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LINDEN PLACE NEWS

a great place to live



and

suddenly

there was with

the

angel

a multitude of

the heavenly host

praising God

and saying

Glory to God

in the highest, and on earth,

peace, goodwill towards

men

Luke 2

13-14



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Embracing What Is, Anticipating More!

As I begin to anticipate this Christmas season, I am encouraged by Scripture to embrace, in faith, what is. So, what is? For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this (Isaiah 9:6-7). Jesus is all these things, and I trust that we can all embrace a greater measure of Him in our lives in this Christmas season and as we anticipate new things in 2022 and onward. His intentional love for each one is an incredible gift to those who personally receive it.

What might we anticipate in the New Year? I think we would all agree with the question, 'who knows?' At the core of who we each are every day, we want to be known and have nurturing relationships with our family, friends, and where applicable, our caregivers. We want to be healthy and able to freely to choose our 'coming and going', even as we live in a seniors' housing community. We want to be valued for who we are, and in particular as we live in weakness and frailty in body, soul and/or mind. I am so grateful that each one of us, by and in Jesus Christ, can truly anticipate more as the apostle Paul writes: 'For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name, pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith (Ephesians 3:14-17a). The apostle Paul goes on to say, 'Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church in in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen' (Ephesians 4:20-21).

Because He strengthens our inner being and He is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, we can embrace our current and anticipated reality. What a blessing! What a gift! Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to you and your loved ones.

David Driedger, CEO, HavenGroup





December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the those who are celebrating a birthday this month!

December 3 - Della Hiebert

December 14 - Anne Letkeman

Birthday Party on December 27 at 1:30pm, treats served, cost: \$1, free for those with a birthday this month!



Meet & Greet the Chaplain

Wednesday, December 8 at 10 am

Come and meet our new Chaplain, Scot Moir.
Coffee & treats will be served.



Steinbach Mennonite Handbelles Livestream Concert

December 13 at 6:30 pm in the MPR

Join us in the MPR to watch the concert on the big screen.

Shaw Information: Tenants should not receive any invoice directly from Shaw Cable for TV services, unless you have ordered additional channels beyond what the bulk package offers that is included in your monthly fees. If you do receive a bill that does not belong to you or you feel is not accurate, bring it to the office for us to sort out. Please do not call Shaw directly and this could result in delays in resolving the charges on the invoice. Thank you!

From the Chaplain's Desk

"And the angel came to her and said,

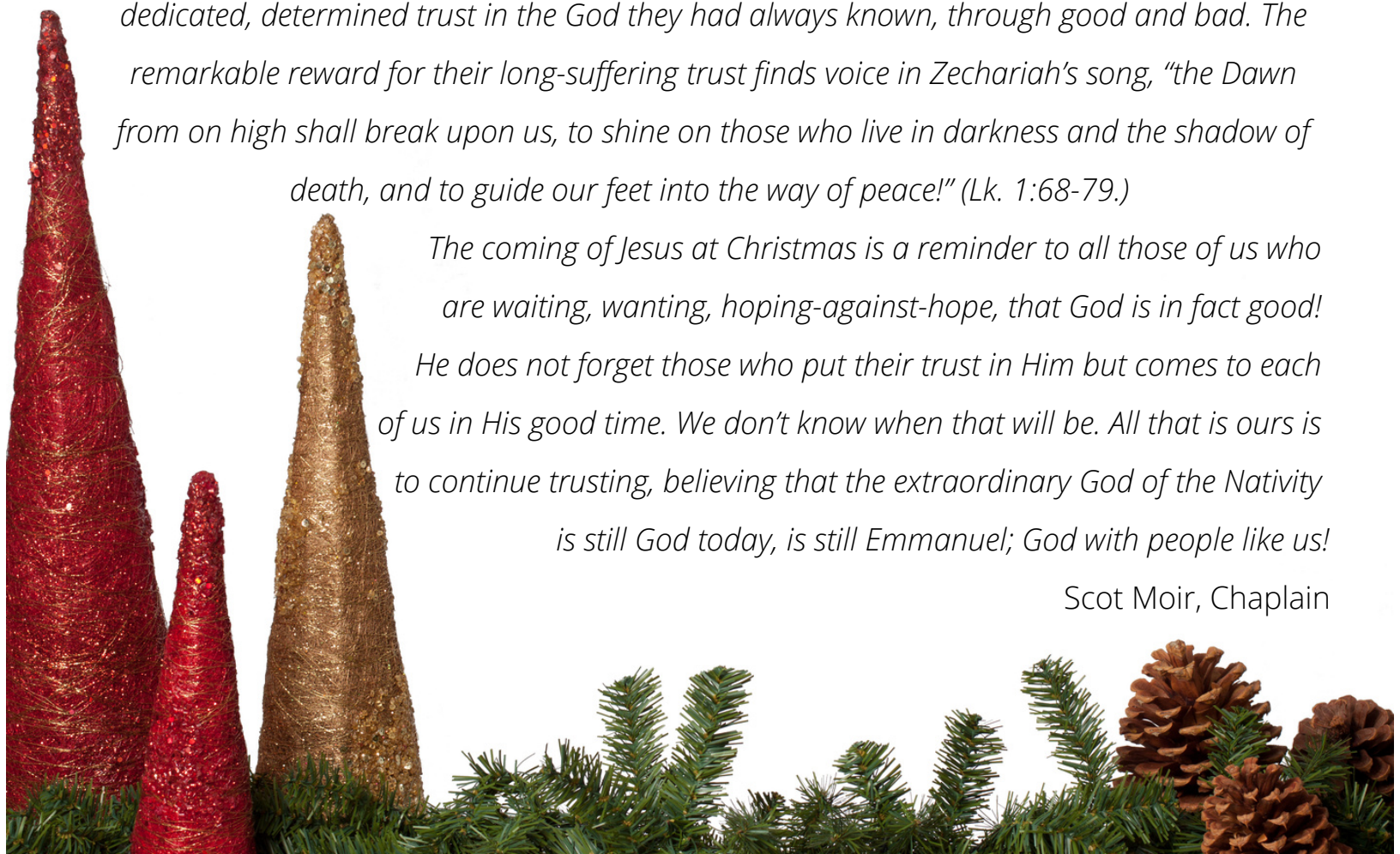
***'Rejoice favoured woman! The Lord is with you.'* Luke 1:28**

