

News & Notes

SHARING God's LOVE

LIVING OUT OUR MISSION IN THE MIDST OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS



In the face of COVID-19, two things remained true at Luther Manor. First, our number one priority is the health and safety of our residents, staff, providers and community. Second, Luther Manor's mission to "share God's love by enriching the lives of older adults" is lived out each and every day. In love, we **protected, informed & enriched.**

HOW DID WE PROTECT?

In mid-March, things seemed to be changing every day. We established a task force to monitor & address the changing situation & implement new & necessary precautions - and we have not let up! We continue to restrict, screen & clean.

HOW DID WE INFORM?

From day one, we've made sure that staff, residents, and family members were in the loop via morning broadcasts on our in-house channel, daily emails, dedicated pages on our website, and a 24-hour telephone hotline.

HOW DID WE ENRICH?

Enrichment of the body, mind & spirit while maintaining social distancing certainly took some creativity! We added tons of content to our in-house channel, moved activities to hallways or outdoors, and created virtual & written communication avenues for those within & outside of our community.

Luther Manor Foundation SILVER LININGS



There is a silver lining to almost everything. With Covid-19, it has been a broadened interest in our mission to share God's love by enriching the lives of older adults. One of the most commonly asked questions has been, "How can I help?"

GIFTS OF CASH

Thanks to the CARES Act, the federal stimulus responses to Covid-19, there are added tax benefits for charitable giving right now, including no limit to the allowable amount charitable deductions.

LIFETIME INCOME GIFTS

While investments are taking a hit in the market, returns from lifetime income gifts like Charitable Gift Annuities remain strong. Charitable Gift Annuities can be established with a minimum gift of \$10,000, and provide the donor with earnings as high as 9%.

MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE GIFTS

Honoring and remembering loved ones is a long cherished tradition at Luther Manor. Even in the midst of a global pandemic, residents and families are designating Luther Manor Foundation as the beneficiary of memorial and tribute gifts. These generous donations add up, accounting for about 10% of non-estate gifts to Luther Manor Foundation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE CONTACT LUTHER MANOR FOUNDATION.

Building Joy

FAITH & EDUCATION CENTER

FUNDRAISING SURPASSES \$350,000

A \$75,000 grant from the ELCA Foundation has pushed fund raising for the Faith & Education Center renovation to over \$350,000. Gifts from generous donors, matched by grants from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation and Luther Manor Foundation, provided strong momentum. With the finish line in sight, we ask you to please consider a gift to support this project!

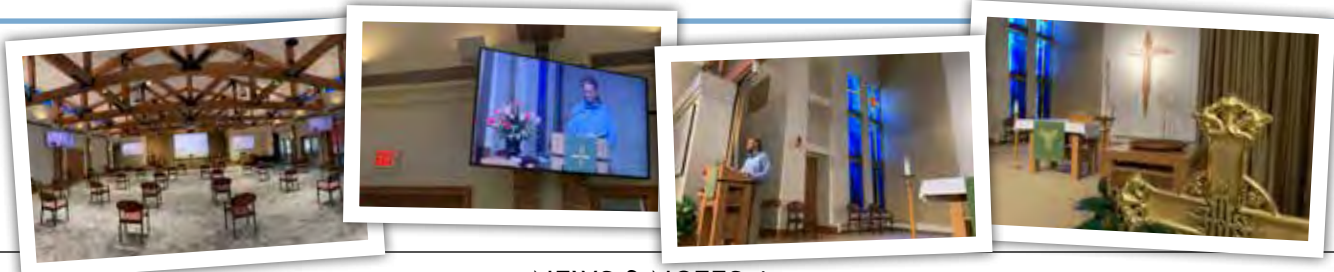
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LUTHER MANOR CARES

Prayers for unity in a time of adversity



On Tuesday, June 9th, Luther Manor held a special service of coming together to listen, reflect, be challenged, hear music, read God's word and to pray. Pastor Steven Tipton, a member of Luther Manor's Pastoral Care team, shared the message.

As the destructive forces of racism have been brought to light in a very public way recently across our local community and the nation, our Luther Manor family is resolved to stand together for equality and justice, and against racism and discrimination in its many forms. Resolving these injustices is a challenge that rests on all of our shoulders.

Challenging and dismantling racism invokes every one of our shared Luther Manor CARES values of Compassion, Accountability, Respect, Everyone Matters, and Service to God. We come together at this important time seeking unification, but we also commit to working together to find lasting and meaningful change.

This service was broadcast live on Tuesday, June 9th on channel 956, but we invite you to view the link below if you wish to view this service.

tinyurl.com/LutherManorCARES



We hope that this service may be a helpful reminder to lean on our faith, and show our compassion and respect for one another. We are committed to embracing the diversity of our team and helping everyone to feel included, respected and that they truly matter.

