

# Messages from Maryhill

A Newsletter for Maryhill Manor Families

April, 2011

**GREETINGS!** According to the calendar, it's officially spring, but the mounds of snow all around are making it a little hard to believe! We can be grateful for the colder weather, though, as it is slowing down the melting process which sounds like exactly what we need to improve the flood forecast for our State! We have made a commitment to take residents from neighboring facilities if they need to evacuate, so we are ready to help as needed. We pray that the weather and precipitation we receive in the coming weeks is exactly what it needs to be to prevent major flooding from occurring! \*\*\* Our new call light system has a report feature that lets us see when call lights are used and how long it takes for them to be answered. According to our recent reports, the average time for a call light to be answered is two minutes and 40 seconds. We feel good about this response time and will continue to monitor call lights, as we feel this is an important part of the care and services we provide to our residents. \*\*\* May God bless you this holy season and renew your spirit with joy. \*\*\* Peace and Joy...Nancy Farnham, Administrator

## BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE:

### Construction Plan Update:

\*We are still waiting for the Health Department to complete their review of the building plans that were submitted to them in February. We have received some questions about this, so want to clarify the Health Department's role in this process: The Health Department will not tell us whether or not we can do this project. Rather, their role is to check the plans to make sure they meet the regulations for all safety codes. For instance, they would comment if the architect did not have enough fire dampers or did not have smoke detectors in the right locations. The architect we are working with has designed many healthcare facilities and is very familiar with our regulations and codes, so we do not anticipate many comments from the Health Department. We expect to hear back from the Health Department in the next couple weeks.

\*Construction bids will take place in mid to late April.

\*We have set a tentative date for construction to begin on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*You are Invited!*

*Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Maryhill Building Project*

*Sunday, May 1st at 2:00p.m.*



### Fundraising update:

\***GREAT NEWS!** We have received a grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation for our building project. The Bremer Foundation is giving us \$75,000 as an outright grant right away, PLUS they will give us an additional \$75,000 to match dollar-for-dollar any donations we raise for the next year. If you have thought about giving a donation to the project but have not yet done so, now is an excellent time to do so, as the Bremer Foundation will double your donation! We are very grateful for the Bremer Foundation's generosity and support of our building project!

\*Our staff fundraising committee has raised over \$1,500 by doing in-house auctions and lunches. The Activity, Social Services, and Business Office staff have also donated prizes to conduct a raffle. The prizes include a night at the Comfort Suites in Fargo, a \$50 gift certificate to Maple Valley Meats and a \$50 gift certificate to Shop'n Fuel. The raffle also includes a handmade quilt donated by the Trinity Lutheran Church quilters. Raffle tickets are available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winning tickets will be drawn on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

\***April 28<sup>th</sup> is the date that has been set for this year's TABLE THEMES dinner.** The dinner will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church in Enderlin. Our overall theme for the dinner this year is "Through the Years," so we will have tables decorated for different decades in our history. Tickets are \$20 and will be on sale soon. There will be entertainment in addition to a delicious meal. We hope you will be able to join us for a fun evening on April 28th! Call us to reserve your ticket!

*Maryhill's building project -- Even a small gift can make big dreams come true!*



*Blessed Easter to you!*

Thank You for Your Generous Donations:

Simon and Vivian Bjerke  
First Lutheran Church Women

**For the Building Project:**

Paul and Cherie Storhoff in memory of Lou Oglesby  
Emmy Opskar in memory of her parents  
Eloise Stram  
LeRoy Dagman  
Bill and Marilyn Cummings



*In Our Memories*

Our sympathy to the families and friends of these special people who had become part of our Maryhill family and have recently died. We treasure our memories of them and pray that God will be with their families at this time of loss. We will remember them...

*Louella "Lou" Oglesby, 1922-2011*

*Alberta Pederson, 1924-2011*

Activities at Maryhill...Join Us Anytime

**Below are some of the routine activities we have scheduled at Maryhill. Feel free to join us!**

Daily: Devotions, local news update, and exercises at 11:30a.m.

Bingo: Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 2:00p.m.

Church: Protestant services on Tuesdays at 2:00p.m. and Catholic Mass on Thursdays at 9:30a.m.

Coffee hour: Daily at 2:30p.m.

Movie and popcorn: Saturday afternoons

**April 11<sup>th</sup>: We invite our volunteers to join us for a special supper with our thanks and to honor them during National Volunteer Week!**

April 14<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 Glenn Douglas will entertain us.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday, Passion Play video in the afternoon.

April 28<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 Monthly Birthday Bash.



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