When reading through Luke's Nativity story each Christmas, I'm always struck by how ordinary the people God chose for those extraordinary events were: Elderly Zechariah and Elizabeth, who were never able to have children; Mary, a young girl, and her workaday carpenter husband Joseph; Simeon, a senior in Jerusalem; and Anna, widowed for many a year. Real people, in a real place and time, facing real problems. Ordinary people. What binds them all together, and ushers them into the remarkable events of Christmas, is nothing extraordinary in and of themselves, but rather their faith-filled trust in an extraordinary God.

In each case the person involved had reasons to doubt or question the goodness and plan of God (infertility, poverty, widowed, waiting for a sign of hope but not seeing one) and yet every time their response was faith. I don't think that means they never questioned or doubted. But rather that in the really crucial moments they continually came back to a sort of dogged, dedicated, determined trust in the God they had always known, through good and bad. The remarkable reward for their long-suffering trust finds voice in Zechariah's song, "the Dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who live in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace!" (Lk. 1:68-79.)

The coming of Jesus at Christmas is a reminder to all those of us who are waiting, wanting, hoping-against-hope, that God is in fact good! He does not forget those who put their trust in Him but comes to each of us in His good time. We don't know when that will be. All that is ours is to continue trusting, believing that the extraordinary God of the Nativity is still God today, is still Emmanuel; God with people like us!

Scot Moir, Chaplain





Craft Time

Wednesday, Dec. 15

In the MPR at 1:30pm

Bring your own craft to work on and we'll do them together. Janie will put on the coffee if you just want to come to visit.



SISTERS IN SONG

December 16 at 2 pm

Join us in the MPR for a live Christmas concert!

(Note: All members of this group are vaccinated. This is a group that Janie sings in)



Christmas Gift Exchange Party

Wednesday, Dec 22 at 1:30 pm

Bring a \$10 gift and we'll play a gift exchange game and enjoy some Christmas treats!



Movie Night

Wednesday, Dec 29

at 7:00 pm - Free

Join us in the MPR for a fun Christmas movie!

The Funny-Punny Page!





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MEALS MENU



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 Peach Juice Ranch Chicken Mashed Potatoes Peas Pineapple Sunshine Cake	3	4
5	6	7 Apple Juice Roasted Chicken Bubbat Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots Keylime Squares	8	9 Orange Juice Country Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Carrots Sour Cream Coffee Cake	10	11
12	13	14 Iced Tea Chicken Drumsticks Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots Cheesecake	15 	16 Punch Mashed Potatoes Turkey & Ham Mixed Vegetables Buns & Stuffing Peanut Butter Cheesecake	17 	18
19	20	21 Apple Juice Lazy Cabbage Roll Casserole Garlic Bread Ceasar Salad Layered Lemon Dessert	22	23 Fruit Punch Lemon Butter Chicken Mashed Potatoes Carrots Cookies	24	25 MERRY christmas 
26	27	28 Cranberry Juice Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Carrots Cream Puff Dessert	29	30 Peach Juice Ranch Chicken Mashed Potatoes Peas Pineapple Sunshine Cake	31	

FERNWOOD MEALS - Cost: \$7 per meal, these home-cooked meals will be delivered to your door on Tuesdays & Thursdays at Noon. **Sign up by Thursday of the week before.**



DECEMBER 2021 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 9:30am: Coffee Break 12 pm: Fernwood Meal	3	4
5 Day of Prayer: Pray for your neighbours on your floor.	6 3 pm: Bible Study	7 12 pm: Fernwood Meal TODAY ONLY ! Bingo at 3pm Book Mobile Delivery Day!	8 10 am: Meet & Greet with Chaplain	9 9:30am: Coffee Break 12 pm: Fernwood Meal	10	11
12 Day of Prayer: Pray for our new Manitoba Premier	13 3 pm: Bible Study 6:30 pm: Handbells Livestream Concert	14 12 pm: Fernwood Meal 1:30 pm: Bingo	15 1:30 pm: Craft Time	16 9:30am: Coffee Break 12 pm: Fernwood Meal 2 pm: Sisters In Song Program	17	18
19 Day of Prayer: Pray for your church Pastor and leaders.	20	21 12 pm: Fernwood Meal 1:30 pm: Bingo	22 1:30 pm: Gift Exchange Party	23 9:30am: Coffee Break 12 pm: Fernwood Meal	24 Christmas Eve	25 MERRY christmas
26 Day of Prayer: Pray for our new chaplain, Scot Moir.	27 1:30 pm: Birthday Party	28 12 pm: Fernwood Meal 1:30 pm: Bingo	29 6:30 pm: Christmas Movie	30 9:30am: Coffee Break 12 pm: Fernwood Meal	31 New Years Eve	