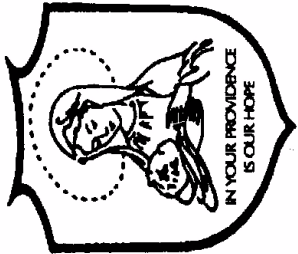


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ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH QUALITY SERVICES AND CHRISTIAN CARE



A note from the Administrator- Jayna

The Angel Courtyard brick and gate repairs are completed and once again the enclosed courtyard is accessible to our Grandfriends and visitors to enjoy some fresh air safely. Next, the repairs are moving inside the building with a significant HVAC improvement. The front entrance and mall area of the nursing home continues to have problems with heat and humidity during the summer months. The beautiful skylights in the mall are partially to blame, but the 30-year-old air handler that controls the air conditioning in the mall area, business offices, activity room, and resident dining room is more to blame. Because of the age of the equipment, a replacement strategy instead of repair is recommended along with some improvements to control the temperature in different zones instead of just one zone for the entire area.

During hot and humid days, the resident dining room heats up and is quite warm during the evening meal. A mechanical & electrical engineering firm has been hired and a bid for replacement of the air handler with improvements has been accepted. The first phase will likely start in August with mechanical work in the resident main dining room, which will put our main dining room out of service for at least a week or possibly longer. Our plans for the process are not complete, but residents will need to temporarily eat in the small dining room (Sleepy Eye room), Nutrition site, Living room, or their rooms during this time.

While the dining room is out of commission, we thought it would be a good time to replace the mall area tile that continues to lift up and loosen. As an alternate flooring to the loud and bumpy tile, a polyurea floor coating has been approved. The tile and vinyl flooring in the front entrance, mall area, Chapel corridor, and service hallway will be removed and the floor prepped for a ¼ inch full chip floor system installation. Before deciding on this type of flooring, we visited another local business and a residential home. Both installed this system a few years ago and are happy with the results. The carpeted areas in the mall will be replaced with new carpet. During this project, our front entrance might be closed for a day or so, but we will post updated information on the front doors to keep everyone informed.

Another project starting this fall won't be as disruptive to services but could be noisy. Due to moisture in the crawl space some steel columns that support the building are deteriorating. Most are located under the nursing home and chapel. An engineer recommends adding Smartjacks to the deteriorating steel columns to reinforce and stabilize the building. We have accepted the bid for this repair and hope to start the project in September.

Sorry for all the inconvenience during our improvements, but remember, visitors are always welcome, and we don't want to hinder anyone from stopping in.



A group of night owls stayed up to watch the July 4th Fireworks shoot off over Sleepy Eye Lake. A perfect view was found through the big window in the hallway leading to the Chapel, in addition to the Marian Conference Room. Not one mosquito bite was had by all.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Rita Pyan

RN/Staff Development Coordinator
MDS Nurse, Charge & Cart Nurse



How long have you worked here? On & off since 1996; Most recently the last 3 years

What does your job entail? New hire orientation & continued education for staff, collecting data to submit to state for reimbursement, coordinating patient care, updating care plans, pass meds and do treatments for residents

In terms of success, which accomplishments are you most proud of? Keeping my residents happy!

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

Don't give up- if it seems overwhelming, just complete things one step at a time- breathe! You've got this!

What is the best part about working at Divine?

The variety of things I do and the many hats I get to wear.

Who are some of your biggest inspirations at Divine?

Sr. Sharon- she has a calm demeanor.

About your family: Husband of 17 years, Blaine (deceased 4 1/2 years ago); 3 brothers & 1 sister; many nieces and nephews that I spoil rotten

A fun fact about yourself most people don't know: I love to cook & bake and share with friends, family, and coworkers. I try to out do myself baking Christmas cookies every year. This year's goal is over 4000!

thankyou

- Thank you Lisa Bohlin for the antique dish donations
- Roufs Families for sharing their wedding celebration bouquets
- Matt & RaeAnna Schroefer for garden produce donations
- Schoenstatt Camp attendees & the Sisters for spreading God's word with us

Donations Received In Honor of Msgr. John Richter:

