

CONGREGATIONAL HOME

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Congrats, Charlie Nelson, on your upcoming retirement!



We're going to miss you!

Kris Sprtel will be our new President and CEO!



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Charlie Nelson to Retire from Congregational Home

After leading the Congregational Home as President and CEO for more than twenty years, Charlie Nelson has elected to retire at the end of this year. As only the second President in the 43 year history of the home, Charlie has been an outstanding steward of this world class institution, guiding it through the ever-changing landscape in senior residential care.

Charlie has expertly led Congregational Home through numerous expansions and upgrades of our facilities and service offerings, including; the addition of our Memory Care unit and Short-Term Rehabilitation unit, refurbishing our Skilled Care units and Independent Apartments, and expanding our Assisted Living units. And while managing all of that, he has maintained and continuously improved the home's well-known reputation for the finest in personalized service and resident care.

Through the leadership of Charlie and his staff, Congregational Home has achieved an unparalleled reputation for excellence in the greater Milwaukee area. This is demonstrated by having earned the award for Best Nursing Home of 2015 by US News & World Report as well as having earned the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel's "Top Choice" award for Assisted Living and Physical Therapy the last two years.

While Charlie has had a long and distinguished career, and certainly deserves his well-earned retirement, replacing him was another matter. As we look to the future, the challenges facing senior residential care will only be increasing. To maintain the standard of excellence going forward that our residents and their families expect and deserve, the Board of Directors knew that our mission to find an equally qualified and dedicated leader to succeed Charlie was absolutely crucial to the future well-being of Congregational Home.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that we have succeeded in doing just that. After interviewing several qualified candidates, the Board has named Kris Sprtel as the new President and CEO of Congregational Home. Kris has over twenty-five years of experience in the senior residential care field, having served in leadership positions for three different institutions, most recently as Executive Director and Administrator of Care-Age in Brookfield, WI.

Kris received her Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and her Nursing Home Administration License from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In her last two positions as Executive Administrator, Kris has built strong and cohesive teams, achieving excellence in patient care outcomes and maintaining 5-Star ratings.

With a background in social services Kris brings a patient-focused attitude to the job of ensuring a positive, caring environment for the residents of the facilities she has served. Her warm and engaging personality and high energy will ensure that our present and future residents will be in the best of hands. As an experienced administrator we feel confident that Kris possesses the background and skills to lead the home through the challenges ahead.

Kris will be joining Congregational Home in July which will allow ample time for a smooth and effective transition before Charlie's official retirement at the end of the year. While all of us will certainly miss Charlie's leadership and his "always smiling, always positive attitude" we are equally excited to begin the next chapter in the history of Congregational Home under the energetic leadership of Kris Sprtel.

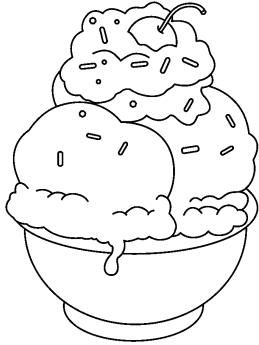
We encourage all of you to wish Charlie well in his future endeavors and to give Kris the warmest of welcomes when she arrives.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Doug Jacobson
Chairman

May, 2017

Father's Day Ice Cream Social and Entertainment



Saturday, June 17

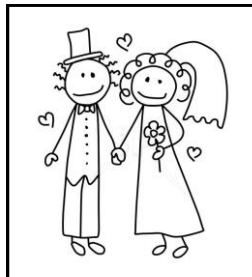
Ice Cream Social ~ 2:30 - 4:00

Entertainment by Gary Cross ~ 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Chapel Dining Room

Women's Club

Wedding Themed Activities



Friday, June 30

2:30 p.m.

Activity Center



Learning & Sharing about Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders
(Alzheimer’s Support Group)

Next Meeting

June 27 ~ 2:00 p.m. ~ Commons

Congregational Home offers a monthly meeting to learn and share about Alzheimer’s disease and dementia.

Family and staff, caregivers, friends, and community members are welcome to attend our meetings.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Sarah Calderon, Director of Social Services, at (262) 781-0550.

Garden Fundraising Campaign

Congregational Home’s mission is to provide housing, health care and quality of life for the elderly. All three of these facets of our mission can be significantly enhanced with the improvement of our the outdoor spaces on our campus — specifically by creating gardens. The simple act of being outside has tremendous health and therapeutic benefits. Toward this end, we plan to create appropriate outdoor spaces for our residents.

Walk through the gardens with us.

