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2020

Dates to Remember

April 12th- Easter Sunday

April 23rd- Volunteer Recognition
Event

April 29th- Eagle Center Visit



From Your Administrator By Tom Pollock

COVID-19 Virus

Life certainly changed dramatically in the past month. We all heard about the Coronavirus in China and how it spread to a nursing home in Washington State. The virus moved so quickly that the staff at Kirkland Nursing Home didn't know what hit them. The residents were vulnerable with underlying health conditions and their immune system was depleted. The sad result is that 80 residents tested positive and 26 of them died.

We were receiving updates from CMS (Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services) and AHCA (American Health Care Association) about the virus and the steps to take to prevent the virus from getting into our building.

I went to Office Max/Depot and had signs made for both entrances restricting visitors except those who had a loved one in an end-of-life condition. The key is to keep the virus out of our building.

I am very proud of our staff and how they again have stepped up to the plate to care for our residents, your loved ones. Our Therapeutic Recreation Department, led by Linnea Maki, have posted videos and pictures of our staff and residents on Facebook. Keeping connected with family and friends is important during social distancing.

We are screening all staff when they arrive to work, including taking their temperature. Any temp of 100 or more will have the staff member return to home.

Thank you again to our fantastic staff and for residents and families for understanding how important it is to keep everyone safe.

See you next month!

April Birthdays



Marge N. April 11th
Barb G. April 12th
Iris B. April 15th
Binh H. April 17th
Irene F. April 26th

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Resident Council Monthly Meeting

Resident Council Meeting: Tuesday March 10th, 2020
3:00 p.m.

Those Present: Jim J., Marilyn L., Char R., Pat C.,
Eloise G., Suzi G., Edith I., June M., Eileen J.,
Council President, Chris Neely, LSW and Emma
Krebsbach, LSW.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of
Allegiance was stated. The minutes from last month
were read. Chris read Resident Right "Choice of
Attending Physician."

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Council members wanted to thank
our Administrator Tom for the delicious steaks that
he grilled for Valentine's Day. Thank you, Tom! The
Council was informed that the National Eagle
Center will be visiting on April 29th.

Chris went over Ombudsman information and its
location outside of the Social Services office.

Safety Concerns: No Safety concerns stated.



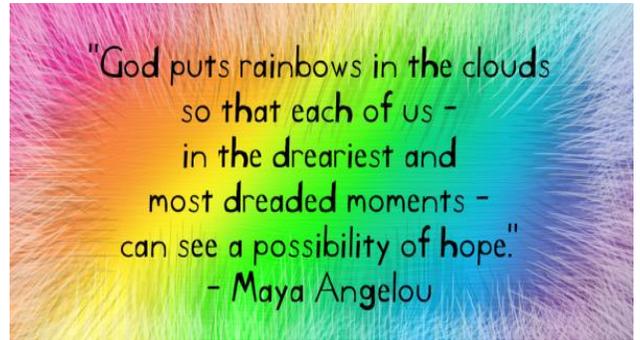
From Showers to Flowers

Can you complete the following songs and expressions about rain?

1. April showers bring _____ .
2. Rain, Rain go away, Come again _____ .
3. It's raining _____ and _____ .
4. It's raining, it's pouring, the old _____ .
5. I'm singing in the rain! I'm singing in the rain! What a glorious feeling, I'm _____ .
6. Raindrops keep falling on my head, and just like the guy whose feet are _____ .
7. It ain't gonna rain no more, no more, ain't gonna rain no more. How the heck am I gonna _____ if it ain't gonna rain no more?
8. Every time it rains, it rains pennies _____ .
9. Rainy days and Mondays always _____ .
10. Just walkin' in the rain, getting soakin' wet, torturing my heart by trying _____ .
11. Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor _____ stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.
12. Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high, there's a land that I heard of once _____ .

Answer Key-

1. May flowers
2. some other day
3. cats and dogs
4. snoring
5. happy again
6. too big for his bed
7. wash my neck
8. from Heaven
9. get me down
10. to forget
11. gloom of night
12. in a lullaby



Chaplain's Corner

I Wonder

April 12 is Easter! At the writing of this article I wonder whether we will be able to celebrate Easter this year. Will we be able to meet at chapel and joyously sing together, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"? Will the coronavirus pandemic still be affecting our lives in unprecedented ways?

As I experience the changes in the way we cope and interact, I wonder how people from other times and places have coped with frightening realities.

The 16th century theologian Martin Luther said this during the plague, on how best to practically and spiritually overcome.

You ought to think this way: "Very well, by God's decree, the enemy has sent us poison and deadly offal. Therefore, I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine, and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance infect and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person, but will go freely."

We will get through this. Scripture encourages, "*It came to pass...*" Thankfully, no difficulty lasts forever.

