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Bishop Hills Newsletter

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December Events

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

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Bishop Hills Elder Care for updated pictures

- 3rd Trim the Tree Party at 12:30 Residents decorate
Christmas tree with their ornaments
 - 4th Rockford Library Book Delivery at 2:30
 - 5th Deck the Halls Party- see note below (no flowers
class on the 5th will be on Friday at 10:30)
 - 6th Childhood Christmas Toys by Kyle Schippa at
1:30
 - 6th City Church Christmas Sing-A-Long at 6:30
 - 7th Hymn Sing with Three Angels church at 2:30
 - 9th Acrylic painting class with Peg at 1:00
 - 13th OLC school young fives class singing at 2:00
 - 14th Uniquely Rogue music program at 2:30
 - 15th Rockford Reformed Church Youth Group Visit
and Caroling at 3:15
 - 15th Crossroads Church Youth Group Game and
Caroling at 6:15
 - 16th McDonough Family music program at 10:00
 - 17th Resident Council Meeting at 1:15
 - 18th Chaplain Val Visiting
 - 18th Christmas Pageant at 2:30
 - 18th Music Man Music Program at 6:15
 - 25th Christmas Day- see note on back page
 - 27th Harrison Michael Music Program at 2:15
 - 31st New Year's Eve Party 12:00 lunch, music and
party at 2:15 music by Marvin Luttrell
- 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.



In Matthew 1:23 we read, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." What do those words speak to

us that we need to hear today among all the noise of fears, losses, disappointments, confusion, and sadness?

The word "with" in the Strong's concordance means "with, after, and behind." Reminding us all that God is available for us no matter what we are going through in life. With us in our celebrations and with us in our loneliness. With us in our victories and with us when we feel defeated. With us to give us a hope of more to come. What a beautiful thought! God with us, literally present in the room as our promised rescuer from sin and death. With us to bridge that gap of separation from God for eternity, because He, Jesus, was willing to become our perfect sacrifice. He would live on this earth to understand our humanity, yet without ever sinning. He would die on the cross as the payment for our sins. And then He would gloriously rise from the grave to conquer the power of sin and death providing our way to spend eternity with God! All as Emmanuel. This is the reason Jesus was born, this is the hope of Emmanuel, God with us.

So, while things may seem so uncertain or unpredictable around us, be reminded that God is with us. His love is always present and sustaining us as our hope, our healer, our Savior and Redeemer! This truly is as the angels proclaimed, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

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 or Christmas 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.

