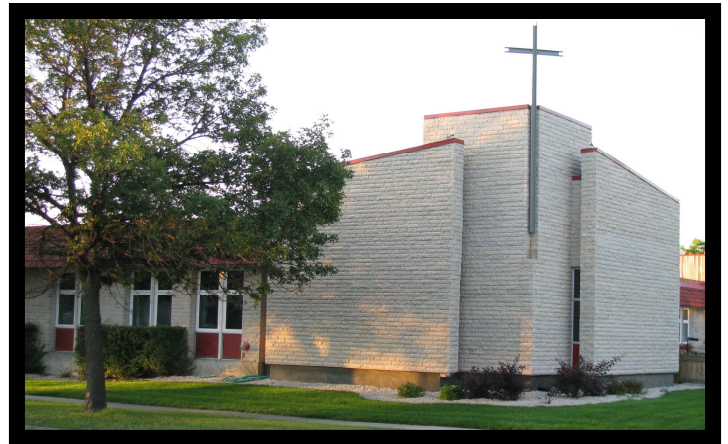




# Founders Edition Hilites

## 1969-2019



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# THE BEGINNING

## MEMORIES AND MILESTONES

BILL 44 MANITOBA  
LEGISLATION TO FORM  
A CORPORATION AND  
BUILD A PERSONAL  
CARE HOME 1968

CONSTRUCTION OF  
LUTHER HOME AT 1081  
ANDREWS  
COMPLETED 1969

## FOUNDING MEMBERS

WALTER T.  
WEIND

EDWARD  
HILDERMAN

MAURICE  
SOLOMON

ALBERT  
ROTHENBERGER

GEOFFREY  
HARMAN

MATTHEW  
SHROFEL

In the mid 60's, the Pastor, the Church Council, the members of Christ Lutheran Church and other interested parties, proposed an idea to meet the Personal Care needs of Senior members of our community. This could be achieved by building 1081 Andrews, Luther Home. Funds were raised to purchase the land for the project and to cover the cost of a percentage of the construction of an eighty bed facility. The Provincial Government of the day recognized the need, supported the proposal and passed legislation, BILL 44, in 1968 for the building to begin.



The Founding members named in the legislation were Walter T. Weind, Edward Hilderman, Maurice Solomon, Albert Rothenberger, Geoffrey Harman and Matthew Shrofel. These were all members of Christ Lutheran Church. As bylaws were written for the new Corporation Board, membership was expanded to include members of other Lutheran Churches and members from the community at large. Oscar Domke joined the group and remained a vital contributor. The facility opened in December of 1969 with Residents being admitted gradually until it reached capacity of 80 shortly thereafter. Luther Home continues to serve with Love and Compassion after 50 years.







In the early 1970's an adjacent property became available for sale. It was 1084 Powers, a 48-suite apartment block built shortly before the Personal Care Home.

Recognizing the need for independent living, and affordable senior's housing, the board acted quickly to make an offer, purchase, then renovate this property. Included in this renovation were the following major projects:

- Addition of an elevator, accessing all three floors
- Modifying eight suites for wheelchair accessibility
- Joining 1084 Powers and 1081 Andrews

As part of a "Community living program" the group home at 364 Leila was built. This home was built to meet the needs of disabled adults who could no longer live with elderly parents in their own home. Land for 364 Leila was purchased and construction for a six bedroom home was completed in 1986. This facility has recently provided a safe home for refugees in the West Kildonan area and will continue to evolve into the future.



