Bishop Hills Newsletter

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February Birthdays

> 2/22 Versa 2/24 Bob 2/26 Jayne

February Events

For more information see the calendar on our website at www.bishophills.org

Find us on Facebook @bishophillsrockford Bishop Hills Elder Care for updated pictures

9th Marty Miller music program at 2:15

12th Rockford Library Book Delivery at 1:30

14th Valentine's Day Party

14th Chaplain Val Visiting Today

19th Acrylic painting class with Peg at 1:00

20th Resident Council Meeting at 1:15

17th Hymn Sing at 2:30 with Three Angels Church

28th Mass at 9:00

28th Chaplain Val Visiting Today

28th Music Man Program at 5:30

Wedding Photos

To Celebrate Valentine's Day we would like to display everyone's wedding photos. Send a copy by email to bishopactivities@baruchsls.org, drop off or mail attn: Rachel Kooiman by February 9th with the resident's name on the back. No originals please! We would really enjoy seeing the photos!

A Note from the Beauty Shop

A reminder: any services done in the beauty shop must be **prepaid**. You can drop a check in the mail directly to Diane Long or you can drop it in our drop box located by the beauty shop door. If you have any questions feel free to text Diane. We are very fortunate to have Diane as our talented hairdresser here at Bishop Hills so we would like to make sure she is being paid on time. Thank you.

God Is LOVE

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us" 1 John 4:7-12

Looking at our passage, we see the word love bolded thirteen times! God does the initiating of his love by sending his one and only Son, Jesus, into the the world (vs.9) to die on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins (vs.10). God did not have to send Jesus. He could have left us in our sin. Yet, God's love is so deep and so wide (Ephesians 3:18-19) he rescued us from our sin. He initiated our redemption through the blood of Jesus. In verses 8,11 and 12, we see God's love is not passive, rather it changes and transforms us. We cannot love if we do not know God, because God is love. We are his creation, made in his image, and an extension of his love. God's love drives us to care for a person in need, to offer empathy to a grieving friend, to rejoice with one who comes to know Christ.

Today, I offer you a challenge - how will you initiate God's love to another person encountering a mental health crisis, a friend with differing political views, apologizing to your brother or sister, asking forgiveness for your mistakes or listening well to someone else's feelings and concerns.

You and I do not love because we want to. We love because God first loved us. His love creates a desire within us to be obedient to him in giving his love to those around us. We love because God's love changes and transforms us.

The month of February is about LOVE. As Valentine's Day approaches, take the initiative to love others as God loves you and watch it change and transform you and the person you shared it with.

Chaplain Val

Do you craft?

If so, do you have handmade items that you would like donate for us to sell? We would like to sell things out of our glass case for our deck awning fundraiser. If you are interested or have questions please contact Rachel at bishopactivities@baruchsls.org.

Time to Stock Up

Reminder: next time you visit check your family members bathroom to make sure they are stocked up of the following: (we do not supply them)

Hand Soap (liquid hand soap is easier for residents to use than bar soap)

Body Wash

Shampoo & Conditioner (unless they get their hair done weekly in beauty shop)

Liquid Body Wash

Lotion

Shaving cream (for men)

Deodorant

Band-aids

Toothbrush (time to change it ©)

Toothpaste

Denture supplies (if needed)

Wipes

Clothing

Socks, t-shirts, bras, at least 3 pairs of pants that fit (please make sure all clothing is labeled with residents name)

