



# Messages from Maryhill

A Newsletter for Maryhill Manor Families

November, 2005

**GREETINGS!** What a gorgeous fall season we've had! Maybe this is a sign that we will have a mild winter (hopefully!!). As I'm writing this, we have "trick or treaters" going up and down the hallway. These are sweet little ones from a local Day Care and they are cute as can be! There's one dressed as a lion, three little Spidermen (!), a little duck, and lots of other cute costumes! They sure bring smiles to the faces of our residents as they make their way through the building! Later today we will have kids from the grade school classes come in costume for treats and then we'll be open for trick-or-treaters this evening. The residents are ready with lots of candy on hand to give out! Also as I write, I'm hearing lots of visiting coming from across the hall. There is a group of ladies who live here busy helping people from the HEART (Helping Enderlin Area Residents Thrive) program with the folding and stuffing of envelopes for their monthly newsletter (and chatting as they work! ☺). The residents have been helping with this for a couple months now and they really enjoy being able to volunteer their time to do something that helps others. As we approach the Thanksgiving Season, I wish to thank you for your ongoing support of Maryhill and your trust in the services and care we provide. May God bless you and your family this holiday season!

----Nancy Farnham, Administrator

## MEDICARE Part D

Enrollment for the new Medicare D program will begin on **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. There are 18 organizations that will offer plans in North Dakota, with premiums ranging from \$1.87 to \$141.53 a month. The plans also differ in deductibles and drugs that are covered. Our local pharmacies are beginning to make decisions about which plans they will participate in, so it would be good to talk with them the middle of November before making any enrollment decisions. Medicare now has a "Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder" on their website: [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). This website provides plan costs, drug pricing and pharmacy network information. They also have a toll free number to help people find the drug coverage that best suits their needs. The number is 1-800-633-4227 (or 1-800-MEDICARE). The *Medicare & You 2006* handbook was mailed out in mid-October and also has answers to many questions on this new program. Some things to look for when comparing plans include: what prescription drugs are covered, how much the individual needs to pay, what pharmacies are used, and whether or not they offer more than the standard level of coverage for a higher monthly premium.

## Outpatient Therapy Is Now Open!

Outpatient therapy services for physical, occupational, and speech therapy are now available through MobilityPlus at Maryhill Manor. We are happy to be able to offer this service to our community and surrounding area. Several new pieces of equipment have been added to our therapy program, including an ultrasound machine. In addition to being available to people coming in on an outpatient basis, this new equipment is available to our residents and is enhancing the services for them. Stop in and check it out sometime and help pass the word that this service is now available in our community!

## For Your Calendars: Feel free to join us anytime!

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1:30p.m. Enjoy the musical stylings of Glenn Douglas

November 17<sup>th</sup> – 1:30p.m. Come and join in the fun with music by Joseph DeMasi

November 16<sup>th</sup> – 1:00p.m. Monthly birthday party with the women of Trinity Lutheran Church

November 21<sup>st</sup> – 5:30p.m. Christian music concert by local musicians in honor of the Feast Day of the Presentation of Mary.



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