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DIVINE NEWS & VIEWS

**Happy
New Year!**

Enjoy every day of
the new year and seek
blessings from God.

January 2024

Administrator's Message- Jayna

Now is the perfect time to reflect on the past year and reminisce about gratifying experiences. What were the top 2023 news stories at Divine? Events, celebrations, and building projects are all top on the list. Looking at projects first, we had some that are quite visible and everyone notices. Every time visitors come through the front entrance of the home they notice our new sliding doors that make it so much easier for everyone and especially wheelchairs to enter. We are so thankful for the generous donation. The front entrance of Lake Villa also had a facelift with tree removal and landscaping including a lawn irrigation system again possible with donations. We want to make our entrances as welcoming as possible and invite visitors in.

Some projects are necessary for building upkeep, but not as noticeable or fun to talk about. Sewer repairs in the Lake Villa Apartments make the top list this year. This was an expensive project, but cost saving were realized by using pipe lining instead of tearing up the floor and replacing the pipe. Equally important are projects for safety reasons such as sprinkler head replacement in the nursing home. No one will notice unless we have a fire and a life is saved. The new sound system in the main dining room paid for by the Divine Providence Auxiliary is used often for activities and enhances bingo calling. Another project supported by the Auxiliary provides us with an updated call light system and notification through our radios.

More recently our kitchen ceiling was replaced and new lighting installed. Over the years, the ceiling tiles have endured a lot of meal preparation and were no longer able to be properly cleaned. Now, the ceiling is white and bright with the new energy efficient lights.

Next, birthdays make the list of top celebrations. We always recognize birthdays in a big way here, but sometimes we do go above and beyond when someone reaches a 100 or when Marie Dauer reached 106. The Sleepy Eye Coffee shop announced her birthday for everyone on Main Street with Happy Birthday on the marquee.

If you look at pictures in our newsletter from the beginning of 2023, you will notice blue masks either covering a face or hanging around a neck. About half way through the year, the masks disappear. Of course, masks are still available and used if needed, but that is only for a set time until everyone is healthy again. We do still need to practice good infection control such as washing hands and staying home if sick. That will never go away.

Along with the removal of the masks, we were able to bring back events like the 4th of July parade in the north courtyard with children from the community. The auxiliary held their traditional annual bazaar that included the roast beef dinner and attendees shopping and visiting in the mall area.

However, the biggest event of the year was opening up our home again. This year we had more visitors, more volunteers, more community, more entertainment, and more fun. Here's to wishing even more for 2024!

Divine Providence, bringing smiles to kids of all ages!



Caroline Welsch (left) receives gifts from some kind-hearted youngsters.

Aut Seidl directs the
St. Mary's
Kindergardeners as
they sing Christmas
Carols for the
residents.



St. Mary's Ensemble spreads Christmas Cheer and shares their talent in the living room.

Santa Claus is Coming To Town!!



Arlene Havemeier (left) shares her secret requests with Santa Claus.



Nyle and Brooke are looking FABULOUS as they spread their Christmas Cheer at this year's Christmas Party!



Donald Nazarens (right) poses for a photo with his good friend, Mr. Claus.



Sr. Emily, Rita, and Emmie



Agnes Zwaschka (left): "Aren't we related somehow?"

Ben shows off his 'Space Goggles' as he poses with Mrs. Claus (Beth).



LAKE VILLA MENU

Menu subject to change

Dinner served 11AM-1PM

Jan 1- Chicken Chow Mein, Hot Dog on a Bun, Egg Roll, Fried Rice, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Asian Vegetable Blend

Jan 2- Steak Diane, Baked Turkey, Bread Dressing, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Shredded Lettuce Salad w/ Dressing, Peas & Carrots

Jan 3- Pork Roast, Beef Patty Melt, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Calico Coleslaw, Asparagus, Tater Tots

Jan 4- Philly Steak Sandwich, Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Creamy Cucumber and Onion Salad, Broccoli Florets

Jan 5- Shrimp Alfredo w/Fettuchini, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Garlic Texas Toast