## MEMORIES AND MILESTONES

**EARLY 70'S**  
PURCHASE AND  
RENOVATE 1084  
POWERS  
PROVIDING  
AFFORDABLE AND  
ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

THE LINK BETWEEN  
1084 POWERS AND 1081  
ANDREWS WAS ADDED

**1979**  
10 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION

**1985/1986**  
364 LEILA IN THE  
SPIRIT OF PROMOTING  
COMMUNITY LIVING  
"364" WAS BUILT WITH  
A DEDICATION  
SERVICE TAKING  
PLACE ON  
DECEMBER 13, 1986

**1994**  
25 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION

## MEMORIES AND MILESTONES

**1980'S**

CREATION OF A  
SPIRITUAL  
COORDINATOR  
POSITION

**1987**

RENOVATION TO  
ACTIVITY SPACE

**1992**

1080 POWERS

**2005**

NEW CHAPEL SPACE

COURT YARD  
REDESIGN

FAMILY ROOM

OFFICE SPACE  
RENOVATION

NURSING SPACE  
RENOVATION

Through its evolution as a centre of love and compassion and faithful witness in the community, it became evident that a dedicated staff person be engaged to meet the spiritual needs of our Residents. The Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church gradually relinquished these services to a new staff person called the Spiritual Care Coordinator. Regular worship services provided in multiple faiths, counselling and companion services, bible studies and participation in off site faith based activities ensued. In 1985, an expansion of the Activity space to include a chapel site was dedicated. In 2005, the current Chapel and Family room were added on the North West corner of 1081 Andrews.



In 1992 a second Senior's Housing unit was added to complete our Luther Home Campus. Tenants at 1080 Powers had a meal plan included as part of their rent allowing for tenants who needed more assistance with nutrition and meal prep to have a healthy option. At the same time, the food services for the Personal Care Home were provided through the state of the art kitchen at 1080 Powers. The Board's decision to fund this service allowed us to provide our Residents and tenants with high quality yet economic meals and remain independent of more institutional style hospital food services.

In the past space at 1080 Powers has served as a home for the Luxton Play Centre, a program for Mom's and Pre-schoolers. Recently this space has become a dedicated staff training area and a computer learning centre for some of our tenants..







Our most recent addition was the renovation of the Sunroom Link space between 1081 Andrews and 1084 Powers. This project totally rebuilt the glass area and expanded the activity area providing a bright comfortable space to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Residents, tenants, staff, families and Board Members raised funds to complete the refurnishing of the space through two bake sales and additional donations. The Community spirit, which was evident during this project, is an example of the enthusiasm and support within our walls. The legacy of Christ Lutheran Church is present in the link through the stained glass hanging in the lounge area. The memory of those who pioneered the Luther Home concept of Family will live on as we begin another 50 years welcoming those in need and ministering to their needs with love and compassion.



## MEMORIES AND MILESTONES

**2005**

NURSING SPACE  
RENOVATION

ENTRANCE  
RENOVATION

FLOORING AND  
PAINT UPGRADE

**2009**

40TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION

**2014**

COMPUTER  
TRAINING CENTRE

**2017**

REPURPOSE 364  
LEILA FOR REFUGEE  
HOUSING

**2018**

SUNROOM LINK  
RENOVATION

# STAFF HISTORY

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

ED GELHORN

JIM GESSNER

SANDRA DELORME

RAY KOOP

MIKE STERDAN  
(INTERIM)

KEITH BYTHEWAY

## BOARD CHAIRS:

WALTER T. WEIND

EDWARD  
HILDERMAN

ALBERT  
ROTHENBERGER

RANDY  
HILDERMAN

JIM MAIR

## SPIRITUAL CARE:

WALTER T. WEIND

RON LONG

RANDY REHBEIN

DON ENGEL

LENISE FRANCIS

PETER LURVEY

NORIS NORDIN

TERRY THRONDSO

HANNY LABUN

DAWN ROLKE

## Best Wishes from the Chief Executive Officer

It is an honour and a privilege to help celebrate fifty years of Luther Home's compassionate service to our community. The extraordinary forethought and commitment displayed by Luther Home's Founding Members laid a strong foundation for a legacy of care that will continue for many years to come. As we gather over this coming year to commemorate this important legacy, we do so in recognition of a giving past, an unwavering present, and a promising future.

