

## A note from the Administrator- Jayna

In between all the rain, our home is getting some much needed exterior brick replacement and repair. Over the years, the brick in multiple areas of the building have deteriorated. Plans for this project started over a year ago with bids from multiple contractors, so we were fortunate when a local mason agreed to do our project within our budget. The most significant and visual repair is by the front entrance in our Angel Courtyard. This courtyard is an enclosed courtyard that allows residents to enjoy sun-filled days out in nature safely. Of course, during this project this courtyard is not safe and is temporarily closed, so it is a blessing that we also have the North Courtyard. This is also a safe option for our Grandfriends to enjoy the outdoors.

The instability of the two pillars that hold the gate to the Angel Courtyard were the first indication that our brick wall that also holds the wrought iron fence needed attention. To fix the pillars and brick wall, Andy's Masonry has to remove the Kasota stone cap and either remove some rows of the brick or completely demo the brick to the ground. The two pillars had to be completely replaced. Once the brick is relayed, new concrete caps will be poured on top of the brick wall to seal up underneath and prevent water damage in the future. The wrought iron fence is also getting power washed and painted before attached back to the brick. Once completed, the entire courtyard wall will be washed with brick detergent to make it look new again. The other areas already repaired around the building do look new again after this washing.

Besides some water in our crawlspace, we are lucky that the rain has only delayed some of our projects and our outdoor plans. Others have not been so fortunate with flooded basements and homes due to downpours and rising rivers. While flooding is not a major concern for Divine based on our risk assessment, we do still have a Flood policy in our Emergency Operations Plan. Severe weather such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, or ice storms are more likely to occur. Even though we have two generators, loss of power is also a high concern. The generators only supply minimal electricity to designated areas.

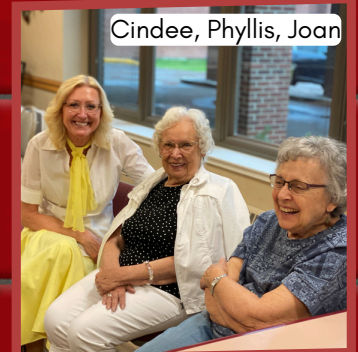
Every year our Emergency Operations Plan is updated and our plans are tested. We believe it is important everyone understand some of the measures we are taking to help keep our Grandfriends and co-workers safe during any disaster. We have plans to defend in place if possible and simply move to a different part of the building, but if that is not an option, we also have plans for evacuation either temporarily to St. Mary's School or the Sleepy Eye Event Center. If the problem cannot be resolved within a few hours and the home cannot be reentered, we would relocate residents to other nursing homes or hospitals until it is safe to return. The goal is to keep everyone safe during any type of emergency.



Cindee Krzmarzick and the Hammertyme Band entertained residents of Divine and Lake Villa this past month. They traveled back in time performing top hits from the 1950s through the 1980s. Rootbeer floats topped off the day served by Divine's professional soda jerks.



Cindee, Bonnie



Cindee, Phyllis, Joan



Kathy, Helen

# thankyou

- Thank you to the family of Ed Mathiowetz for their musical donations
- Ladies Auxiliary for their acknowledgement of the care our DPCH staff provide. We loved the treats!
- Canines for Christ host, Sandy and her visit with Lark
- Agnes Zwaschka family for the farm fresh fruit treat- yum!

## Memorial Received In Memory of Frank Marti:

- Mary Bloodgood

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Marsha Sellner

Housekeeping



How long have you worked here? 44 years + 5 months

What does your job entail? Marsha has worked in almost every department through the years. Currently, she is a bedmaker and passes the laundry, linens, and personal items as well as orders supplies.

In terms of success, which accomplishments are you most proud of?

When I was in dietary, I took the classes to become manager and I also am certified as a nursing assistant. Marsha has a strong work ethic and can be very proud of her attendances!

What's the best advice you can give to someone starting their career?

You're not going to get it right away, but don't give up. Ask for help if needed, and be patient; it will all fall into place.

What is the best part about working at Divine? Building relationships and talking with Grandfriends. I enjoy helping where I can and I like what I'm doing!

Who are some of your biggest inspirations at Divine? Sr. Sharon encouraged me to get the dietary manager license back in 1995. However, everyone here inspires and makes me want to do a better job!

About your family: Husband- Shawn (deceased July 1, 2023); Mother- Dorothy; Sisters- Nancy, Carrie, Teresa, Stacie; Many nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces

A fun fact about yourself most people don't know: Shawn and I have traveled to at least 12 different countries and we went on a cruise. We loved traveling!

## FROGGIE WENT A COURTTIN



Frogs were the highlighted topic of conversation. Activities included frog hoppin and fly catching with the young children. A carved out frog watermelon made by ShellyRae was the eye-catcher of it all.



As Jayna mentioned in her article, brick work is being done to the courtyard and other areas of the building. Pictured is the crew at work making much needed repairs to the Angel Courtyard.



# WISH LIST/ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

As of June 30th, we have received \$83,985.00 for our Annual Appeal. We are incredibly grateful for all the generous donors that are helping us maintain our building, grounds, and purchasing necessary items to enhance the lives of our residents. Thanks to all who have contributed. Please consider our following needs:

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| Add additional outlets to Private rooms | \$650.00 each         |
| Handicapped Van                         | \$70,000.00           |
| Window Replacement                      | \$150,000.00          |
| Resident Lifts (3)                      | \$15,000.00           |
| Courtyard Brick Wall Repairs            | \$25,000.00           |
| Tile Floor Replacement in Hallway       | \$45,000.00           |
| Outside Landscaping/Foundation Updates  | Estimates in progress |

Please consider 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.

