

# Messages from Maryhill

A Newsletter for Maryhill Manor Families

April, 2007

**GREETINGS! Spring is here!** It's raining and I've seen a few Robins around outside! Soon we'll be seeing the flowers beginning to bloom and color will be exploding all over – I can't wait! April 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> is National Volunteer Week, a great time to recognize all those who volunteer their time and talents for others. We are fortunate to have many loving and giving volunteers at Maryhill. We will be hosting a special dinner in honor of all our volunteers on **Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> with a program beginning at 4:00p.m.** If you are a volunteer through your church or other organization, please plan to join us that day. We appreciate all that our volunteers do for us! We also will be having a fundraiser supper for Maryhill on **Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Enderlin. Our goal is to raise enough money to buy an electric fireplace for our residents to enjoy. Each table at the fundraiser is sponsored by different individuals or organizations who are decorating the table (dishes, centerpieces, tablecloths – the whole works) according to a theme of their choice. Just to give you an idea of the variety of table decorations that will be there, here are some of the themes: hunting, weddings, Mardi gras, bedtime, angels, Christmas and more! It will be a fun night with great food, entertainment, and visiting. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 and a limited number of tickets are available. If you are interested in buying tickets, please check with us at Maryhill. We will also have a silent auction that evening and would welcome the donation of any items you may want to contribute. The Ransom-Sargent Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be providing supplemental funds for this event and we appreciate their support! If you would like more information about this event, give us a call. We hope to see you there! Easter is just around the corner and I want to pause to give thanks and rejoice at the wondrous gifts of forgiveness and salvation we have been given. Blessed Easter to you.....Nancy Farnham, Administrator



## EDUCATION CORNER: A Lesson from Hannah

Learning from Hannah: Secrets for a Life Worth Living is a wonderful book about aging that was written by Dr. William H. Thomas. One of the stories included in the book goes like this:

“In the middle of the desert there was a desert trader who had lost his way and was dying of thirst. Kahlid the Kind came upon the trader as Kahlid was riding his camel through the desert. Kahlid took the dying man to Kahlid’s oasis and offered the trader water. The man drank deeply. Again and again he drank.

At last, the water had quenched his thirst and the trader was able to speak. “You have saved me when Death held his hand upon my throat.” Kahlid answered, “It was the will of God that you should live. Now drink; drink more, for surely you’ve not taken enough.” The man replied, “I am grateful to you, but I have taken my fill of water. Now I feel a great hunger and I’m tired. Might I have something to eat and a place to lie down?”

Kahlid thundered, “Not so long ago you were nearly dead of thirst. Drink!” With that Kahlid held up the skin of water. The trader turned his head away and the water spilled to the ground. The action convinced Kahlid that the desert sun had addled the trader’s mind. Wasting no time, Kahlid picked up the trader. He waded into the cool, fresh water of the spring. Kahlid began to dunk the trader’s head into the water. The man thrashed and struggled, choking and gasping. He swallowed great gulps of fresh water. Kahlid was pleased. Over and over he plunged the trader’s head into the water. Finally, the man’s strength began to wane. This alarmed Kahlid greatly, so he held him under for longer and longer periods to ensure the man would drink. In the end, the trader’s strength dwindled to nothing. Death took him. Tears streaked the face of Kahlid the Kind as he carried the trader’s still warm body from the spring and dug a shallow grave and buried him.”

We use this story in our organization to remind us of the importance of letting people be as independent as possible. Our goal is to assist them only in areas of limitation and/or when they request our assistance. We work to remember to offer those we serve what **THEY** want and need, not what **WE THINK** they should have.

## RESIDENT REMINISCINGS...Dance, Dance, Dance

**Edna Groth** was listening to one of our entertainers the other day and talked about the memories it brought back. "I loved to dance and so did my husband", Edna said. She talked about how much enjoyment she got out of ballroom dancing. "If I didn't have trouble with both my knees, I'd still be dancing!" she said.



### *In Our Memories*

Our sympathy to the families and friends of the following people who were 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...

*Richard Ussatis, 1906-2007*

*Michael Currier, 1956-2007*

## Thank You for your Generous Donations:

\*In memory of Gladys Foss by Mary Lou Foss

\*In memory of Richard Ussatis by Lynette Schmitz



**Blessed Easter to you!**

## For Your Calendars...Feel Free to Join Us Anytime:

April 5<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 Glenn Douglas will entertain

**April 16<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 Volunteer program and supper**

April 18<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 Monthly Trinity Lutheran Birthday Party

April 26<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 Birthday Bash with Irene Hoenhause and friends!

**April 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:30p.m. Maryhill fundraising supper at Trinity Lutheran, Enderlin**

Every Tuesday at 1:00 there is an ecumenical church service in the living room, with communion on the fourth Tuesday.

Every Thursday at 9:30 there is mass in the Family Room.

*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!" Philippians 4:4,5*



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