

**Luther Home
Incorporation
Spring Communique
May 2023**



Volunteers Weave Us Together

It was with great joy that we were able to host an in-person reception for our Volunteers. On April 20th we honored the work of our volunteers who help with our resident council, our church services, our work of the Board, our entertainers and regular visitors and helpers. Those assembled were treated to a wonderful tea. Our volunteers are so important to the well being of our residents and it's been such a challenge to be on again, off again and we appreciate their willingness to go with the flow!



Our Volunteer of the Year is Joey Saidon, shown here with our CEO, Keith Bytheway. Joey is one of our entertainers who continually brings joy to our residents with his enthusiastic BINGO calling, his driving skills as he takes residents here and there, and his cheery disposition as he hands out calendars. Thank you to Joey for his dedication to our residents.

Congratulations!

The Chaplains Office of Canada Corporation has recognized our very our Pastor David Olafulabi, as Pastor of the Month for March 2023!

Pastor David is known for his calm, kind and prayerful manner.

The Chaplains position of Luther Home is funded by a legacy fund from Christ Lutheran Church.

Spring Flowers

Our Courtyard is a wonderful space for our residents and their families.

We would ask that when you purchase flowers for your own yards, that you consider purchasing some additional flowers for our courtyard!

Planting day is scheduled for June 4th. Please drop off any flower donations with Eddie in the recreation department.

You can contact Eddie at

emarion-gerula@lutherhome.mb.ca

Or

204-336-5380

Work of the Board

Here are some of the things accomplished since our last communique:

- The flooring replacement has been completed.
- The approval of the courtyard refurbishment has been undertaken.
- The implementation of increased staffing and a new Infection Control position as a result of recommendations from the Stephenson Report have been completed.

The Board of Luther Home continues to look at ways to sustain and improve the offerings for residents of Luther Home. There have been several implementations from the Stevenson Report that have taken place in the last few months that will add to the supports for our residents.

We encourage all corporate members to lobby their MLA's and MP's for increasing funding for Personal Care Homes. There have not been any increases in funding for medical supplies, facility upgrades, food costs etc. in fifteen years. The food costs alone in the last few months have been very challenging for our budgeting process. Our development and property committee are developing plans to expand our real estate holdings in order that we can supplement our funding.

We are seeking new Board members. If you are interested in joining the Board, or know of someone who you think would be a great asset to the Board, please contact our chairperson, Cathy Horbas (cathy.horbas@gmail.com) or our CEO Keith Bytheway.

Courtyard Refurbishment

In keeping with the continuous updating of our facility, the Board is undertaking the refurbishment of our beautiful courtyard. Work will begin shortly on repairing the water feature, pruning the existing trees and shrubs as well as adding some additional plantings.