

## CONGREGATIONAL HOME

# RESIDENTS' MONTHLY NEWS

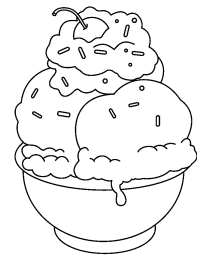
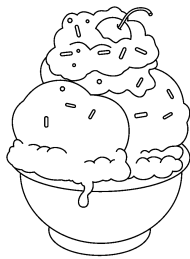
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Brookfield, Wisconsin

May 2017

### Mother's Day Ice Cream Social and Entertainment

Saturday, May 13  
Chapel Dining Room



Ice Cream Social ~ 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.  
Entertainment by Greg Driss ~ 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

### Garden Party

Wednesday, May 17  
Chapel Dining Room

Celebrating the kick-off of our new Sensory Garden/Introducing opportunities for funding future projects

Social Hour ~ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Dinner ~ 5:30 p.m.

Adults = \$16 and Children = \$8

All RSVPs must be in to our Reception Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8.

### Tribute to Vets

Monday, May 22

Chapel ~ 6:30 p.m.

Air Force ~ Army ~ Coast Guard ~ Marine Corps ~ Navy

Whether At Home or Abroad ~ Whether Active Duty or Reserves or Retired

All Americans Say,



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

Next Meeting  
May 23 ~ 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.

**Spotlight on Employees**



**5 Years**

**Administration**

Lucinda Bitter  
Joe Phillips

**Food Service**

Drew Nicholas

**Nursing**

Monique Austin  
Jane Grimord  
Ellen Leverenz  
Patrice Simmons  
Felisha Williams  
Tianna Woods

**10 Years**

**Administration**

Deborah Bunke

**Food Service**

Juan Mendoza

**Nursing**

Joyce Boyd  
Dana Noel  
Jennie Terry  
Monica Washington

**15 Years**

**Activities**

Cindy Conkey  
Lori Halvorson

**Maintenance**

Dave North

**Nursing**

Teresa Brandon

**20 Years**

**Administration**

Charlie Nelson

**Food Service**

James Kamau

**Nursing**

Maribeth Lang-Hubbart

Thank you for your dedicated service to Congregational Home.  
You are appreciated!

Charles T. Nelson, BSN, MSM, NHA  
President/CEO



**Giving Blood Means Saving Lives**

Congregational Home plans to sponsor a blood drive this summer in conjunction with the Blood Center of Wisconsin. We see this as a very important way to support our community by providing blood at a time when donations are typically at their lowest level and the need is at its highest. Did you know that every donation saves up to three lives? Also, it is estimated that every three seconds someone in the country will need blood. Donations to the Blood Center of Wisconsin have saved the lives of accident and burn victims, premature babies, surgery patients, people undergoing chemotherapy and many others. Our staff will be participating in this event, but we welcome family and friends to join us!

If you have any questions about our blood drive or if a friend or relative would like to participate, please contact Laurie Schmidt, Director of Marketing at 262-781-0550.

**Mother's Day Dinner**

Spinach Salad with Hot Bacon Dressing  
Oven Roasted Beef Short Ribs  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Buttered Green Bean and Carrot Blend  
Dinner Rolls  
Chocolate Overload Torte

**Sunday, May 14 ~ 12:30 p.m. ~ Chapel Dining Room**

Adults = \$16.00 ~ Children = \$8.00

Reservations Deadline = Friday, May 12  
Reservations must be made through the Reception Office.  
262-781-0550

## May Events / Entertainment

May 02	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	Bunco ~ Activity Center
May 04	Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Devotions with Pastor Joe/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel
May 08	Monday	10:15 a.m.	Sing-Along with Marj ~ Chapel
May 09	Tuesday	6:15 p.m.	Music with Doug Haise ~ Fireside
May 11	Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Devotions with Pastor Joe/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel
May 13	Saturday	2:30 p.m.	Mother's Day Ice Cream Social and Entertainment ~ Chapel D. R.
May 17	Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	Garden Party ~ Chapel and Chapel D.R.
May 18	Thursday	10:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Devotions with Pastor Joe/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel Watercolor Class ~ Activity Center
May 19	Friday	10:15 a.m.	Pam's Family Child Care Visits ~ Chapel
May 20	Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Spring Recital ~ Chapel
May 21	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Piano Recital ~ Chapel
May 22	Monday	6:30 p.m.	Tribute to Our Vets ~ Chapel
May 24	Wednesday	3:45 p.m.	Skilled Resident Meeting ~ First Floor Dining Room
May 25	Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Devotions with Pastor Joe/Hymn Sing ~ Chapel
May 26	Friday	10:30 a.m.	Hug-a-Pup ~ Activity Center
May 29	Monday	2 - 4 p.m.	Root Beer Floats ~ Throughout the Home
May 31	Wednesday	11:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Dixon Elementary School Orchestra ~ Chapel Assisted Living Resident Meeting ~ East Suites Brookfield Christian School 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Music Program ~ Chapel