The Luther Manor Pastoral Care Team

Congratulations to our graduating **STUDENT VOLUNTEERS**



We want to congratulate our graduating volunteers and the class of 2020! Your graduating class has been called to step into the future with more purpose, vision, fortitude, and hope. All of your studying, test-taking, writing, and presenting has paid off, and we commend you. Thank you for sharing God's love with our residents, guests, staff, and fellow volunteers, and we pray for continued success in your learning and achievements. Congrats to you, the class of 2020, and we are excited to witness how you shape the future!

ADEDOYIN ADERELE, Milwaukee Lutheran
PRECIOUS AKPAN, Rufus King International
GRACE BRUNNER, Divine Savior Holy Angels
JESSICA EMANUEL, Divine Savior Holy Angels
ELLEN FRICKER, Divine Savior Holy Angels
RITIKA PATEL, Sussex Hamilton

KAYLA PATTERSON, Rufus King International
MICHAEL PEIRCE, Brookfield East
MELINA PROCOPIS, Wauwatosa East
MARIANNE SCHNEIDER, Divine Savior Holy Angels
PAIGHTEN SMITH, Milwaukee School of Languages

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

Nona Graves

In 1932, Nona Graves N203, was born blind in Antigo, Wisconsin. She is not able to explain what she sees except to say "It isn't anything, no dark or no light." Her schooling from kindergarten through high school took place at the Wisconsin School of Visually Handicapped, a boarding school in Janesville. There were twelve pupils in her graduation class. She liked English. She graduated at the top of her class. Holidays and summers brought her back to Antigo to be with her two sisters and parents.

Milwaukee State Teachers College, presently UWM in Milwaukee, began her college climb. After one year, she transferred to Lawrence University in Appleton. English and History were her two majors. She graduated in 1954 hoping to teach. Due to her blindness, she was unable to find a job. She wasn't alone as many blind people had the same problem. So then she went to Marquette University and obtained her Master's in History and Education.

Nona's first computer was an Apple 2E computer. She now uses a laptop with windows 10 which has a screen reader that talks to her and has a braille display. She reads books that she downloads from the Library of Congress, free of charge. It is a service for people with sight and reading difficulties.

Nona's first job was proofreading recipes, cook books, novels, and science fiction into braille through the library freelancing groups from Des Moines, Madison and other coordinating libraries. In 1972, she worked at St. Joseph's Hospital as an xray developer. She said it was a great job because she worked in "the dark room." In 1976, she applied to the nation-wide Social Security Administration. She had her training in Florida. She came back to Wisconsin to work in Waukesha as a Service Representative answering varied questions, correcting new addresses, and many more duties. In 2002, she eventually became the Claims Representative.

She knew Dennis Ameden for years. He was a member of a league where he kept score and bowled with people who were blind.

One day she needed a ride to a bowling tournament, so Dennis seized the moment and drove her. They laughed and enjoyed each other's company. In 1995, they were married. Dennis worked at the then County Hospital as a pharmacist. Even when Froedtert bought them out, he continued working there. They enjoy live theater. They went to the Milwaukee Repertory Theater watching the four productions a year. They frequent Fireside as often as they can. She's an active member of the West Allis Central Lion's Club and Vision Forward on Hawley Road. She's very active at the American Council of the Blind.

They started looking for their "future forever home." Talking to an insurance man in their home, he mentioned, "It was best to sell before you must." That phrase stuck with her for a few years. Finally they decided to garage their shovels, lawnmower, and quit cooking. They wanted the whole nine yards, a place to live out their senior years and all it entailed. They moved into Luther Manor last year in August, 2019. She remarked as her final curtain to say, "That's her story and she would stick with it."

Nona, it was a pleasure to meet you. The Book Club is calling you to enter. You are a very learned and remarkable woman. You are a big plus for Luther Manor.

Healthfully yours,
Sharon Porfilio



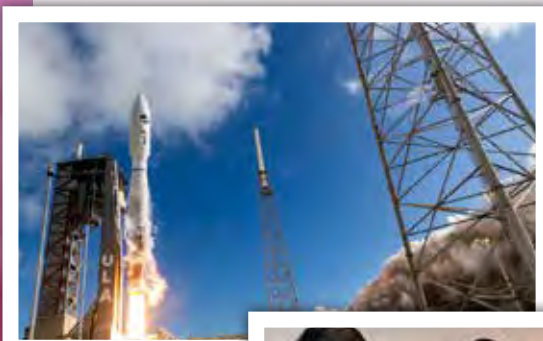
VETS CLUB REPORT

By Dave Myers, Vets Club Coordinator

The United States Space Force is already six months old. Their headquarters at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California is a beehive of activity. The force is 1,200 strong and growing. First members are experienced personnel transferred from the other five military services. They still don't have special uniforms or a logo, but all in good time. Their main role will be the administration and protection of space colonies on the Moon and planet Mars. First space ships to the Moon to set up the first colony are planned for 2024. Sounds like Buck Rogers stuff, but it's for real!