Jan 6- Lasagna w/ Meatsauce, Sliced Baked Ham, Key Biscayne Vegetable Blend, Scalloped Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Garlic Breadstick, Broccoli Florets

Jan 7- Pot Roast, Pork Ribs, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Broccoli Florets, Glazed Baby Carrots, Dinner Roll

Jan 8- Sliced Baked Ham, Baked Turkey, Scalloped Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll

Jan 9- Pork Roast, Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Winter Squash, Dinner Roll

Jan 10- Hamburger on Wheat Bun, Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Breadstick

Jan 11- Baked Pork Chop, Lasagna w/ Meatsauce, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Buttered Corn, Garlic Texas Toast

Jan 12- Breaded Shrimp, Swiss Steak w/ Tomatoes, Hashbrown Patty, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Asian Vegetable Blend

Jan 13- Chicken in Orange Sauce, BBQ Pork Rib Patty on a Bun, Egg Roll, Fried Rice, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Broccoli Florets

Jan 14- Meatballs, Sliced Baked Ham, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Wax Beans, Stewed Tomatoes, Dinner Roll

Jan 15- Baked Chicken, Pork Roast, Three Bean Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Broccoli, Glazed Baby Carrots, Baked Potato, Dinner Roll

Jan 16- Sliced Baked Ham, Pot Roast, Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Buttered Corn, Marinated Mixed Vegetable Salad, Dinner Roll

Jan 17- Beef Stew, Chicken Kiev, Biscuit, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Peas

Jan 18- Ring Bologna, Country Fried Steak w/ Cream Gravy, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Sauerkraut, Breadstick

Jan 19- Pecan Crusted Cod, Chicken Drumsticks, Pasta Salad, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, California Vegetable Blend, Dinner Roll

Jan 20- Open-Faced Hot Turkey Sandwich, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Creamy Coleslaw, Green Beans, Dinner Roll

Jan 21- Baked Chicken, Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Scandinavian Vegetable Blend, Asparagus, Dinner Roll

Jan 22- California Hamburger, Corned Beef Sandwich on Rye Bread, Tater Tots, Mashed Potatoes, Creamed Peas, Dinner Roll

Jan 23- Meatloaf, BLT Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Wax Beans, Breadstick

Jan 24- Pot Roast, Baked Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Scalloped Potatoes, Cape Cod Vegetable Blend, Pasta Salad, Dinner Roll

Jan 25- Beef Chili, Pork Ribette, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Coleslaw, Hot German Potato Salad, California Vegetable Blend, Cornbread

Jan 26- Tuna Noodle Casserole, Beef Tips w/ Noodles, Winter Squash, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Marinated Tomato & Cucumber Salad, Breadstick

Jan 27- Meatballs, Chicken Alfredo w/ Angel Hair Pasta, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Boiled Cabbage, Green Peas, Dinner Roll

Jan 28- Pot Roast, Glazed Baked Ham, Cauliflower, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Dinner Roll

Jan 29- Chicken Chow Mein, Hot Dog on a Bun, Egg Roll, Fried Rice, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Asian Vegetable Blend

Jan 30- Steak Diane, Baked Turkey, Bread Dressing, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Shredded Lettuce Salad w/ Dressing, Peas & Carrots



Employees: Ben Kirui, Crisanta Schmidtknecht, Justine Helget, Elizabeth Edick, Ana Huerta, Alexa Schultz, Denise Doyle, Shirley Hornick

Residents: Bernice Sturm, Kathleen Huberty, Kathleen Mennenga, Marlene Herschman

DIRECTORY

Facilities Director.....	Sr. Sharon Williams
Administrator.....	Jayna Groebner
Director of Nurses.....	Michelle Augustin, RN
Social Services.....	Shirley Hornick, LPN
Activity Director.....	ShellyRae Zinniel, ADC
Business Manager.....	Sheena Hoffmann
Dietary Manager.....	Donna Sellner, CDM
Environmental Services.....	Randy Renner
Health Information Services/HIPAA.....	Alexa Schultz
Lake Villa Maria Housing Mgr.....	Gina McKeown

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WISH LIST

We have been blessed to have many generous friends who made it possible to purchase necessary items to enhance the lives of our residents. Thanks to all who have contributed.