## Shop for Cards and Gifts at DPCH!

Visit the Auxiliary gift shop filled with religious gifts and décor for friends or family members. Additional items include handmade quilts, pot holders, embroidered dish towels, books, and baby gifts. Cards are available for \$1.00 in the main lobby for any occasion. Proceeds benefit the Auxiliary which supports Divine Providence.



### 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 Manager/HIPAA..... | Alexa Schultz          |
| Lake Villa Maria Housing Mgr.....     | Gina McKeown           |

**Website: [divineprovidencehome.org](http://divineprovidencehome.org)**

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*July*

**Residents: Chisey Hansen, Jane Mueller,**

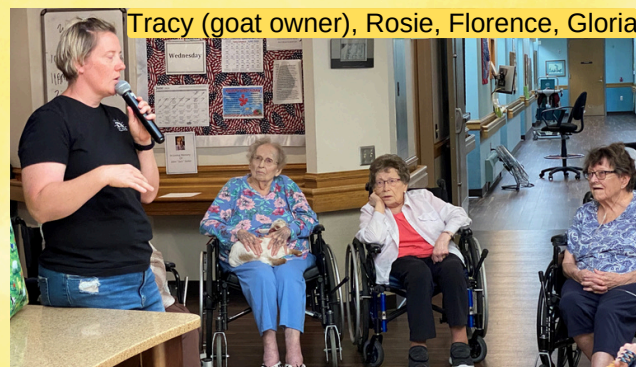
**Irene Weiss, Verna Wendinger**

**Employees: Sheena Hoffmann, Jody Juni, Carlos**

**Martinez, Catharine Maxson, Kris Nelson, Rita**

**Pyan, Jen Schroeder, Jaylynn Sellner, Nicole**

**Shaw, Wesley Sitienei**



Tracy (goat owner), Rosie, Florence, Gloria



Dorothy

The goats came back for another visit and each of the residents had the opportunity to snuggle the cute kids!



Marie



Marion & Sheena



Arlis

# Red White & Blue Parade



Betty, Sr. Sharon, Georgie, David



Lorie, Spud, Sheila, Evie



Laura, Darlene, Vicky



Sheena, Frances, Becky, Kathy



Irene, Caroline



Marlene, Miss SE Royalty



Etien



Marion, Gloria



Miss SE Royalty



Mary, Darleen



Jamie, Kathy



Judy, Becky

The Miss Sleepy Eye Royalty- Queen Emily Ericksen, and Princesses Alexa Pelzel & Addie Hoffmann and their coordinator Kelly Blick hosted our Red White and Blue Parade. Daycares and young families from the community dressed up in their patriotic gear and walked through Divine greeting the Grandfriends. Thank you for all who participated and helped us honor 4th of July traditions!



Mary



Aut, Miss SE Royalty



Rosie



Kathy, Miss SE Royalty

# A note from the Facilities Director- Sr. Sharon

**-IN CHRIST'S FOOTSTEPS- "COME, FOLLOW ME!"**

**"YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER IN THE LINE OF MELCHIZEDEK"**

A call to the Priesthood is a call to a Mission. A life of availability for others, ready always to do God's Will. Sometimes easy, most often not so much, but ready nonetheless.

Priests must also be ready to accept God's Will through their act of openness to what their Bishop or other Superiors would have them do or go. This brings us to this message of gratitude for those Priests that God has given us for the time He has allotted.

It is with much gratitude and the promise of accompaniment with our prayers, that we say good-bye in a manner of speaking to Fr. Mark and Fr. Tanner. They have enriched our lives as Good Shepherds, watching well over their flock given them. (Drone's included)

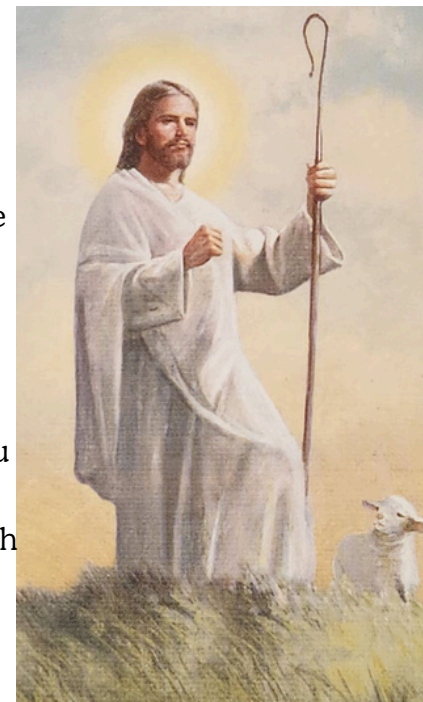
We wish you well in your new Missions in New Ulm. As always to remind you that our door is always open for a visit!

As many of you are already aware, God has a new Mission for Msgr. Richter as well. Although no longer our Chaplain, he remains with us as the Good Shepherd he has always been. He has, for many years been an active part in the spiritual life of our HOME. He has celebrated countless Masses and given the Sacraments for both the living and the dying. Now he finds himself in a new role and Jesus continues to say:

"Come, follow me!" "I will give you rest!"

Our prayers and gratitude accompany you on this most special Mission.

May God's choicest blessings be upon each of you as you continue to follow in His Footsteps!



Verna, Agnes, Sandy



According to their website: [k9forchrist.org](http://k9forchrist.org), their mission is to have the love of Christ shine through us and our canines as His disciples by providing a ministry of presence that actively engages with people who need the love, hope and compassion that only God's message can provide. They are an international ministry with over 1200 members in 38 states and eight foreign countries.

