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One Blessed Night

On a journey from afar
Only guided by a star
Was Mary the Virgin bride
Traveling with Joseph by her side

To Bethlehem they were heading
But no room were they getting
For the baby to be born
Oh, so early in the morn

They came upon a peaceful manger
where the animals held no danger
and through the miracle of birth
Jesus Christ came unto this earth

To this day there is celebration
Throughout every God enriched nation
To remember the birth of our Savior
One blessed night in a manger.

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**DIVINE PROVIDENCE
COMMUNITY HOME**

Enriching lives through Quality Services and Christian Care

A note from the Administrator- Jayna

Thanksgiving is in our rearview mirror and Christmas is fast approaching. This season is a time to pause and thank the incredible staff, families, volunteers, and community that have supported us with their dedication, compassion, and caring hearts.

First a huge shout out to our staff that demonstrate remarkable resilience in a profession that asks a lot of them. Thanks for caring deeply for our residents and contributing to our success as acknowledged by our residents in our most recent Resident Satisfaction Survey. Not only do they meet their medical needs, but they provide the emotional support that reduces loneliness and builds relationships.

Our families are the best. They actively participate in their loved one's care with regular visits or calls. Thanks for personalizing our resident's rooms, providing clothes, encouraging participation in activities, staying informed about their health and advocating for their needs. Celebrating birthdays and providing treats for everyone is so appreciated by everyone.

Our volunteers are always willing to offer companionship, assist with activities, or coordinate fundraising. Thanks to the magnitude of volunteers who recently organized the annual November Auxiliary Bazaar. Because of their faithfulness, this past year we were able to purchase additional resident lifts. Our residents appreciate the additional entertainment and activity supplies, that are able to be purchased due to their efforts. Free cable TV is another huge benefit.

Our community has supported us through volunteerism and financial assistance that allows us to purchase items listed in Our Needs at Divine Providence section of this newsletter. Thanks to our community, this past year due to their support, we were able to complete the replacement of all the windows in the nursing home including new blinds. New windows are ordered for a large section of Lake Villa Maria with possible installation in March, weather permitting.

More recently, we were able to add automatic door operators to our back entrance that is used by the ambulance crew. The upgraded doors allow EMTs to gain entrance more efficiently and with less exertion.

This season is a time to pause and reflect and not rush through it all. Hopefully you can find a few quiet moments to focus on what matters most: your family, your relationships, your health, and your faith.

Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 25th,

11:00am-1:00pm

Lake Villa Cafeteria

\$20 Adults | \$10 Children 10 years & under

Please call 507-794-3011 for reservations

Menu Beef Pot Roast
BBQ Burnt Ends
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Bean Casserole
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Fire Roasted Corn
Cornbread
Holiday Cake Pops

Gift Certificate

Need a Christmas gift idea?
Stop in to purchase a gift certificate
for the Lake Villa Dining Hall!

Thank You

- Thank you to Kat Haala for donating bird seed
- Thank you to Jane Cook for donating two plants for the residents
- Thank you to Terry and Gail Frauendorfer for donating the Christmas lights for outside
- Thank you to Judy Schotzko for donating squash
- Thank you to Dean Stimpert for the wood cutouts
- Thank you to Beltz Appliance for the cardboard to make our Gingerbread and fireplace props

Divine Providence extends our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Dorothy Jacobsen

At 92 years young, Dorothy Jacobsen lived a full life. In 1952, she married her husband Rodney and together they moved to their farm site and started a family. She worked as a farm wife raising three children and drove the school bus for Springfield Public Schools. She was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Springfield, MN, where she sang in the choir. She also served as the activities director at St. John's Nursing Home and owned a 2nd-hand store in downtown Springfield. After retiring, she and her husband Rodney traveled extensively through Europe, Hawaii, Central America, and the U.S. They spent many winters in Arizona and often visited their son David in Colorado along the way. Dorothy loved making silk flower arrangements in her free time and was affectionately known as "The Flower Lady" in Springfield. She also enjoyed bowling, with a personal best score of 266.



The St. Mary's Schola came to sing hymns and Adoration at the Chapel on November 4



Athlete of the month



Carol Lochner

Carol was chosen for this month's Athlete of the Month due to her passion and willingness to focus on her rehabilitation. She continues to remain positive and has made significant gains towards her functional goals. Keep up the great work, Carol!



Monthly Therapy Chat

by Ashley Remus, Rehab Director

In therapy, our patients have been busy helping us get into the holiday spirit! Through therapeutic tasks such as untangling lights, hanging stockings and painting, patients have really enjoyed these purposeful activities. Make sure to come and check out the decorated therapy room and courtyard!

Auxiliary Quilts Holiday Sale



On Sunday, December 7, the Auxiliary will be selling their quilts at a reduced holiday price!

They will also have new recently finished quilts available for sale, at the 7th Annual Sleepy Eye Craft and Vendor Show!

