

## CONGREGATIONAL HOME

# RESIDENTS' MONTHLY NEWS

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### Betty's Garden Dedication



On a beautiful August afternoon, family and friends of Betty Bradley gathered in the new sensory garden, named for her, to honor her memory. The occasion was marked with stories of remembrance, hymn singing, and the reading of Psalms. Betty's daughters, Beth and Barbara, were present with their families to take part in the dedication ceremony and share the love that our staff and residents had for Betty. We are grateful for their generosity, as it made this garden possible – a lasting tribute to a wonderful lady.

If you have any comments or questions about this event, please contact Pastor Joe Phillips, Director of Spiritual Care and Philanthropy.

### Barcel Suzuki String Academy

#### Barcel Babies

Every Monday  
Starting September 25  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Assisted Living Suites

The classes are for children through the age of three and their parent or another adult.



### Brookfield Chorus Rehearsals

Every Tuesday  
Starting September 26  
7:00 p.m.  
Chapel

Residents are invited to join the chorus, or to come and enjoy its rehearsals.



## Walk to End Alzheimer's

Saturday, September 9  
Frame Park in Waukesha, WI



It is a beautiful 2-mile walk along the Fox River.

Registration - 8:30 a.m.

Ceremony - 9:40 a.m.

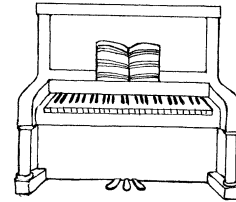
Walk - 10:00 a.m.



For more information, please contact  
Sarah Calderon, Director of Social Services.

## Do you play the piano or guitar? Your talent will be greatly appreciated!

We are looking for a volunteer to share his/her talent with us by assisting with our Hymn Sing for approximately one hour at 10:15 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month.



If you are interested in enriching the lives of seniors through music, or know someone who may be, please contact Cindy Conkey, Director of Activities and Volunteer Coordinator.

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

Tuesday, September 26  
2:00 p.m.  
Apartment Dining Room

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.

## Brookfield Academy Homecoming Service Project

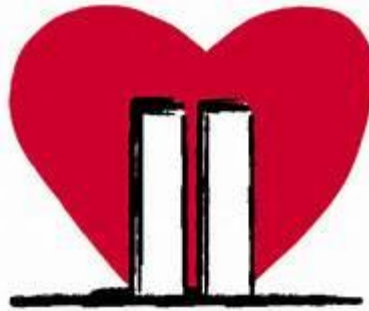


**BROOKFIELD  
ACADEMY**

Exercise and Talent Show  
Friday, September 29  
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Chapel

## September Events / Entertainment

Sept. 04	Monday	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Root Beer Floats ~ Throughout the Home
Sept. 05	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	Bunco ~ Activity Center
Sept. 07	Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Devotions with Pastor Joe/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel
Sept. 08	Friday	10:30 a.m.	Hug-a-Pup ~ Activity Center
Sept. 14	Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Devotions with Pastor Joe/Hymn Sing with Marj ~ Chapel
Sept. 15	Friday	10:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Pam's Family Child Care Visits ~ Chapel Garden Party ~ Activity Center
Sept. 18	Monday	10:15 a.m.	Music with Marj ~ Chapel
Sept. 21	Thursday	10:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Devotions with Pastor Joe/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel Watercolor Class ~ Activity Center
Sept. 25	Monday	9:30 a.m.	Barcel Babies ~ East Suites
Sept. 26	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Brookfield Chorus ~ Chapel
Sept. 27	Wednesday	11:45 a.m. 3:45 p.m.	Assisted Living Resident Meeting ~ East Suites Skilled Resident Meeting ~ First Floor Dining Room
Sept. 28	Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Devotions with Pastor Joe/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel
Sept. 29	Friday	9:30 a.m.	Brookfield Academy Homecoming Service Project Exercise and Talent Show ~ Chapel
Sept. 30	Saturday	9:45 a.m.	Pets Helping People Graduation ~ Chapel



