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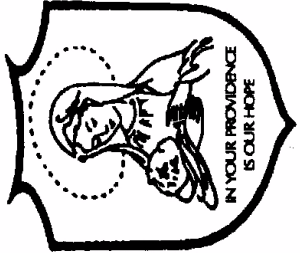
*Heavenly Father,*

*Help us to let go of the past  
and embrace new beginnings  
with you by our side*

*Happy  
New Year*

A graphic of a firework exploding, rendered in a gold, stylized, brush-stroke-like font. The firework has several radiating lines representing sparks or light trails.

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ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH QUALITY SERVICES AND CHRISTIAN CARE





## A note from the Administrator- Jayna

The end of the year can cause many mixed emotions including stress, anxiety, excitement, and joy. It is the perfect time to take a deep breath and reflect on the wins we celebrated and the lessons we picked up along the way. From moments that made us excited to challenges that made us roll up our sleeves and dig in. All our experiences have shaped where we are today and where we are heading tomorrow.

For example, a year ago, I would not have known how much excitement Nigerian dwarf goats could bring to our home not only for our residents but us workers too. The little animals are just so cute, adorable, and huggable. Can you tell I loved them? They were so popular they came back for another visit and now I heard they are coming back in 2025 and soon!

On the other hand, our mall flooring project was a challenge and not cute and adorable. Removing a large area of tile causes a lot of dust, but we survived and now we have a beautiful floor that is both durable and easy to clean.

This new year will be an opportunity to start a new journey where we will make new memories, gain new experiences, and meet new Grandfriends along with their friends and families. This journey would not be possible without our dedicated long-term staff that know the ropes and the new employees that were willing to give us a chance.

The following employees celebrated their anniversaries in 2024 and we will recognize their commitment to Divine at the annual employee Christmas Party in January. Thanks to our caring team, we will continue to provide the exceptional care that our Grandfriends deserve and our community expects.

### 5 Years

Katie Bertrand, CNA/TMA  
Crystal Rangel, CNA  
Sarah Reinarts, RN

### 10 Years

Justine Helget, CNA/TMA/ROM

### 15 Years

Patty Berkner, RN  
Jody Juni, LPN

### 20 Years

Patty Rosenhammer, LPN  
Sheila Sellner, Hskp/Laundry Supervisor

### 25 Years

Donna Sellner, Dietary



Thank You for trusting us to care for your loved ones this past year. We promise to continue to share God's love through the caring hands of our incredible staff.

Trinity Lutheran stopped by to sing Christmas Carols and decorate delicious Christmas Cookies



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Sharon Liese

Dietary- Cook



How long have you worked here?

Since September 2024

What does your job entail? Preparing and cooking delicious meals for the Grandfriends and trayline, and helping out in the kitchen in any way needed.

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

I am proud that I have a job where I can work and give back to the community in a way that directly impacts people's lives.

What's your favorite memory while working at Divine Providence?

Since I have not worked here long, I do not have any significant memories yet, but I look forward to the memories I will make here in the future.

What is the best part about working at Divine? Getting to see the Grandfriends enjoying their meals- knowing I had a small part in making their day better.

Who are some of your biggest inspirations at Divine? The Sisters

About your family: Husband- Nicholas, and our 3 year old husky- Luna

A fun fact about yourself most people don't know:

I love hiking and backpacking and have taken many trips across the US



# Thank you

- Sleepy Eye Wide Awakes 4-H Club Christmas Décor
- Cindy Rieke and St. Mary's 1st Graders for their nativity story and fun
- Sleepy Eye Medical Center Carolers
- St. Mary's Band members directed by Rachel Moldan
- Rita Pyan's delivery of delicious holiday treats
- Spud Soukup and family for Christmas surprises
- Pastor David Nissen and Trinity Lutheran Confirmation students for their visit and friendship
- The sounds of Christmas shared by Cindee Krzmarzick's guitar students, the Concord Singers, and Knights of Columbus carolers
- Mr. and Mrs. Claus helping with our Grandfriend Gift Pass
- Shelly Kosak's poinsettia donation in memory of Veronica Groebner
- Numerous poinsettia donations to beautify our nursing home and chapel
- Wayne & Pattie Pelzel for sock donations

## **Memorial Received In Memory of Msgr. John Richter:**

- Joe & Karen Schulte
- Brian & Christine Braun
- Peggy Fitzpatrick

## **Memorial Received In Memory of Rosie LeMoine:**

- Ken & Karen Schaefer
- Anonymous donations

## **Memorial Received In Memory of Charles "Chisey" Hansen:**

- Ken & Karen Schaefer

## **Memorial Received In Memory of Linus Kral:**

- Stan Seifert

## **Memorial Received In Memory of Mike Seifert:**

- Stan Seifert

## **Memorial Received In Memory of Mary Kay Kraus:**

- Stan Seifert

## **Memorial Received In Memory of Veronica Helget:**

- Daryl & Lois Helget

Divine Providence Nursing Home and the Sisters of St. Mary of Providence wish to express our deepest gratitude for the bequest gift received from Msgr. John Richter. We are forever grateful for all he did for our Nursing Home and the lives he touched. May God grant him the joys of Heaven as he so deeply deserves from the life he spent evangelizing and bringing everyone closer to Him.

*Divine Providence extends our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of two dear Grandfriends this past month.*



Darlene Ulrich

As a foster child born in Illinois, Darlene planted her roots in New Ulm where she raised four children with her husband, Buddy. She spent the first part of her career at Kraft Foods, and the latter part as a nursing assistant. Her hobbies included the delicate art of needlework- cross stich, knitting, and needle point. At Divine Providence, one of her favorite activities was taking a ride around the lake with her roommate Ronda on the Trishaw. Her sweet and strong willed personality will be missed by her family and friends.

As a life-long resident of the New Ulm area, Rosie left her mark in the community. She raised two daughters with her husband Eugene. Her career over the years included Tachtronics, Kraft Foods, Red's Dairy Bar, and the New Ulm Country Club. In Rosie's spare time, she sang in the Hummdinger Kitchen Band, cooked, sewed, made crafts and dolls. She also loved animals. Her faith was important to her as she was active in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity Church and Christian Mothers. At Divine Providence she had a spunky personality, always making those around her laugh.



Rosalin "Rosie" LeMoine