- Brian & Ronda Mathiowetz
- Daniel & Kathleen Sonnek

Memorial Received In Memory of Bonnie Schumacher:

- Irene Schwartz

Memorial Received In Memory of Frederick Hoffmann:

- Mary Ann Hoffmann
- Jim & Mary Sommerfeld

Memorial Received In Memory of Stacy Mathiowetz:

- Brian & Ronda Mathiowetz

Memorial Received In Memory of Lorraine Hoffmeister:

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| • Lisa Henderson | • Eugene & Evonne Phillippe |
| • Arlene Moehring | • Paul & Ruth Hillesheim |
| • Michelle White | • Tim & Ellyce Hayes |
| • Pamela Tezak | • Jason & Jeanne Freichels |
| • David & Julie Anderholm | • Mary Niklaus |
| • James & Colleen Dockendorf | • David & Heidi Olsen |
| • Greg & Vicki Westgaard | • Tony, Lyndsay, Strykar & Westyn Ampe |

Indoor Ocean Waves



Agnes



Katie N, August



Verna & Kathy



Katie B, Gladys

Above- Young at Heart created indoor ocean waves. But don't worry, there were no shark attacks in the waves of this ocean!

Below- Girls from the summer camp at Schoenstatt came to Divine to sing and dance to songs they had practiced during the week. Thank you for sharing your talents with us!

Deepest Sympathy



Our Divine Providence Family sends our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of Lorraine Hofmeister. Lorraine left a legacy of having a strong faith coming from her home parish of Cathedral of Holy Trinity in New Ulm and being part of a faith group with the Schoenstatt Sisters in Sleepy Eye. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many. May she rest in peace.



WISH LIST/ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

As of July 31st, we have received \$131,185.00 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:

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
Tile Floor Replacement in Hallway	\$45,000.00
Outside Landscaping/Foundation Updates	\$3,000.00

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.



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Congratulations Abby!

Abby Schwartz is currently home from college for the summer and is working as a CNA at Divine. She recently attended the Minneapolis Aquatennial as the 2023 Miss Sleepy Eye Queen. In her meet the candidate's speech, she dressed in classic scrubs and highlighted Sleepy Eye's amazing access to healthcare with being such a small town and offering two nursing homes and multiple assisted living facilities. She said, "It would be impossible to love my job anymore than I do!" We have enjoyed having you work with our residents this summer and know you will do great in your journey ahead in the healthcare field!



Summer Happenings

More Bubbles Less Troubles



Bubbles were the highlighted activity of the month. Young at Heart families joined in the fun of blowing bubbles both big and small as Grandfriends watched how the best memories can be made with simple bubbles as they can put the biggest smiles on everyone's face. Danielle Deopere entertained with guitar music for an outdoor concert in the North Courtyard.



The young Ulmer Quartet band from New Ulm performed for our Grandfriends playing some jazz, classic rock, and more.

This month has been busy with getting outside and taking in the sunshine. Linda in the activities department has been putting the miles on the van with taking residents out for countryside rides throughout the week. The bus pictured above took Spud, Aggie and Bonnie through the St. George village by Bonnie's home place. Neighbor Randy Forst even stepped on as the tour guide.

Edmée continues to take the pedal-powered trishaw out for rides around the lake and throughout the Sleepy Eye neighborhoods. As pictured on bottom right, Florence visits with the Osmonson's on a recent outing with fellow Grandfriend Gloria.

Courtyards have been enjoyed with various activities as pictured bottom left with Linda and Frances

Grotto Blessing ~ Msgr. Richter's Wishes Being Fulfilled

A note from the Facilities Director- Sr. Sharon

OUR LADY'S GROTTA: MOTHER OF ALL PRIESTS

We have been blessed with a donation, a beautiful Grotto of Our Lady by Renee and Leon Kral. It has been on the family farm for several generations until its arrival here with us. We are grateful for its beauty and their generosity.

To complete this project, we called on Bluestem Garden Works by Michael Sprenger, to do the landscaping. The Grotto has truly turned out to be a work of beauty, very attractive with the variety of flowers and bushes. Msgr. Richter was able to come to the Grotto for the blessing and installation of the Blessed Mother statue and Fr. Bruno blessed the entire Shrine.