These benefits include fostering a greater sense of independence through the act of strolling along the walking paths and being outside in a safe environment. Enjoying fresh air, observing wildlife and just being amidst the sensory joy of nature is both rewarding and satisfying. The garden will also create a space for social interaction and meaningful activity. The cost of these improvements is estimated to be approximately \$200,000. Although we have already secured more than half of the funding needed, we are looking to generous donors to help us the reach the rest of our goal. Gifts over \$1000 allow the donor the privilege of public recognition on one of our permanent structures. Our Levels of Giving chart can provide you with additional information on how you can support our garden projects. Congregational Home has been a leader in the provision of senior care for over 40 years. We need your assistance to “walk through the garden” and reach our funding target. With your help, we can continue to provide the best care possible for our residents.

For more information about how to donate, please contact Joe Phillips, Director of Philanthropy, at 262-781-0550.

Welcome New Social Workers

I am happy to announce new staff members joining our Social Services department! Chelsey Abeln started on April 24, and is working on the Memory Care Unit. Her office is located by the Sunroom Dining Room. She comes to us with years of social work experience in long term care settings. Erica Olson will be starting on June 5. She also is experienced in long term care settings, and we look forward to her joining us. Her office will be located in the office near the SNF-1 nursing station. Be sure to stop in and welcome them to Congregational Home!

Sarah Calderon
Director of Social Services

Blood Drive at Congregational Home

The Blood Center of Wisconsin will hold a blood drive at Congregational Home on Thursday, August 3 from noon to 5:00 pm in the chapel. Did you know that every three seconds someone in the United States needs blood, and each donation can save up to three lives? It is estimated that between 20-25% of all Americans will require a blood transfusion at some point in their lives. Donations to the blood center can save the lives of surgical patients, premature babies, accident victims, and people who are receiving chemotherapy. Family and friends are encouraged to join the staff for this life-saving effort.

If you have any questions about this event, or wish to participate as a blood donor, please contact Laurie Schmidt, Director of Marketing at 262-781-0550.

June Events / Entertainment

June 01	Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Devotions/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel
June 02	Friday	9:45-11:30 a.m.	Parkview Elementary Students 9:45 Exercises ~ Chapel & 10:30 Group Games ~ Activity Center
June 06	Tuesday	2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Brookfield Christian 4 th Grade Spring Program ~ Chapel Bunco ~ Activity Center
June 08	Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Devotions/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel
June 09	Friday	6:30 p.m.	Piano Recital ~ Chapel
June 12	Monday	10:15 a.m.	Music with Marj ~ Chapel
June 13	Tuesday	7:15 p.m.	Pets Helping People ~ MCU/SNF
June 15	Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Devotions/Hymn Sing with Marj ~ Chapel
June 16	Friday	10:15 a.m.	Pam's Family Child Care Visits ~ Chapel
June 17	Saturday	2:30-4:00 p.m. 2:30-3:30 p.m.	Father's Day Ice Cream Social ~ Chapel Dining Room Entertainment by Gary Cross ~ Chapel Dining Room
June 20	Tuesday	7:15 p.m.	Pets Helping People ~ MCU/SNF
June 21	Wednesday	3:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Skilled Resident Meeting ~ First Floor Dining Room Music/Sing-Along with Judi ~ Chapel
June 22	Thursday	10:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Devotions/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel Watercolor Class ~ Activity Center
June 23	Friday	10:30 a.m.	Hug-a-Pup ~ Activity Center
June 27	Tuesday	2:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Alzheimer's Support Group ~ Commons Pets Helping People ~ MCU/SNF
June 28	Wednesday	11:45 a.m.	Assisted Living Resident Meeting ~ East Suites
June 29	Thursday	10:15 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Devotions/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel Games ~ Activity Center
June 30	Friday	2:30 p.m.	Women's Club ~ Wedding Theme ~ Activity Center



June Outings

June 05	Monday	1:45 p.m.	Assisted Living Outing
June 09	Friday	2:00 p.m.	Grocery Shopping at Pick 'n Save
June 12	Monday	2:00 p.m.	Abundant Life Outing
June 16	Friday	2:00 p.m.	Grocery Shopping at Whole Foods Market
June 23	Friday	2:00 p.m.	Grocery Shopping at Pick 'n Save
June 26	Monday	2:00 p.m.	SNF-1 Ride

Fresh Spirit, Fresh Community

Have you heard the story about Babel?

In the Bible, the book of Genesis, way toward the beginning of the Bible, there is this story about Babel. At that time all the peoples of the earth spoke a common language. They decided to come together and build a great tower that reached into the heavens, a monument to how great they are.

