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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

Deb Smith- Administrator

Julie Rick- Associate Administrator

Rachel Kooiman- Director of Life Enrichment

Paula Obiden- Resident Care Manager

Leigh Vest- Resident Care Manager

Tom Ruud- Maintenance

Dan DeBlaay – Dietary Director

Carolyn Parcher - Housekeeping

November Events

1st Rockford Library Book Delivery at 1:30 room to room

2nd Chaplain Val Visiting
6th Daylight Saving Time Ends

11th Veteran's Day

15th Resident Council Meeting at 1:15

16th Chaplain Val Visiting and Thanksgiving Service

17th Resident Photo Day for Christmas Tree Ornaments

19th Hymn Sing at 2:30 with Three Angels Church

21st Acrylic Painting Class with Peg at 1:00

23rd Mass at 9:00

24th Thanksgiving Day- see note on back about residents going out of building

30th Music Man Program at 5:30



Halloween, Monday 31st



Halloween Day we will be passing out candy to the OLC school children. We would like to set up a few outdoor stations to pass out candy! Two ways you can help....

- Donate Candy- we need enough for a few outdoor stations. There will be 180 kids.
- Help pass out candy- Please let Rachel, Life Enrichment Director bishopactivities@baruchsls.org know by October 26th if you would like to help with this. Then I will contact you with more details.

Thriving Through Perseverance

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up” Galatians 6:9.

Persevering in doing good can make us weary. The dictionary defines good as a quality required for a certain job, possessing a moral virtue, and giving pleasure. We grow weary of doing good in our work; we grow weary of doing good raising a family; we grow weary of doing good in being a caregiver; we grow weary of doing good as a Christian. As Christians, the influence of politics, society and the economy challenge our perseverance in doing what is good and right. 1 Corinthians 15:58 encourages us these words: “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain”.

In the Bible, we are given numerous examples of God’s people growing weary of doing good yet reaping the rewards because of persevering in that good:

The book of Job is a good place to begin. Job, a wealthy man, lost his animals, his crops and his family to disease and famine. The only thing he did not lose, was his life, because God told Satan he could not take Job’s life. In all of this, Job persevered in his relationship with God.

The prophet Jeremiah, in chapters 37 and 38, persevered in preaching and teaching the Gospel to a rebellious nation in spite of threats, imprisonment and being exiled into Egypt.

In 2 Corinthians 11:23-33 we read how the apostle Paul was beaten, flogged, shipwrecked, imprisoned, and threatened wherever he went. Despite physical pain, Paul persevered in his faith. Continued...

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 Wednesday, December 7th**. The money will be presented to all of the staff 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.

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.

Luke 18:1- 8 tells us the story of the persistent widow, who pursued the Judge to right the wrong done against her until he gave in and brought justice. Like the widow, we need to be continually persevering in bringing acts of injustice to the Lord.

People of God, keep on thriving in doing good for the Lord. When you are weary and tired, pray for perseverance. Remember you will reap a reward!

God’s blessings as you persevere in doing good! Chaplain Val