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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

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

- 1st Travelogue by Kyle Schippa at 1:30
- 2nd Hymn Sing with Three Angels church at 2:30
- 3rd Daylight savings time ends
- 6th Chaplain Val Visiting
- 6th Rockford Library Book Delivery at 2:30
- 11th Veteran's Day
- 14th 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.
- 18th Acrylic painting class with Peg at 1:00
- 19th Resident Council Meeting at 1:15
- 20th Chaplain Val Visiting
- 22nd Marty Miller Music program at 2:15
- 27th Music Man Music Program at 6:15
- 28th Thanksgiving Day- see notes on back of page

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 Monday, December 2nd.** 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.

The Satisfied Soul

Fall is beautiful. The trees are full of color. The geese are flying overhead. The bluebirds are flocking to make the trip south. It is wonderful to experience fall in Michigan.

A friend recently went to a local apple orchard to pick a variety of apples. The apples were taken home and made into a couple of fresh apple pies. The friend stopped by our house with one of the apple pies. We cut the fresh apple pie and served it with ice cream. We enjoyed conversation with each other. It really was a lovely evening. At the end of the day, we were happy.

The Good Book tells us "There is nothing better for a man than to eat and drink and tell himself that his labor is good. This also I have seen that it is from the hand of God." (Ecclesiastes 2:24).

God made our soul to be satisfied in the life we are living. St. Augustin said, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." When was the last time you told yourself that it was a good meal? When was the last time you told yourself you were happy with your work? When was the last time you told yourself you feel fortunate to have the friends you have? When was the last time you enjoyed being with friends?

Fall is an enjoyable time to take a little breather and find some soul satisfaction.

Chaplain Jeff Meyers

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 28th** 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.

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.

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. Holidays 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. Also, please 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 Thursday

December 5th 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.