

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

With the month of March coming in like a lamb, we must start preparing for it to go out like a lion. It was only until a few years ago that I learned that this saying actually only started with the notion that March would come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. I was told that it was most likely the settlement of the pioneers to the west that caused the option to reverse this saying given the Rocky Mountains and areas near them typically experience larger snow falls towards the end of March. Hopefully we will be spared from this! With this, we of course will be conducting reviews of some of our routine inclement weather protocols and we will begin planning for our spring emergency preparedness plan review. Hopefully we will never use our emergency operations plan, but it is still best to be prepared.

For the month of March we will also be welcoming Chandra Gustafson as our Health Care Administrator. Chandra brings a wealth of experience and will be a good fit for our Health Care Center. We also recently renamed

our hallways in our Health Care Center to Trinity Way and GracePoint.

This change will allow us to change the staffing matrix to better fit our resident needs on a two neighborhood set up as opposed to

a three neighborhood set up. We are also in our final steps of rolling out an electronic health record for our Assisted Living Memory Support and Residential Care neighborhoods.

Finally, as we look to the Spring – please watch for upcoming invites for our planning meetings. We’ve accomplished a lot these last few months – but need to continue the momentum of making useful, relevant, and needed improvements to our wonderful campus. Please reach out with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.



- BENJAMIN EDDY

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Lent is approaching (or maybe here by the time you are reading this!), and we are put in a unique situation at Risen Son. Unlike most churches who have beliefs and traditions in place regarding how they participate or do not participate in Lent, we are a community filled with residents from various faith backgrounds and traditions. In some ways, this makes participating in Lent as a community tricky, but in more ways I believe this is a beautiful opportunity for various denominations to come together as the body of Christ. Although the specific season of “Lent” is not in the Bible, the practices of Lent such as prayer, fasting, and giving are.



- HANNAH LANGLEY

Many historians agree that the season of Lent, the 40 day period before Easter, was made official shortly after the Council of Nicea in 325 AD. Throughout the years, the practices of Lent have looked differently throughout denominations. As followers of Jesus, Lent can be utilized as a tool to grow in deeper relationship with Jesus. Prayer, giving, and fasting are all uniquely designed to align our hearts with his.

Jesus gives specific instructions about how to implement all three of these practices in Matthew 6. “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Giving:

2 “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Prayer:

5 “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Fasting:

16 “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

God is calling all of us to a life of giving, prayer, and fasting, but to do so with the right intentions. Rather than going through the motions or trying to uphold a “good Christian” image, God wants our actions to reflect a heart eager to grow closer to him. Whether you typically participate in Lent or not, as one body let’s turn our hearts to God and grow even closer to him through giving, prayer, and fasting.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Jodi Herr, Business Office Assistant
3/7 Alex Ludwick, Dining Aide
3/13 Connie Koch, Helping Hands
3/17 Marcy Lewis, As Needed Business Office Support
3/19 Katie Snook, Clinical Liaison
3/20 Alan McLean, Relief Cook
3/23 Michael Bonner, Maintenance Assistant
3/28 Melody Gregory, Director of Environmental Services

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

3/2 Carrie Schweer, Social Services, 5 years
3/8 David Anson, Maintenance Assistant, 10 years
3/14 Laura Alvarez-Gutierrez, Medication Manager 4 years

3/16 Breanna Martinez CNA, 1 year
3/25 Ellonna Anders RN, 14 years
3/27 Polly Zant RN, 3 years
3/30 Liz Artherton LPN SDC, 2 years
3/30 Kelly Perman Cook, 2 years

Promotions:
Laura Alvarez- Gutierrez, Medication Manager



New Hires:
Jadda Davis, Dining Aide
Jazmine Davis, Dining Aide
Alycia Jepperson, LPN
Joni Kiersch, Transport Aide
Ashley Reeves, CNA
Champaine Rodriguez, RN MDS Coordinator



RESIDENTS ENJOYED A VISIT FROM THEIR FRIEND PETE ON A RECENT WARM WEEKEND DAY.

IN FEBRUARY MICHAEL AND MARILYN REHLING WERE CROWNED KING AND QUEEN OF INDEPENDENT LIVING RESIDENTS. THEY STARTED THEIR REIGN DURING THE CORONATION CEREMONY ON FEBRUARY 16. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE FINALISTS: DAVID AND RUTH ANN BRADSHAW, IVA RUIS, AND TERRY WILSON. FORMER KING DICK BROWN AND FORMER QUEEN ANN THOLEN CROWNED THE NEWLY APPOINTED ROYALTY!



NOW HIRING

Join Our Team!

Assistant Dining Manager
Dining Aides
Day Cook
Evening Cook

Certified Nursing Assistants \$2000 Sign on Bonus (1/2 for PT)

Certified Medication Aides \$2000 Sign on Bonus (1/2 for PT)

Licensed Practical Nurses \$10,000 Sign on Bonus (1/2 for PT)

Registered Nurses \$10,000 Sign on Bonus (1/2 for PT)



Executive Director: Benjamin Eddy

Business Office Manager: Jennifer DeVault

Chaplain: Hannah Langley

Community Liaison: Brad Tompsett

Culinary Director: Matt Riechmann

Director of Lifestyle & Wellness: Krystal Cary

Environmental Services Director: Melody Gregory

Residential Services Director: Heather Stearman

Director of Nursing: Danielle Perryman

Human Resources Director: Steve Langdon

ALDS/RCF Director: Heather Stearman

Admissions Coordinator: Susan Vergamini

Social Services Director: Sandy Leimer

COVER: WABASH TRACE-POTTAWATTAMIE
COUNTY

ABOVE: JUST AROUND THE CORNER, THESE
APRICOT BLOSSOMS WILL BE BLOOMING.

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