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Bishop Hills Newsletter



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We send this mailing to the first contact. Please share the information with other family members. If you would like additional family members to receive this by e-mail please contact Rachel at bishopactivities@baruchsls.org

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Paula Obiden- Resident Care Manager

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Chris Rolfe- Housekeeping

Tom Ruud- Maintenance

May

April 28th Mass starts up at 9:00 (residents only please)

Chaplain Val visiting on 5th and 19th- please let Rachel know if you have a need

9th Mother's Day- Thank you Mothers for all you do!

26th Mass at 9:00 (residents only please)

31st Memorial Day- Thank you to all who serve and have served our country!

Greeting Cards Available in Learning Center

We have birthday, thank you, thinking of you, sympathy, get well, baptism and many more. All cards have been donated to us so they are free for residents to take as they need them.

Please continue to take precautions

Even though most of our residents have gotten the COVID vaccine we will still have to be taking extra precautions like wearing masks, social distancing and restricted visitors. We will have these in place until the health department and CDC tell us otherwise. We ask you to do your part, wearing masks, limit resident's exposure to large groups of people and that you continue to take safeguards too. We thank you so much for your continued patience during this time!

Important Information Residents Exposure to COVID

If you, family or friends have come down with COVID (Corona Virus) please contact us right away if you have been in contact with a residents within the past two weeks of onset of symptoms. This is very important so we can quarantine the resident and take extra precautions when entering the resident's room.

The Joy of the Lord is Your Salvation

Baruch 2021 Theme

I think it's safe to say that most of us want to be happy. After all, who likes being sad or experiencing the hardships of life? The reality, though, is that we all experience happy times and sad times. It's part of life and being a human being. The ancient wisdom tradition gives us hope though in that joy encompasses the entirety of the human experience and embraces not only happiness but also suffering and hardships. The writer of Ecclesiastes, after struggling with existential turmoil says that all things are "hevel" or vapor, but then says, "15 So I commend the enjoyment of life, because there is nothing better for a person under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad. Then joy will accompany them in their toil all the days of the life God has given them under the sun."

Ecclesiastes 8:15 Joy is a fruit of the Spirit, because it includes the totality of all that comes our way in life and draws us into the present moments we have with those we love. I invite you to cherish all the little moments of your life, especially those moments with our beloved residents. Life is too short and fragile to not experience the joy of being with our loved ones. I think you will learn, as I continue to learn, that embracing the joy of the Lord that wraps its arms around the entirety of the human experience will become your salvation.

Chaplain Clint

Guidelines for Visitors in Building

These guidelines are set in place by the state of Michigan for indoor visits

The state of Michigan is now allowing indoor visits as long as there is no COVID cases in building. This may change as cases in Kent county change too.

- Visits by appointment only. Visitors must call at least 24 hours ahead to set up a visiting time and must be written on visiting calendar in nursing station
- Outdoor visits must have scheduled time too
- Be covid screened at front door
- *New Change- Covid test is available with appointment, but is not required
- Only two visitors per resident in the building
- No children under the age of 13
- Visits must take place in designated area (exception of Hospice resident visitors)
- Visitors need to wear a mask at all times and stay 6 feet apart
- No food or drinks while visiting
- Visits last 45 minutes depending on testing time. Staff will then have time to disinfect between groups
- Residents can still go out of building with family & friends. Please let us know at least 30 minutes before you would like to pick up. Preferably a day ahead is best.