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Family Newsletter

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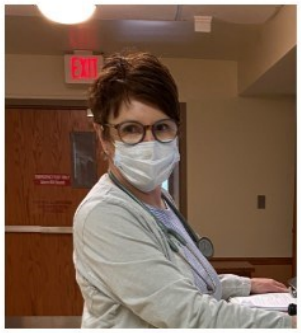

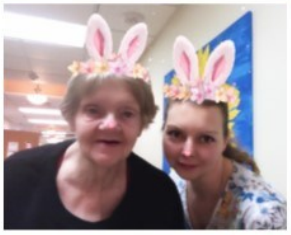

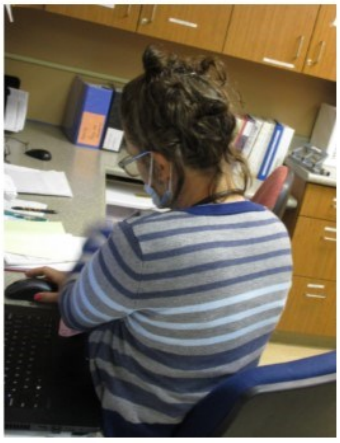

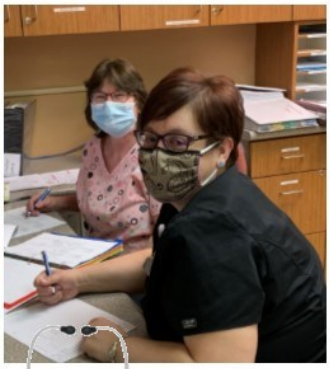

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Families—

It has been awhile since we sent you information on what's happening here at Maryhill Manor related to COVID-19, so we wanted to share with you what we are doing.

Resident Care & Health

First, and most important, we have no residents showing any signs and symptoms of COVID-19! We continue to aggressively monitor for symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath). Each resident is screened 3 times each day. If there were to come a time that we had a positive COVID-19 diagnosis in the building, or a respiratory outbreak of any kind, we will notify all resident representatives and medical powers of attorney within 12 hours, while still following HIPPA guidelines. We know that scary situations are being covered in the news everyday, and we want you to feel secure in that we will share any and all information with you.

Staff Health

It is also critical that we keep our amazing team healthy, so that the residents get the wonderful care they deserve. We continue to monitor staff when they arrive for each shift by screening for any COVID-19 symptoms. Since our last communication, we have added what is called "source control"—all staff must wear a mask while at work so that residents and other staff are protected from a co-worker who might be ill, but not showing any symptoms yet.

Activities

With group activities suspended, our activity department continues to get creative with fun things for the residents! Hallway BINGO is a hit, and the residents love getting their pictures taken for Facebook posts! We are encouraging Facetime visits and window chats (although Mother Nature has not been cooperative with warm weather). In the future, watch for postings on Hallway Bowling, Virtual Zoo Tours and the Chicken Dance!

Other Preventative Measures

In our last communication, we let you know that we would be screening any potential admission for travel and COVID symptoms. Approximately 3 weeks ago, we decided to be even more stringent with admissions, and we now only accept admissions who have been tested and are negative. We are happy to report that DCHS is on board with this policy.

A new layer of protection that we just implemented is that residents will be encouraged to wear a mask when receiving cares, and when outside of their room. We know this will be a challenge but our aim is to keep everyone healthy—both the resident and the essential staff that are needed to care for them.
We continue to follow all new information put out by the CDC and the Wisconsin Department of Health, and change our approach to the Pandemic as needed—sometimes daily based on that new information.

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Staff education also continues as we receive updated information on how best to prevent this virus from entering our facility.
Because we have not witnessed a surge of cases at our local hospital to date, we have scaled back our plan to evacuate a wing but remain watchful and ready to implement that plan if necessary.

We are carefully looking at scheduling appointments for residents outside the facility to be sure they are essential, and if they are, we are requesting that residents wear a mask when outside the building.

We continue to aggressively search for needed PPE—N95 masks, gowns, bonnets, and booties are our priority at the moment. As members of several Wisconsin Healthcare Coalitions, we are frequently sent information on new sources for these supplies.

Lastly, we know how painful and scary it is for you to not be able to visit your loved ones. We miss your faces around hear very much as well. The sad truth is that we do not see this coming to an end for some time yet. As states are looking to the future and putting reopening plans together, one of the last things listed to go back to some kind of normal are long term care operations—visitations, activities, the use of PPE when caring for residents. The guidance from the CDC continues to be very strict, and the recommendation is for end of life visits only. It's going to be a tough road, but we promise to be right there with you and to do everything in our power to keep your loved one safe and healthy. Thank you so much for your patients and willingness to work with us as a team!