Throughout these celebrations, you will hear stories of how Luther Home came to be what we are today. I purposely use the word "we", as Luther Home is more than just a square city block with a few buildings. Luther Home is more than just bricks and mortar. Luther Home is a family, a feeling of togetherness, a community of caring. It is the people, both past and present that make our community so very special. As soon as you enter Luther Home you see it in the smiling faces, you smell it in the fresh and appetizing aromas, you hear it in the ever-present laughter, and you feel it in the love that surrounds it all. I am certain that those who envisioned what Luther Home could be those many years ago would be very pleased with the progress "we" have made.

While we rejoice that God has truly blessed Luther Home, we must try to emulate our Founders and look towards the future in hope that we can do better. We must fortify our ranks with loving and compassionate people who care about the well being of others. We must be strong in our independence, keen in our convictions to faith, and dedicated to our mission of service. We will invest what our past has provided to build on our current success, and to plan for a bright, hopeful future. I am confident that these essential elements will endure and will be nurtured by those who come after us.

I have been fortunate to be a part of Luther Home since the celebration of it's 40<sup>th</sup> year. These past ten years have been the most personally rewarding in my professional life. I am extremely proud to be part of such a wonderful team of staff and volunteers. While some very good people have come and gone from this team over the past fifty years, the feeling of family, and the feeling of home have been common threads in the loving tapestry we call Luther Home. Thank you for joining us on our journey of love and compassion. May our voyage flourish and thrive into the future as it has since 1969.

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luther Home!  
Yours In Service,

Keith Bytheway  
Chief Executive Officer





## Message from Board Chairperson

I want to express a warm welcome to everyone to our Special Edition of Hilites. For the past three years, I have had the honour and privilege to Chair the Luther Home Inc. Board of Directors of which there have only been five Chairpersons in all since opening. And now, with 2019 being our 50<sup>th</sup> year of operation, it is even a bigger honour to serve as we celebrate all of the accomplishments and success stories since 1969. Not only have we had long serving Board Members but we have had a large number of staff who have retired from Luther Home with over 25 years of service. This speaks volumes as to their job satisfaction, dedication and the good working atmosphere at Luther Home. It also translates into excellent and professional care for our many residents in the past, present and future.



We also have to thank the hundreds, if not thousands, of volunteers that have given so much of their time over the past 50 years. We could not provide the level of care we do without them. They have highlighted the word “Home” in Luther Home. Having such a great staff, Leadership Team and volunteers, has made the Board’s job of policy making and oversight much easier. We are truly blessed. As we look beyond our golden anniversary, we cannot forget our past but remember it in such a way that we will continue to provide the best care possible for our residents, hire the best possible staff, stay true to our mission, vision and values and to continue to diversify our interests in order to stay non profit and independent. I hope you enjoy the information in this Special Edition Hilites and join with us in the special events that we have planned for the year.

Thank you.

Jim Mair, Board Chairperson

## CURRENT LEADERSHIP:

KEITH BYTHEWAY

ROY HARDIE

SHELLEY ISAAC

DAWN ROLKE

CATHERINE HERMOSISIMA

JAKE FRANCISCO

DOUG WITYSHYN

KRISTA CAMERON

KATHRYN HNATUK

## RESIDENT COUNCIL:

LANNY (SKIP) KEELEY

## CURRENT BOARD:

JIM MAIR -  
CHAIRPERSON

MARILYN ONISKO

MIKE STERDAN

RANDY HILDERMAN

DUANE KELLN

BRUCE HALLMUTH

RON HERMANN

LORI BROOKS

CATHY HORBAS

# OUR FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

We are created in the image of God and endowed with dignity and infinite worth. We are redeemed through Jesus Christ that we might belong to God forever. God has embraced the whole world in loving care. The congregation of Christ Lutheran Church provided a channel whereby love, born through faith in Christ, may be made visible and be directed to the service of all people.



## 50th Anniversary Celebrations

**Saturday, June 15:**

**Block Party**

**Friday, September 27:**

**Wine and Cheese Reunion**

**Sunday, December 1:**

**Chapel Service**