In the meantime, we veterans at Luther Manor are waiting for the quarantine to end so things can return to some sort of normal.

Check weekly postings on bulletin boards for the time and location of our next Vets Club gathering.



MISSION: POSSIBLE

MARCH

The scheduled VA transportation didn't show up and **Brian Bernhardt**, one of Luther Manor's drivers, returned to work and assisted the resident back. In a day full of uncertainty and emotion, Brian helped to take the stress out for the resident & his family.



APRIL

When a building was slated for another use, Luther Manor social workers, **Lauren Heller & Kathleen Cleppe**, worked directly with every family on a transition that addressed resident preferences, included in-person meetings and tours, careful packing and unpacking of belongings, and ongoing communication all while taking into consideration what was best, medically speaking, for every resident.



MAY

Luther Manor CNA **Bre Ware** knew it was a resident's birthday & that no one could come to visit him. When she asked "If you could eat anything in the world, what would it be?" the resident answered "Steak & Eggs." During her break, Bre picked up his favorite meal & a birthday balloon in celebration of his special day!



Join us in thanking all our Mission Impossible winners for truly showing that Luther Manor CARES! Get all the details on these stories & more at luthermanor.org/missionpossible

On the LIGHTER SIDE

By Harvin Abrahamson

With the sadness of recent tragedies in our country, my thoughts were that perhaps levity would be in order for this month's contribution and have borrowed from a church bulletin Steward Builder's Page.

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they had expected they would need for repairs to the church building.

Therefore, he was annoyed to find the regular organist sick. A substitute was brought in and wanted to know what to play. Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you will have to think of something to play after I make the announcements about finances."

During the service the minister paused and said, " Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty - the roof repairs cost twice as much as we had expected and we need \$7,000 more. Anyone who can pledge \$100. or more, please stand up." At that moment the substitute organist played " The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Respectfully,
Harvin Abrahamson



AIN'T THAT
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TRUTH?

“MOST PEOPLE
ARE KIND,
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SWEET-
SPIRITED
UNTIL YOU
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THEIR PEWS.”



JUST^A
JOKE

THERE'S A NEW
RESTAURANT OPENED
CALLED "THE KITCHEN"

YOU HAVE TO GATHER
ALL THE INGREDIENTS
AND MAKE YOUR OWN
MEAL.

I HAVE NO CLUE HOW
THIS PLACE IS STILL IN
BUSINESS!

What's Happening @ LUTHER MANOR



We added a new wrinkle to some of our most popular games & activities by adding "hallway" to the title! You get all the fun of the regular activities with all the precautions taken to keep everyone safe and healthy!



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With templates & scissors in hand, our residents made & donated hundreds of masks to Froedtert Hospital & the Medical College of Wisconsin with the help of our two resident seamstresses, JoAnn and Joan. Great job, everyone!

When you're in a lockdown, it's even more important to find special ways to celebrate momentous occasions - like turning 100 or older! Happy Birthday to all our celebrants!



Our residents were hand-delivered some cards made by students who are home from school. They were so surprised and encouraged to have received these pieces of mail from kids they don't know!



What's Happening @ LUTHER MANOR



A friend of Luther Manor entertained our residents from the luxury of their balconies and patios by singing some of their all-time favorites. He traveled to 6 different places throughout our independent living and, boy, did they love him! How's that for creative Life Enrichment during a lockdown?



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Keeping Active WHILE SITTING AT YOUR COMPUTER



Even during a global pandemic and ensuing lockdown, we need wellness in body, mind & spirit! Below you can find links to many of the things you have come to miss in Life Enrichment - concerts, plays, educational talks, virtual tours & more!

PERFORMANCE FILMS

ontheboards.tv

Use code "ARTATHOME"

GRAMMY PROGRAMS & EXHIBITS

grammymuseum.org

EDUCATIONAL TALKS

ted.com/talks

ARTS & CULTURE

artsandculture.google.com

Choose "Explore" from menu

THE SOCIAL DISTANCING FESTIVAL

socialdistancingfestival.com

OLD TIME RADIO SHOWS

myclassicradio.net

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PEOPLE ARE
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OF THE BUS,
MIDDLE OF
THE ROAD,
AND BACK OF
THE CHURCH



For a full list of links & opportunities, talk with your Life Enrichment coordinator.