Sincerely,

Lynne Crockford

Lynne Crockford, LNHA
Administrator

WINDOW CHAT

We know you would like to visit your loved one in person but until this passes, the best next thing is doing a Window Chat with them. We have created a space in the front living room with a chair and a dedicated phone for our residents to sit and chat with their loved ones through the window. You can make a reservation by calling the front office and we will bring your loved one to the front window at the scheduled time. You can then call the dedicated phone number, **715.251.3877** to speak with them..

A Mother's Love Is True Love

A mother's love is a wonderful love packaged from heaven with special care.
A mother's love is like no other love that you can compare.
A mother's love is purified by angels and flows directly from her soul.
A mother's love is justified by God, and by his hands he created the mold.
This mold that was shaped and fashioned by God has endured the test of time.
This mold that was taped and recorded by women rang out like a heavenly chime.
A mother's love is unconditional, and from her heart this can be told.
A mother's love is nutritional; it is the fruit that feeds our soul.
A mother's love 'IS' true love, and from her heart she cannot lie.
A mother's love is eternal, the kind that won't ever die.
A mother's love is the tie that binds, and her bond can never be broken.
A mother's love is branded in our hearts, even when her words aren't spoken.

Leotha Brown II. "A Mother's Love Is True Love." Family Friend Poems, Feb 2006. https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/a-mothers-love-is-true-love

Event Highlights

05/10	Mother's Day
05/11	Mocha Torte Day
05/12	Nutty Fudge Day
05/13	Frog Jumping Day
	Apple Pie Day
05/14	National Chocolate Chip Day
	Bike to Work Day
05/16	Purple for Peace Day

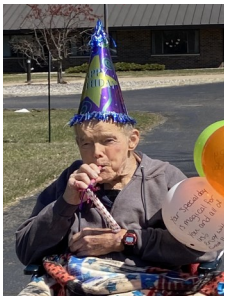
Ruth Vanvliet celebrated her 100th Biirthday in style with her Maryhill Family on April 22. She had balloons, lots of birthday wishes, a FaceTime visit with her son and per her request, chocolate cupcakes with chocolate frosting! Happy 100th Birthday Ruth from your family at Maryhill Manor!

Maybe not the birthday celebration you imagined but we are honored to celebrate your special day with you! Cheers to 100 years!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Eloise—April 10

Marilyn—April 24



George—April 12

Bonnie—April 15

Ruth—April 22

Jackie—April 30

April Birthday "Mini" Parade

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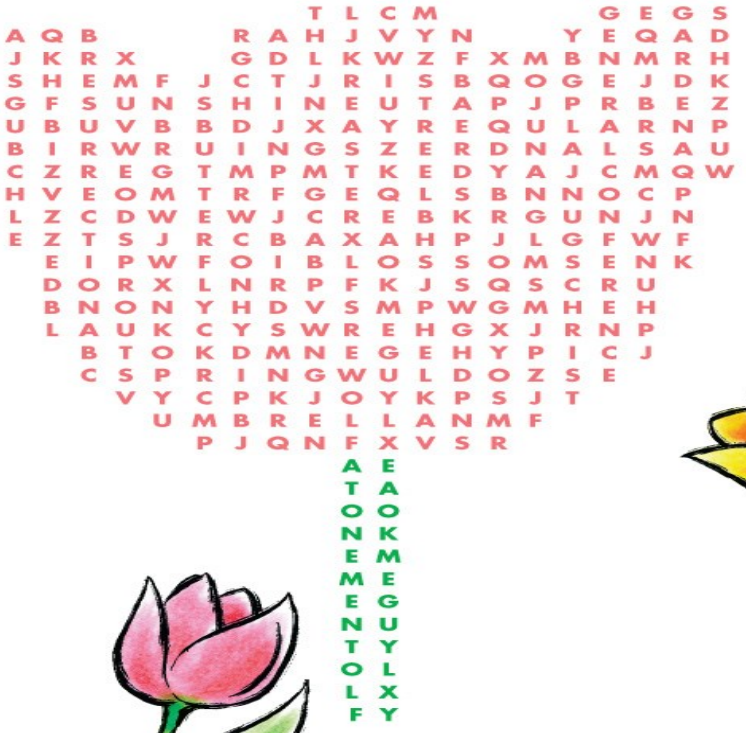
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		All Activities Are Subject to Change: See white boards for changes	2:00 Daily Snack		1 **May Day** 2:00 Happy Hour Cart	2 2:00 Trivia
3 2:00 Scattegories	4 2:00 Bingo	5 **Cinco de Mayo** 2:00 Pamper & Polish Chips & Salsa	6 2:00 Joker-Eno	7 2:00 Kick Ball	8 **Coca-Cola's Birthday** 2:00 Happy Hour Cart	9 2:00 Trivia
10 **Mother's Day** 2:00 Root Beer Floats	11 **Potato Day** 2:00 Hot Potato	12 **Movie Star Day** 2:00 Movie: Grumpy old Men & Popcorn	13 **Frog Day** 2:00 Frog jumping	14 **Farmer Day** 2:00 Chicken Dance	15 **Pizza Day** 2:00 Happy Hour Cart : Pizza rolls	16 **Purple for peace day** 2:00 Peace Sign Crafts
17 2:00 Spelling Bee	18 2:00 Bingo	19 2:00 Pamper & Polish	20 2:00 Joker-Eno	21 2:00 Kick Ball	22 2:00 Happy Hour Cart	23 **National Penny Day** 2:00 Penny Ante
24/31 2:00 Scattegories	25 **Memorial Day** 2:00 Bingo/Root Bear Floats	26 2:00 Pamper & Polish	27 **Grape popsicle day** 2:00 Gardening Project	28 2:00 Kick Ball	29 2:00 Happy Hour Cart	20 2:00 Trivia

NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK!!! 10TH~ 16TH

Daily: Room Visits. Room Bingo, Scheduled Face time,
Movie: (10:00-12:00 religious video on week days)

Atonement
birds
blossoms
breeze
bugs
butterfly
Christ
Easter
Eggs
Flowers
Fun
garden
general conference
grass
joy
kite
puddle
rain
Resurrection
seeds
spring
sprouts
sunshine
tree
umbrella



From Our Pastoral Care Director

He Has Risen.....He Has Risen Indeed!

As of the dawn of Easter morning, we started celebrating the resurrection of our Lord which began our Easter season. In the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church the Easter seasons last until the Pentecost which is a duration of 50 days. Pentecost is a Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the twelve disciples of Jesus after His Ascension, held on the seventh Sunday after Easter as described in the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

The year 2020 was also declared by Pope Francis as the Year of Grace. Grace is a gift from God which is what we would normally need in great quantities under regular circumstances but this year, yes this year, is unlike any other time in history that we have ever seen in over 100 years. Not being able to receive Holy Communion or worship together as a family is literally unheard of and was very painful for many. Thomas Paine was credited for saying "These are the times that try men's souls".

I guess as I am sharing my thoughts with you today while I am working from home that quote really resonates with my soul. I feel like a piece of the foundation of my being has been ripped away from me and I am not happy about it!!!! At first there was shock, sadness, angry and lots of tears. Some years ago, I prayed to God to give me the gift of tears and now the flood gates are wide open. (note to self: be careful what you pray for) There is a humbleness that comes across your heart when your doctor tells you that you are "HIGH RISK" and to "STAY HOME". As I talked to most of you during the last few weeks, I know many of you have felt some of these emotions and to be honest, it just stinks!!! Many of you shared with me some of the loneliness you are feeling because you can't visit your loved one in the same way or shower them with hugs or kisses, but the good news is because you have been very patience and compliant with the guidelines of Maryhill, as of now we do not have any cases of COVID-19 in the building. Thank you for all your prayers and for being so supportive during this crisis.

In times like these, it is good to turn to our Creator. The best way to accomplish this is through prayer and reading His Word. I guess I kind of forgot how comforting the Word of God can be. I think I just took it for granted because I just always read it, I quote it, or share it with others but I haven't really leaned on it in a long time. One of my favorite Bible verses is the first one I ever memorized with my children years ago. 1 PETER 5:7 "Casting all your cares upon Him for He careth for you." Another one of my favorites verses I share with your loved ones at times is ROMANS 8:38. "For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today, nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love." Even though it seems like we are in the desert with our Lord at times instead of celebrating His resurrection because of this pandemic, it is a good time to take a moment and count our blessings and remember to thank all the heroes in our lives. Which recently all of you reminded me that your "HEROES" are the "STAFF" at Maryhill Manor and they are also mine!!!

Even though I am working from home if you would like to talk or need something just give me a call at 906.360.3752 and I will do my best to help you.

God bless you all,

Nancy J. Reese
Pastoral Care Director

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How to keep up-to-date on what's happening at Maryhill:

Please like our **Facebook page** to stay in the loop...we share lots of photos and messages from our residents daily (at least we try to). Our residents enjoy receiving messages/photos of encouragement letting them know you are thinking of them (email them to sschinderle@maryhillmanor.org). You can also make a reservation to FaceTime or for a Window Chat with your loved one by calling the front office. Unfortunately, we are still not accepting any packages for loved ones (except medical supplies) including flowers or plants. I know some of you probably planned to send something for Mother's Day but we felt it just wasn't worth the risk associated with bringing something in. We apologize for the inconvenience but the safety of our residents remains our number one priority. Please continue to do your part to help reduce the spread! Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Stay health & safe!

Your Administrative Staff

Lynne Crockford, LNHA—Administrator

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