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# Bishop Hills Newsletter

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## November Events

For more information see the calendar on our website at [www.bishophills.org](http://www.bishophills.org)



Find us on Facebook @bishophillsrockford

Bishop Hills Elder Care for updated pictures

October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween- Treats in Halls 6:00-7:00

5<sup>th</sup> Daylight savings time ends

7<sup>th</sup> Rockford Library Book Delivery at 1:30

9<sup>th</sup> Resident Photo Day- pick out your favorite outfit, spiff up your hair and put a smile on for picture day. These pictures will be used for our Christmas tree ornaments and updating our records. Times will be listed on daily schedules.

10<sup>th</sup> Senior Steppers dance program at 2:15

11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day- Thank you veterans for your service

15<sup>th</sup> Chaplain Val Visiting Today and Thanksgiving service at 2:15

18<sup>th</sup> Hymn Sing at 2:30 with Three Angels Church

20<sup>th</sup> Acrylic painting class with Peg at 1:00

20<sup>th</sup> Fred Walker music program at 6:30p.m.

21<sup>st</sup> Resident Council Meeting at 1:15

22<sup>nd</sup> Mass at 9:00

23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Day- see notes on back of page

29<sup>th</sup> Music Man Program at 5:30

30<sup>th</sup> Trim the Tree Party- resident's tree decorating party at 6:00p.m.

### **Christmas is coming...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 Bishop Hills 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 Friday, December 1st.** 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.

## **Giving Thanks for God's Bounty**

It is a cool, autumn, October morning. Looking out my window, I am seeing God's bounty of sunshine and His clouds floating across the sky casting shadows over the green grass. The trees with their mild shades of yellow, green, orange and red are swaying to and fro in the breeze and two deer are feasting on the abundance of grass in the prairie. Soon, though, the grass will die away in the cold, winter air.

Opening my window, I am feeling cool air rushing across my cheeks and the warmth of the sun on my feet, reminding me of the changing seasons. One is leaving, the other is coming.

Yesterday, I was tasting God's bounty from our garden. I made a garden casserole filled with rice, onions, tomatoes and zucchini topped with Velveeta cheese and bacon! Yummy! From our garden, I picked tomatoes, made tomato sauce and enjoyed gathering pumpkins and gourds to share with family and friends.

When I think about God's bounty it is a gift generously given. I encourage you to begin using your five senses to discover God's bounty in your life. Every day we live in the abundance of His generosity toward us. John 1:16 tells us, "We all live off his generous bounty, gift after gift after gift" (MSG). Through seeing, smelling, tasting, touching and hearing, we can give thanks for God's abundance in our life.

God's most bountiful gift is found in Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us". This gift of salvation is something we can see, taste, touch, smell and hear through scripture, prayer and interacting in our communities with fellow believers. What joys and blessings we receive from God's gift of salvation!

Psalms 34:8 encourages us with these two senses: "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him".

This fall season, be intentional of using your five senses to be aware of God's bounty. If needed, write on your calendar each day one of God's bountiful gifts using your senses. Remember, His bounty is not only outward but also inward - our words, our attitude, our thoughts, our daily rhythm of life. Isaiah 55:6 reminds us to "Seek the LORD while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near".

Don't wait or it will be too late, and you will have missed His bountiful goodness toward you!!

Enjoy seeking the Lord and His bountiful blessings!  
Chaplain Val

## **Reminder: Halloween Candy**

Please provide residents with enough candy to hand out (about 90 kids). **Drop off candy to the Rachel or any of the front offices before October 27th** labeled with the residents name and room number. We ask that you do this so we know that everyone has candy to hand out and so that there is no confusion for residents (and they don't eat it all before the kids come). Bishop Hills staff will pass it out to the residents before the trick-or-treaters arrive so they can give their candy to give to the kids themselves. If you have questions please contact Rachel at [bishopactivities@baruchsls.org](mailto:bishopactivities@baruchsls.org).

## **Having a meal or get together with us?**

The kitchen is happy to provide meals to family members or guests for donation of \$5.00 per meal. Parties of more than two will need to provide their own food and dishes. For all meals and gatherings advance notice is needed to reserve a dining area. This also includes renting the Learning Center for bigger gatherings, which is available on a first call basis. A donation is also appreciated for the rent of the Learning Center. Any questions please or to make reservations contact Rachel at [bishopactivities@baruchsls.org](mailto:bishopactivities@baruchsls.org).

## **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 building.

## **Save the date: Deck the Halls Party Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Families and friends are welcome to join us for this fun night to start the Christmas season. This will be an open house style event with lots of good things to eat. We encourage everyone to bring decorations for your family member's room and decorate anytime during the night. The food buffet is open from 5:30-7:00, but feel free to come early and stay later.