Please stop out at the Sleepy Eye Event Center from 10 am to 2 pm to check out their selection. These make great Christmas or birthday gifts for your loved ones!

Also check out the Divine Providence website to see available quilts!

<https://divineprovidencehome.org/>



OUR NEEDS AT DIVINE PROVIDENCE

As of November 30th, we have received \$103,647.00 for our annual appeal. Our biggest project this year is raising funds for the remaining window replacements. 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!

Please consider our following needs:

Handicapped Van	\$70,000.00
Window Replacement	\$382,000.00
Window Blinds for Resident Rooms	\$4,300.00
Sun Awning for North Courtyard	\$8,000.00
Automatic doors for ambulance entrance	\$7,000.00

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, Gifts, and Quilts at DPCH!

Visit the Auxiliary gift shop filled with religious gifts, handmade quilts, pot holders, embroidered dish towels, baby gifts and more! Cards are available for \$1.00 in the main lobby for any occasion.

A complete listing of quilts available with sizes and pricing is available on the website under the "Quilts for Sale" tab at:

divineprovidencehome.org

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.....	Jesse Steinbeisser
Environmental Services.....	Randy Renner
Health Information Manager/HIPAA.....	Alexa Crim
Lake Villa Maria Housing Manager.....	Gina McKeown

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Happy Birthday

Residents: Virginia Herring,
Shirley Netsch & Beverly Sellner

Employees: Jonathan Altmann,
Jayna Groebner, Sr. Savina
Laskowske, Ashley Lopez, Holly
Merkel, Kiara Murphy, Lori
Neidecker, Meshack Onsongo,
Crystal Rangel, Cora Schottle,
Sheila Sellner & LeAnne Tolsma



Dietary Employee Spotlight Kristy Sues



How long have you worked here? 1 year

What does your job entail?

Serving the grandfriends and putting away dishes

What inspired you to to work in the food industry?

I was looking for a job and saw this posted. I used to work at the Orchid Inn and enjoyed it plus I love working with the grandfriends.

What is your favorite part of the day at Divine Providence?

Seeing and talking to the grandfriends.

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

I don't have just one favorite. I really do enjoy my job and seeing the grandfriends.

About your family: My husband Mike and my 4 children: Brayden (20), Kiauna (16), Jaxsen (13) and Eliana (6)

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

I went to school for nursing.

Thankful & Blessed



Edmee, Bev & Brittany
Our Blessing Tree filled with written Grandfriend & staff blessings



George



Agnes



Verna

Reading a Thanksgiving book



Ashley & Verna



Margie

Pie Crust Roll Off



Nancy & Margie



GINNY, MILLIE, RUBY & WESLEY



MARGIE, LOWELLA & GEORGIE



BETTY, GAVIN & EMMA

Making & Praying the rosary



PAPER-PLATE FLOOR ROSARY



Bev



Playing with Corn



ST. MARY'S KINDERGARTEN VISIT & CRAFT
Millie, Ben, Lavon & Verna

Making Turkeys with St. Mary's Kindergarten



Virginia, Gavin & Carol



DERRICKSON DUO

Musical Entertainment - Derrickson Duo and Over 60 Band

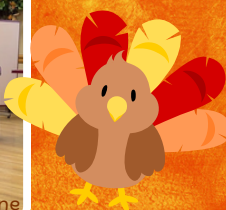


Betty & Gloria

Best Turkey Trotter



Betty, Gloria & Adeline



Myrtyce

Visiting young concertina player - AJ Braulick



Bernadette



Happy Birthday Joann

During mid-November, the residents had a baby shower for Jen, one of our LPNs. Jen's baby girl will be making her arrival mid-December!



A note from the Facility Director- Sr. Sharon

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS AND JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Well with the weather outside changing significantly with a blustery snowstorm forecast and the metamorphosis-taking place here inside, we are decidedly looking forward with awe and anticipation for the arrival of the Christ child again among us!

Having just come away from Thanksgiving continues to remind all of us just how blessed we truly are and have every reason to be thankful for all the great goodness our Heavenly and Providential God gives to us without ever counting the cost.

Our Founder, St Louis Guanella, was born in Italy on December 19, 1842 in the alpine town of Fraciscio, and believed wholeheartedly in that Providential Father who so loves all His children and gives to all without regard, seeing Christ in all who suffer and in any way in need of assistance.

Fr. Guanella, as a walking model of charity and love for each of us, was following the example of love as shown us by our Infant Savior. No one was too great or too insignificant for him to spend time with much like our Lord. Christmas is not just decorations, parties, etc., but one of recognizing our intimate relationship with Christ and His people all over the world. Charity begins at Home and spreads throughout the world as a ripple on water through prayer and opportunities for doing good.

May your Christmas be truly and most abundantly blessed in Him - our very reason for being! Enjoy this most beautiful season to the fullest!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