Please consider our following needs:

Add additional outlets to Private rooms	\$650.00 each
New Shower	\$50,000.00
Window Replacement	\$150,000.00
Lake Villa Maria Hall A/C	\$50,000.00
Blanket Warmer (40-50 Blankets)	\$9,000.00
Paint Resident Rooms	\$800.00 each

MEMORIALS

Jean Soukup from Larry & LaVonn Braun

Dorothy Krzmarzick from Collette Irlbeck, Tom & Mary Jo Schroepfer, Greg & Mary Bartx, and Irene Schwartz

Charitable giving is something most of us are morally committed to, we have so much to be grateful for.

Please consider remembering Divine Providence Community Home with a bequest gift in your Will or Estate Plan, a Life Insurance policy or an IRA Rollover.

It is an opportunity to strengthen the legacy of caring for *those who are most vulnerable, and keeping them safe.*

REMINDER: When dropping things off such as clothing, please bring to the Nurse's Station so they can give you a receipt of what was brought in. This will help us to prevent things from getting lost.

Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

THANK YOU

Thank you New Ulm Women of Today and their hosting of the Giving Tree complete with delivered gifts to Divine Providence.

St. Mary's fifth graders designing Christmas cards for our Grandfriends

Sleepy Eye Wide Awakes 4-H Club door crafts

First United Methodist Church Carolers

Stark Happy Hustlers 4-H Club Christmas ornaments, cards, and tie blankets

Sleepy Tops Club and Mary Rose donations

Special writing tablets provided by Mary Tauer

St. Mary's Knights and Sleepy Eye Hospital sponsorship of sounds of the season for us

Visits from Saint Mary's Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Graders

St. Mary's Choir and Band visits

Wayne and Patty Pelzel for Diabetic Socks and Lotions

Family of Marj Simon for Blanket Warmer

Schumacher Family for Prayer Squares

A Special thank you to all who helped us with the flowers and the beautification of our Chapel for the Christmas Season

Shop for Cards at DPCH

Cards for most occasions. Cards for ordination and other religious occasions. We also have general cards so you can personalize to suit the occasion. The display is located in the main lobby. A payment box is affixed to the card rack so you can shop anytime.

Divine Providence Community Home invites you to our presence on Facebook!

Find Us, Like Us, Follow Us!



**YOU'RE A MEAN ONE,
MR. GRINCH!!**



Pictured: JoAnn Trembl (top), Kathy Wichmann and Camila Lucena (left), Mary Doyle (right)

Facilities Director- Sr. Sharon

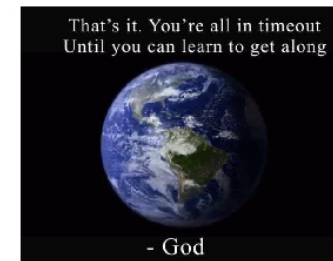
NEW YEAR'S 2024

Already the New Year is 2024 is upon us! How fast and fleeting these years pass! What will this new one hold for us? Many changes and opportunities ... or, on the other hand, will we be satisfied to stay stuck in our own familiar and well-known rut? That is the question put before us now! A challenge to us as to how we will use what it will provide! A challenge that God puts before us every day of our lives.

"God makes all things work together for those who love Him!" Rom 8:28
But...

God wills our cooperation with His good Providence for each of us! God sent His Son as the Prince of Peace, Love, and Good will for all!

I saw an image somewhere that I thought was very appropriate for each of us in these times: often in our own lives, families, homes, country, and world! Humorous and at the same time not so!



We have just received the many blessings of Christmas as Mary has brought forth for us God's greatest gift His Providence, our salvation in the Christ child, so that we might have confidence once again to start out afresh for a New Year!

Courageously now, let us move forward with new resolutions, new goals, new hopes and dreams filled with the knowledge of God's abundant Providence, Love and Peace for each of us, desiring only our love in return!



HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND BLESSED NEW YEAR



From our family to yours, we would like to wish you a very blessed continuation of the Christmas Season and a joy-filled new year! We, the Sisters, would also like to give our heartfelt thanks to all who were so kind to us during this Christmas Season.