


MARCH 2021

LINDEN PLACE NEWS

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Gratitude
turns
what we  have
into
enough



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COFFEE BREAK

Tuesday, March 9

between 9:30 and 10, cost: \$2

Sign up to have fresh coffee and a muffin delivered to your door!

Sign up at the office by March 8.



Income Tax Time

Ed Klassen (CPA) is available once again to do your taxes, **cost \$50.**

Bring all your information to Janie **BEFORE MARCH 11** and she will forward it on to Ed.

Please call Janie if you have questions



Move your clocks ahead one hour on:

*Saturday,
March 13*



Spring Ahead

• FROM THE DESK OF •
the Chaplain

I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another, I will experience the resurrection from the dead! (Philippians 3:10-11)

It is unbelievable that I am writing the article for the March newsletter already. In Germany, where I grew up, people talk already about spring, which comes much earlier there. For us, it will probably take yet a while before we can see spring flowers. But I thought of something much more appealing and purposeful than that. I remembered that the Lent season begins on February 17 this year. Lent is, for me personally, a time of anticipation and self-examination, a time to turn inward and examine my life in the light of God's Word.

It is a tradition in many churches to set aside a forty-day period of preparation for Good Friday and Easter Sunday, just like we set aside a time of preparation for Christmas. Like Advent, Lent is a time that invites us to open the doors of our hearts a little wider, to reevaluate and deepen our relationship with the Lord Jesus. The Lenten season invites us to faith-filled meditation, fasting, and repentance from Ash Wednesday until Easter.

Observing Lent looks different for every believer, though fasting is usually a significant factor. Some chose to fast the traditional way, giving up a meal or certain types of food. Because fasting from food is not possible for everyone, some people evaluate their lifestyle and give up a luxury to focus more on their walk with their Heavenly Father.

In any case, Lent should be a time of self-examination and commitment to change in areas we might not have submitted to the Lord. An excellent way to begin is by praying Psalm 139:23-24: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."

Just as Jesus was tempted forty days in the wilderness, for us, our self-pleasing nature will wage forty days against our desire to deny ourselves and to move closer to the Lord. However you decide to observe Lent, let us purpose our heart to be steadfast in this time of consecration to God, as we spiritually prepare for Easter.

A Health Update:

Due to the rapid decline of my health, I have decided to leave my work as the chaplain at Fernwood and Linden Place. I am not taking this decision lightly and know that I will miss the many people I call my friends. It has been a privilege and honour to travel these past three years of our lives together, and it is time for me to take a turn and change direction. May the LORD bless you and keep you. May the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May He turn toward you and give you peace (Numbers 6:24).

MOVIE Night

March 25 – Cost \$3

Choose a movie - from the selection provided - to watch in your suite, and get a goodie bag with classic movie snacks!

Please sign up by March 23.



The Jake Epp Library Book Mobile program is coming to Linden Place! The library will deliver the books you want to Linden each month - call Janie for more details or to sign up!

Photo Book Update

Did you know that Linden has a Photo Book with our tenants in it? I will be coming around this month to take pics of those who are not yet part of it, but would like to be!



Thankful

THURSDAYS

In this time of uncertainty, let's encourage one other to choose a **spirit of thankfulness**. Every Thursday this month I will post a new **Thankful Thursday** poster on the bulletin boards for inspiration and encouragement.



VICTORIA LIFELINE **IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

To all Lifeline subscribers: As of March 31 Janie will no longer be able to service your Lifeline equipment. Your button, and the system, will continue to work as always. More information and details to come in the next few weeks.

The Funny-Punny Page!

I didn't mean to gain weight.
It happened by snaccident.



I'm going
to stand outside.
So if anyone asks,
I'M OUTSTANDING!


I've reached an age
where
my train
of thought
often leaves
the station
without me.



Chocolate
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WHO CARES WHAT
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QUESTION IS

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ACTIVITY IDEAS

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	1 Borrow a book from the Linden library.	2 Treat yourself to a nice long bubble bath.	3 Puzzles for Prizes day! Enjoy doing the new puzzle today, and don't forget to hand it in next week!	4 Thankful Thursday! Count your blessings, name them one by one!	5 Call a young friend or a grandchild - ask them how school is going.	6 Make a plan to connect with others for an outdoor walk.
7 Day of Prayer: Pray for your neighbours who live on your floor.	8 Remember to sign up for the Coffee Break tomorrow!	9 Coffee Break! Enjoy the fresh coffee and muffins, maybe with a good book?!	10 Puzzles for Prizes day! Enjoy doing the new puzzle today, and don't forget to hand it in next week!	11 Thankful Thursday! Choose to be thankful today.	12 Pick out a puzzle from the puzzle shelf in the library.	13 Look for a positive news story and phone a friend to share it with them.
14 SPRING AHEAD!  Day of Prayer: Pray for all those living at Linden.	15 Do an act of kindness today, perhaps making life easier for someone else.	16 Select a Bible verse to memorize. Try saying it out loud a few times at each meal.	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day! 	18 Thankful Thursday! Breathing, alive and blessed - I'm thankful.	19 Call a friend or a family member and encourage them; a little encouragement goes a long way.	20 Take some time for self care - do something kind for yourself.
21 Day of Prayer: Pray for a family member.	22 Call or write to the family member you prayed for yesterday and tell them what you prayed about.	23 Remember to sign up for the Movie Night on Thursday!	24 Puzzles for Prizes day! Enjoy doing the new puzzle today, and don't forget to hand it in next week!	25 Movie Night! Enjoy your treats and your movie.	26 Share what you're feeling today with someone you trust.	27 Take some time to stretch - do it sitting in your chair or lying in bed.
28 Day of Prayer: Pray for a friend. It's Palm Sunday - Easter's coming!	29 Call the friend you prayed for yesterday and tell them that you prayed for them.	30 Make a meal or two for the freezer - you'll be glad you did.	31 Puzzles for Prizes day! Enjoy doing the new puzzle today, and don't forget to hand it in next week!			

Ron Babel will not be available to provide spiritual care services after March 1. Further details to follow.