For many years, it has been our desire to do something with that area and after receiving multiple donations toward the project, it has finally happened. Msgr. Richter's thoughts are to have it dedicated to all the Priests who have lived and/or served here at Divine Providence/Lake Villa Maria. Taking that thought, here they are to the best of our recollection:

Msgr. George Rowles

Msgr. Joseph Neudecker

Bishop Alphonse Schladweiler

Fr. Aloysius Bertrand

Fr. Leonard Jenniges

Fr. Celestine Pistulka

Fr. Eugene Hackert

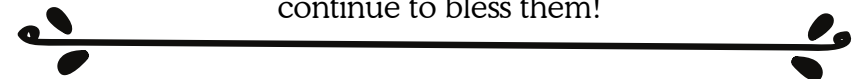
Fr. James Moran

Fr. Robert Goblirsch

Msgr. Robert Wyffels

Msgr. John Richter

We are most grateful for their service to all God's people. For those who have gone before us, May they Rest In Peace! For those who continue to serve, especially Msgr. Richter in his current Mission, may God continue to bless them!



August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					July 26 9:30 Young at Heart 3-Jan Mielke Entertainment Living Room	July 27 2-Bingo w/Beth Dining Room
July 28 10-Dice Game w/Linda 5-Mass	July 29 10-Going to Japan w/Edmee Living Room	July 30 10-Trivia & Word Game 3-Bingo Dining Room	July 31 10-Memory Game 2:30 Resident Council 3-Bingo Dining Room	1 3-Watermelon Crawl Shuffleboard on the Island 6:30 Games w/Linda	2 9:30-Danielle Deopere Entertainment North Courtyard 3-Watermelon Word Game & Trivia	3 2-Bingo Dining Room
4 5-Mass Sleepy Eye St. Mary's Church Festival	5 9:30 Young at Heart 2:30 Aprons with Cindee Krzmarzick Dining Room	6 10-Trivia & Word Game 3-Bingo Dining Room	7 10-Tabletop Game on the Island 2-Kristina Marti Tone Chimes Living Room	8 3-Georgia Peaches 6:30 Joey Bastian Entertainment Living Room	9 10-Tray Game & Trivia 2-John Beck Entertainment Dining Room	10 2-Bingo w/McKenzie Dining Room
11 10-Ten More Dice Game w/Linda 5-Mass	12 10-Memory Game 2-Kristina Marti Tone Chimes Living Room	13 9:30 Pontoon Outing 10-Trivia & Word Game 2-Agnes Birthday Bash w/Nate Fredreksen Entertainment Dining Room	14 10-Frog Trivia & Word Game 3-Bingo Dining Room	15 3-Anna De St Croix Entertainment Living Room 6:30 Games w/Linda	16 9:30 Young at Heart 3-Marv & Carol Nissel Entertainment Dining Room	17 3-Little Crow Ski Show on Sleepy Eye Lake Sleepy Eye Summerfest
18 2-Musik Meisters Entertainment Dining Room 5-Mass	19 10-Beer Word Game 2-Roll out the Barrell & Happy Hour	20 10-Trivia & Word Game 2:30 Resident Council 3-Bingo Dining Room 3:30 Pontoon Outing	21 10-Saint of the Month w/Edmee 3-Allen Carlson Entertainment Dining Room	22 3-Anna De St Croix Entertainment Living Room 6:30 Games w/Linda	23 9:30 Young at Heart 3-Bingo Dining Room	24 2-Bingo w/McKenzie Dining Room
25 10-Cover That Number Dice Game w/Linda 5-Mass	26 9:30-Kristina Marti Tone Chimes Living Room 3-Sunflower Trivia & Word Game	27 10-Trivia & Word Game 3-Bingo Dining Room	28 10-Pontoon Outing 10-Flamingo Races 3-Flamingo Fun & Games	29 3-Going to the Fair Living Room 6:45 Nick Mack Entertainment Living Room	30 9:30 Young at Heart 2-Lee Ibberson Entertainment Dining Room	31 2-Bingo Dining Room