So in contemplating these momentous days I ask myself, "How will this crisis have affected our nation? Will there be some positive results?" Will we be a kinder nation of people who try to work together? Will we have stronger faith communities who have tenaciously held to God through prayer? Will I personally have grown in my ability to put worry in its place and rest in God's provision for today?

Sometimes we have to go through the struggles and questions before we get to the good part! Isn't that the way it was that first Easter? Our Lord had to experience the hard stuff before the good part. He felt the betrayal keenly, he felt completely abandoned by His Father, and the pain was excruciating! Yet, He saw the good that would result from His sacrificial death, life for you and me—spiritual life, hope, eternal life with Him forever.

So, whatever day we celebrate Easter is not as vital as what Easter means. It means joy and rebirth after heart-wrenching experiences. It means life because Jesus' tomb is empty!! And that is wonder-ful!!!

+Pastor Sherree Lane, chaplain

Lorraine moved to Park River on February 20th, 2017 and passed away surrounded by the love of her family on March 15th. She was 97 years old.

In Memory....

Kathleen “Katie” Proulx was staying with us in our Transitional Care Unit when she passed away peacefully on February 29th. Katie was an artist in many ways, creating beauty in everything she did. She loved to plant her beautiful gardens, crochet, knit, sew and travel. She is loved and missed dearly by her 3 children and family. She was 95 years old.

Beverly “Bev” Knoll was born in Glenwood, Minnesota on January 27th, 1942 to Lorraine & Donald LaCoe. She married her husband John and together they had their 3 children. Bev worked to make a loving home for her husband and children and in retail sales. Bev enjoyed cooking & baking and loved to experiment with new recipes that she collected. Her favorite shows to watch were on the cooking channel. She also liked to be outdoors, garden, paint, travel, read books, do puzzles, go shopping and collect angels. She was only with us at Park River for a few months, but she instantly made many friends and enjoyed going to many activities. Bev moved to Park River on November 20th, 2019 and passed away suddenly on March 4th. She was 78 years old.

Lorraine Amiot was born on December 4th, 1922 in Crookston, Minnesota to Leontive & Eldage Brule. She married her sweetheart Meddy in 1943 and went to work in a factory while her husband served overseas. Meddy returned home and they settled in their hometown of Crookston. They welcomed their son Maurice in 1949, sharing 8 months together as a family before Meddy passed away from cancer. Lorraine dedicated her life to raising her son as a single mother and providing him the best life she could. Lorraine went to work as a Health Aide for seniors and then Mount St. Benedict Montesary to care for ailing sisters. She felt her calling in life was to take care of the elderly. She continued to be a caregiver in retirement volunteering for Golden Link Senior Center and the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception. Lorraine loved to knit, crochet, plant flowers, go to the lake and play cards. Lorraine always looked for the positive in every situation and held on to her faith in God’s plan.

Joann Boeser was born to Mary & Casmir Mankowski on June 13th, 1935 in Minneapolis. She graduated from North High School and met her husband Bernie. They joined in marriage in 1957 and together had their son Bernie Jr.

Joann worked to make a loving home for her boys and also for Traveler Insurance, retiring after 40 years. In their retirement, they spent their time traveling, spending summers up north in Breezy Point and winters down south in Arizona. She loved to garden, go to the theatre, cook, go shopping, socialize with friends and do embroidery work. She was devout in her faith and was a member and volunteer at St. Timothy’s Catholic Church. Joann was soft-spoken, had a warm smile and was incredibly generous and kind.

Joann was with us for a very short time. She moved to Park River on February 28th and was reunited with her boys on March 17th. She was 84 years old.

Duane “Dewey” Coutts was born in Milwaukee on August 19th, 1925 to Mina & Carl Coutts. After graduating, he enlisted in the Air Force, serving his country during WWII from 1943-1945. He returned home to further his education at the Milwaukee Vocational School, University of Wisconsin Extension and the Milwaukee Institute of Technology. He had an extensive career in Industrial Engineering.

Dewey married his wife Fran on May 20th, 1950 and together they had their 3 children. In his spare time, he was very active with community organizations, volunteer groups, church groups, advisory committees and the Mill City Zoning Board. He was a 33rd Degree Master Mason, served as the Worshipful Master of the Mill City Lodge and a member of the Scottish Rite and Knights Templar. He was devoted to his family, community and the many friends he made in his 94 years.

Dewey moved to Park River on May 3rd, 2017 and passed away peacefully on March 21st.

A Memorial Service will be held on a later date in the Park River Chapel for
**Katie, Bev, Lorraine, Joann &
Dewey.**

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Keep looking UP...
THERE MAY BE A
RAINBOW
waiting FOR you.