

April 2024

# Bishop Hills Newsletter

Bishop Hills Assisted Living | 4951 11 Mile Rd NE, Rockford | 866-8227 | [www.bishophills.org](http://www.bishophills.org)



Deb Smith- Administrator  
[deb.smith@baruchsls.org](mailto:deb.smith@baruchsls.org)

Julie Rick- Associate  
Administrator  
[julie.rick@baruchsls.org](mailto:julie.rick@baruchsls.org)

Rachel Kooiman- Director of Life  
Enrichment  
[rachel.kooiman@baruchsls.org](mailto:rachel.kooiman@baruchsls.org)

Kellie Bennor- Director of Dietary  
[kellie.benner@baruchsls.org](mailto:kellie.benner@baruchsls.org)

Leigh Vest- Director of Resident  
Care  
[leigh.vest@baruchsls.org](mailto:leigh.vest@baruchsls.org)

Rachel Buzzitta- Resident Care  
Manager

Tom Ruud- Maintenance

Terri Clay- Housekeeping

Art Show this Month  
Rockford Public Schools  
Kids Art Show

## April 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

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chaplain Val Visiting
- 5<sup>th</sup> Where Am I in Michigan Part 2 Travelogue by  
Kyle Schippa at 2:15
- 6<sup>th</sup> Hymn Sing with Three Angels church at 2:30
- 8<sup>th</sup> Rockford Library Book Delivery at 1:30
- 16<sup>th</sup> Kids Art Show Reception at 6:30
- 16<sup>th</sup> Resident Council Meeting at 1:15
- 17<sup>th</sup> Chaplain Val Visiting
- 19<sup>th</sup> Static Line Music Program at 2:15
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Acrylic painting class with Peg at 1:00
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Volunteer Luncheon
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mass at 9:00
- 24<sup>th</sup> Music Man Program at 6:15

*Save the Date: Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
Mother's Tea at 2:30*

Join us for a time of celebrating the Mothers in  
our lives. We will be entertained by the Mother  
Singers and enjoy some tasty treats too.

Please **RSVP** to Rachel at  
[bishopactivities@baruchsls.org](mailto:bishopactivities@baruchsls.org) or 866-8227)

Tuesday, **May 14<sup>th</sup>** if you are planning on  
attending.

I remember in days gone by, when our kids would have swimming lessons at the pool. The kids would swim and the parents would wait in the bleachers on the sides. Most of the times the kids were too involved with splashing and jumping and paddling to notice the loving audience of parents watching over them. But every now and then, each child would intentionally turn and look for that one face that mattered.

When I would see one of ours look over, I would hold up my hand in the way that forms the "I Love You" in sign language. They would instantly smile, knowing what I was saying, even without spoken words, and then go back swimming but with a much more dedicated effort knowing that I was watching them.

God too is a loving parent, watching over us and waiting for the chance to show us His love for us. However, just like my children had to look to me to get that message, we too need to turn and look for His face or we will miss those messages. In an age of constant distractions, and the splashings of life that are happening all around us, we can forget to seek out the face of God, forget to see the sign of His love for us in Jesus Christ, and miss out on feeling His love for us. We need to examine our lives and find those tiny moments where He has showered us with signs of His great love for us and then do our best to remain in that love in all we do.

"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing." Zeph. 3:17

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved." Ephesians 2:4-5

Chaplain David Price

## Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes

We are teaming up with Crossroad Church to pack shoe boxes. These shoe boxes are filled with small items for children's Christmas gifts that will go to impoverished communities around the world. We need your help collecting supplies and empty shoe boxes! Here is a list of suggested items. All donations need to be new. Drop off donations to box in the front entry **by June 24th**. If you would like to join us for the packing night it's Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:15. We are asking for donations now so you have time to shop sales! We will also be collecting cash and check (Please make checks out to Samaritan's Purse) donations to help cover the cost of shipping. It is \$10 for each box so please consider helping that that too.



**No toothpaste, anything liquid, food or violent toys (army people or anything with guns), anything with English language instructions.**

### Collection List:

#### Hygiene

Bar Soap only (they cannot have anything liquid)

Tooth brushes

Hair brushes

Hair do-dads

#### School Supplies:

Small Paper pads (remember has to fit into shoe boxes)

Pens, Pencils, Crayons, Colored pencils

Rulers

Extra erasers

#### Toys: (No toys that are violent)

Blow up beach balls

Small puzzles

Yo-Yos

Jump ropes

Small toy cars and trucks