It's a story about human achievement, ambition, and pride. It's a story about how our collective energy can lead us away from our true human purpose. The story is in relation to giant pyramid structures of ancient Babylon, similar to ones still standing in Egypt.

It should be noted that such structures were built on the backs of slaves, many who died in the construction. The buildings of such achievements, ancient and modern, have a human toll.

So God intervened, he confused the people of the world, by giving them different languages. They babbled in their own languages.

It's such a strange story, but it speaks the perversion of our attempts at community and society. Our attempt to build connection with each other, often result in great injustices, winners and losers, slaves and masters. All of it is rooted in our perverted hearts, corrupt with sin.

I bring up Babel in the light of the coming day of Pentecost. As that story goes, the Holy Spirit is poured out on humanity in a fresh way. In Jerusalem a gathering of people from all over the world, each speaking different languages has gathered from the festival. The Holy Spirit falls upon Peter and as he preaches, everyone hears the Sermon in their own language. It's the reversal of Babel.

The church is a universal gathering, people from every tribe tongue and nation called together not for human achievement, but for the glory of God. The foundation of our coming together is that all people are treated with dignity and we seek justice together, because Christ has provided a way – the way.

Pentecost challenges us to trust in a power beyond ourselves, the power of God. That requires a great deal of faith and humility. It means we also see the divine image present in each other, regardless of race, class, or age.

Pentecost is allowing the Holy Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead, to give life to our mortal bodies and our broken communities. Let's allow the Spirit into our lives!

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.” – Romans 8:11

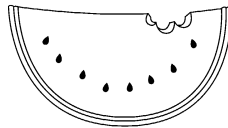
Pastor Joe Phillips
Chaplain, Congregational Home

The Apartment Page

June Events / Entertainment

June 01	Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Devotions/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel
June 02	Friday	9:45 a.m.	Exercises with Parkview Elementary Students ~ Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Group Games with Parkview Elementary Students ~ Activity Center
		11:00 a.m.	Apartment Resident Meeting ~ Commons
June 06	Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Brookfield Christian 4 th Grade Spring Program ~ Chapel
		3:00 p.m.	Bunco ~ Activity Center
June 07	Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Wine Social ~ Commons
		5:30 p.m.	Apartment Supper ~ Apartment Dining Room
June 08	Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Devotions/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel
June 09	Friday	6:30 p.m.	Piano Recital ~ Chapel
June 12	Monday	10:15 a.m.	Music with Marj ~ Chapel
June 13	Tuesday	7:15 p.m.	Pets Helping People ~ MCU/SNF
June 15	Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Devotions/Hymn Sing with Marj ~ Chapel
June 16	Friday	10:15 a.m.	Pam's Family Child Care Visits ~ Chapel
June 17	Saturday	2:30-4:00 p.m.	Father's Day Ice Cream Social ~ Chapel Dining Room
		2:30-3:30 p.m.	Entertainment by Gary Cross ~ Chapel Dining Room
June 19	Monday	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Outing ~ Eddie Martini's
June 20	Tuesday	7:15 p.m.	Pets Helping People ~ MCU/SNF
June 21	Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Music/Sing-Along with Judi ~ Chapel
		5:30 p.m.	Apartment Social with Cindy ~ Commons
		6:30 p.m.	Apartment Dinner ~ Apartment Dining Room
June 22	Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Devotions/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel
		2:00 p.m.	Watercolor Class ~ Activity Center
June 23	Friday	10:30 a.m.	Hug-a-Pup ~ Activity Center
June 27	Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Alzheimer's Support Group ~ Commons
		7:15 p.m.	Pets Helping People ~ MCU/SNF
June 29	Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Devotions/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel
		2:30 p.m.	Games ~ Activity Center
June 30	Friday	2:30 p.m.	Women's Club ~ Wedding Theme ~ Activity Center

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Activity	Day	Date	Time	Location
Games with DdG	Monday	June 5, 12, 19, 26	2:00 p.m.	Commons
Lifelong Learning Study Group	Wednesday	June 7, 14, 21, 28	10:00 a.m.	Commons
BYO Resident Social Time	Wednesday	June 14, 28	4:30 p.m.	Commons
Grocery Shopping	Friday	June 9, 23	2:00 p.m.	Pick 'n Save
Grocery Shopping	Friday	June 16	2:00 p.m.	Whole Foods Market
Strength and Balance (Exercise)	M/W/F	June 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30	10:30 a.m.	Commons