We Will Never Forget

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## September Outings

Sept. 08	Friday	2:00 p.m.	Grocery Shopping at Pick 'n Save
Sept. 11	Monday	1:15 p.m.	American Legion Post 449 Music
Sept. 18	Monday	3:00 p.m.	Whitman Middle School Visits
Sept. 22	Friday	2:00 p.m.	Grocery Shopping at Pick 'n Save
Sept. 25	Monday	1:45 p.m.	Assisted Living Outing to French's
Sept. 29	Friday	2:00 p.m.	Grocery Shopping at Whole Foods Market

## From I to Thou

Our faith is calling us away from a preoccupation with our self to a submission and reliance on God. As I have been reflecting on the benefits of aging (opposed the often negative connotation we associate with getting older), we can see how important getting older is to form as people with virtue and character. As people of faith, there is nothing more important for us than to grow in our Christ likeness. We have to move away from a pre-occupation with our selves (naval gazing) and toward a reliance and submission to God. In aging the temptation is to be self-consumed with our ailments and our worries and to lose sight of the God who has always cared for us; the God who gave us life.

The 77<sup>th</sup> Psalm is a wonderful prayerful journey from self-pity to worship of the living God. The first six verse the subject is clearly *I*. *I cry aloud, I seek the Lord...I am so troubled that I cannot speak.* We all can relate to those concerns. We all have those times were life if overwhelming us.

So the Psalm naturally turns to the question, where is God? “Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? ... Has God forgotten to be gracious?” The questions get more poignant in verse 10, the speaker essentially asks, “has God changed?”

The speaker discovers that God has freedom and is not locked in a quid pro quo. Even an obedient live of righteousness does not manipulate God to do what we demand. God is free to do what God will do. And it is with such confrontation of God’s freedom we have an opportunity in our own faith. These are significant moments in our live when we continue the journey inward and experience a bitter loss of faith or it becomes an opening of new, deeper faith.

The speaker in Psalm 77, makes a leap. In a dramatic rhetorical turn the subject of the Psalm ceases to be *I* and becomes *thou*. And this is the serious step of faith from self-preoccupation to acknowledging the primacy of the other. It is a step embodied in Mark 8:35 “For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospels’ will save it.”

It is significant that the speaker was willing to question God, and questions himself. In doing so the speaker recognizes that is God’s very freedom to do and move as God pleases, that makes salvation possible. What is so striking about the Psalm is that it never looks back. There is no return to *I*. Instead the Psalm finishes by focusing on the wonders and deeds of God, and remembers His great deeds of the past, like the Exodus. And it is important that is does not circle back to *I*, otherwise it would be a self-serving exercise. Nothing is resolved for the speaker, but everything has a different context.

Psalm 77 is important because it is the story of God’s people. It is the story of you and me. We struggle to stay home within ourselves, and to think we cannot manipulate God through petty religious arrangements. God is calling us into an imaginative religion of awe and wonder and trembling before the holy one.

*Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters;  
yet your footprints were unseen.  
You led your people like a flock - Psalm 77:19-20*

Pastor Joe Phillips  
Chaplain, Congregational Home

# The Apartment Page

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Activity	Day	Date	Time	Location
Games with DdG	Monday	Sept. 11, 18, 25	2:00 p.m.	Commons
Lifelong Learning Study Group	Wednesday	Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27	2:00 p.m.	Commons
BYO Resident Social Time	Wednesday	Sept. 20	4:30 p.m.	Commons
Grocery Shopping	Friday	Sept. 8, 22	2:00 p.m.	Pick 'n Save
Grocery Shopping	Friday	Sept. 29	2:00 p.m.	Whole Foods Market
Strength and Balance (Exercise)	M/W/F	Sept. 6, 8, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, 29	10:30 a.m.	Commons
Pray for America	Tuesday	Sept. 12, 26	1:45 p.m.	Commons