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# Bishop Hills Newsletter

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*Art Show for the Month*  
*Rivertown Artist Guild*

## *November Events at Bishop Hills*

4<sup>th</sup> Daylight savings time ends

6<sup>th</sup> Election Day

6<sup>th</sup> Rockford Library Book Delivery at 1:30 p.m.

7<sup>th</sup> Mass at 9:00 a.m.

11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day

14<sup>th</sup> Art Show Reception with Rivertown Artist Guild at 6:15 p.m.

22<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving Day

28<sup>th</sup> Music Man program at 5:30

29<sup>th</sup> Deck the Halls Party for family and friends- see notes below

### Deck the Halls Party Thursday, November 29th

Families and friends are welcome to join us for this fun night to start the Christmas season. This will be an open house style event with lots of good things to eat. We encourage everyone to bring decorations for your family member's room and decorate anytime during the night. The food buffet is open from 5:30-7:00, but feel free to come early and stay later. We will also be having a raffle for our benevolent fund so make sure to buy your tickets when you come or before the party if you prefer. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

### Reminder about Halloween Candy

Please provide your family member with enough candy to hand out (about 90 kids). **Drop off candy to the office before October 27th** labeled with the residents name and room number. We ask that you do this so we know that everyone has candy to hand out and so that there is no confusion. Bishop Hills staff will pass it out to the residents before the trick-or-treaters arrive. If you have questions please contact Rachel.

## *Thanksgiving*

November is a beautiful time of year. We see the vibrant orange, yellow and red colors of the trees, we feel the nip of cooler weather, we spot pumpkins, odd shaped gourds and golden cornstalks dotting the landscapes and deer running for cover as hunters proudly bring their spoils home.

A definition of Thanksgiving is the expression of gratitude, especially to God. It is also a National Holiday that may include church, turkey, football and family get-togethers.

Every Thanksgiving Day, my friend sends me a message that she is thankful for our friendship. She is not much into the Christmas season, but she is very intentional to be thankful. What a wonderful gift to me that a friend expresses her thanks for my friendship.

“Enter his gates with Thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!”  
Psalm 100:4.

I challenge you this November to intentionally give thanks and pray each day of the month for one person. Let them know you are thankful for them with a note or a phone call. Write their name on your calendar.

“I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers” Ephesians 1:16.

I also challenge you this November to intentionally give thanks to God for God each day. Place His name on your calendar each day, recite a thanksgiving scripture and sing a song of thanks.

“Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ”  
Ephesians 5:20.

May you develop a habit of thanksgiving this November that brings honor and glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and may it change your heart.

Chaplain Val

### Employee Christmas Fund

During the Christmas season many of the residents would like to give back to the staff. We have set up a “Christmas Fund” for residents and their families to give to all of the staff. If you would like to contribute to this fund please make checks payable to **Bishop Hills** and **please note in the memo section on the check for “Employee Christmas Fund” before Saturday, December 1st.** The money will be presented to all of the employees at the staff Christmas party. Please remember that our policy does not allow staff to accept personal gifts or money from residents or their families.

### Having a meal or big get together with us?

The kitchen is happy to provide meals to family members or guests for donation of \$3.00 per meal. Parties of more than four will need to provide their own food and dishes. For all meals and gatherings advance notice is needed to reserve a dining area. This also includes renting the Learning Center for bigger gatherings, which is available on a first call basis. A donation is also appreciated for the rent of the Learning Center. Any questions please let Sarah know.

### Holidays are coming please let us know of your plans

If you are planning on taking your family member out for Thanksgiving Day please give Bishop Hills a call when you have made plans. Thanksgiving can be a very busy day for our staff and it is very helpful if we know what time residents will be leaving the building. Please also check with the medication passers before leaving to make sure residents have their medications before leaving the build.

### Thank You! Thank You!

We really appreciate all the donations toward the Samaritan’s Purse Shoe boxes. We packed 100 boxes. Thank you again for your support in this project.