## May Outings

May 01	Monday	1:45 p.m.	Assisted Living Scenic Ride
May 12	Friday	2:00 p.m.	Grocery Shopping at Pick 'n Save
May 15	Monday	3:00 p.m.	Outing to Whitman Middle School
May 19	Friday	2:00 p.m.	Grocery Shopping at Whole Foods Market
May 22	Monday	2:00 p.m.	Abundant Life Outing
May 26	Friday	2:00 p.m.	Grocery Shopping at Pick 'n Save

## He Meets Us Where We Are

I absolutely love the readings in the lectionary for the season of Easter. Certainly part of the reason is the hope infused with resurrection. At least for us in the Northern Hemisphere, Easter correlates with Spring, the blooming of new life and for us in Wisconsin, it truly seems like a resurrection after long grey winters.

The great hope of the resurrection is that Jesus is alive. Jesus has come out from the other side of death. Jesus is within reach, we can know Him, and He can know us. Jesus has taken on the same flesh and blood – He knows pain, hunger and heartache. He knows joy, laughter, and hope. Jesus has taken on humanity and brought it into the God that is trinity. He knows us and we can know him.

What I particularly love about the readings is that the risen Jesus approaches his disciples all in distinct and personal ways. That first Easter morning, he calls Mary Magdalene by name. For Thomas, Jesus presents that body that was crucified and lets him see and touch the wounds. For Peter, he meets him on the beach at breakfast and offers him forgiveness. The disciples on the road to Emmaus – he breaks bread with them, and they know and are known.

We are all distinct people, with our unique needs – Jesus is calling. Jesus knows what we need and desires nothing more than to let us hear and see and believe. Like the disciples, Jesus wants to meet us where we are.

Sometimes it is not always easy to see, the presence of God, the growing in our faith. I suppose it is a lot like watching a tree grow. They are growing right before your eyes, but it is slow and tedious. That is certainly true for the disciples throughout the gospels. Then, one day, it all clicks. In the same way, one day you notice that tree really has grown.

Waiting for God, can seem tedious, maybe like He doesn't even hear you. He is always at work; just like that tree is always growing. Whatever is holding you back in your faith, God will meet you there, if you open yourself up to the possibility. When He calls your name, when he offers you forgiveness, will you receive Him. When He appears in the face of a stranger, or when He breaks through your circumstances. The resurrection of Christ is fundamentally the statement that Jesus is alive, that we can know Him and He can know us.

Keep your eyes open and be ready to respond. This Easter season, open yourself up and be known by the risen Jesus.

*When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.*

- John 24:30-31

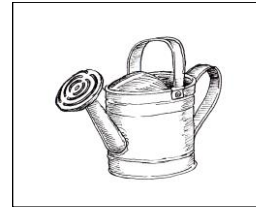
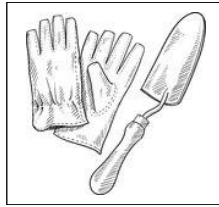
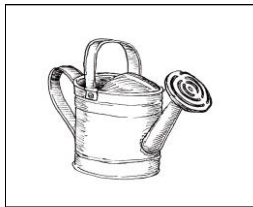
Pastor Joe Phillips  
Chaplain, Congregational Home

# The Apartment Page

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May 02	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	Bunco ~ Activity Center
May 03	Wednesday	4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Apartment Social with Cindy ~ Commons Apartment Supper ~ Apartment Dining Room
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**"The man who has planted a garden feels that he has done something for the good of the world." Vita Sackville-West**



**"Bloom where you are planted!" Mary Engelbreit**

Activity	Day	Date	Time	Location
Games with DdG	Monday	May 1, 8, 15, 22	2:00 p.m.	Commons
Lifelong Learning Study Group	Wednesday	May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	10:00 a.m.	Commons
BYO Resident Social Time	Wednesday	May 10, 24, 31	4:30 p.m.	Commons
Grocery Shopping	Friday	May 12, 26	2:00 p.m.	Pick 'n Save
Grocery Shopping	Friday	May 19	2:00 p.m.	Whole Foods Market
Strength and Balance (Exercise)	M/W/F	May 1, 3, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 31	10:30 a.m.	Commons