

Villa Maria Lifetimes



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Mark Your Calendars:



Villa Maria's Annual Resident/Family

Picnic

Thursday, June 11th

from 4-5:30 pm

Upcoming Events

April:

- 3rd Good Friday Service...11:30 am
5th All Faith Service...11:30 am
7th Red Hat Group...1:00 pm
9th Joni Miller& Depot Singers....11:00 am
10th John Anderson and Irene...2:00 pm
15th Square Dancers...5:30 pm
21st Service of Remembrance...11:30 am
24th Monthly Birthday Party...2:00pm
Rick Miller and Loretta
28th Mark Peel...Clay County
Historical...11:15am
28th North Couples Dinner...4:00 pm
29th South Couples Dinner...4:00 pm

May:

- 6th Inez Rath...11:15 am
8th Dog Show...2:00 pm
10th Happy Mother's Day
Blue Moon 2:00 pm
12th DL Cloggers...11:15 am
26th North Couples Dinner...4:00 pm
27th South Couples Dinner...4:00 pm
29th Monthly Birthday Party...2:00pm
Brian Briethbath

June:

- 2nd Steel Drums...3:00 pm
11th  4-5:30 pm
18th Red Hawks Game...12:30 pm
21st Happy Father's Day
Special Music with Steve...2:00 pm

Ongoing Activities

- Regular Bingo 2:00 (Tues, Sat)
Card Bingo 2:00 (Fri, Sun)
Catholic Mass 2:00 (Weds)
Protestant Services 2:00 (Thurs)
Communion Service 12:00 (Mon, Fri)
Library Outreach(2nd & 4th Weds)
Watch for special outing... DQ drives,
picnics at the park, etc.



First DQ drive of the year.

Check out the monitor outside the dining room for daily and special activities.



Matsiko World Orphan Choir performed at the Villa.

Celebrating Volunteers:



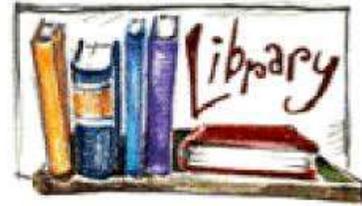
Volunteer Week April 12th-18th

Villa will be having a volunteer recognition supper on April 14th. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Volunteer Needs:

- Medical Escort: Accompany residents to appointments. Days and times vary.
- Garden assistant: Help plant and water outdoor plants. Days and times are flexible.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Julie Frovarp.



Fargo Public Library comes to the Villa twice a month for Villa residents. If you are interested, let your Case Manager know.

Dietary Department

Happy Spring to Everyone!

The Villa Dietary Staff are all eager for the warmer weather to be upon us! With the warmer weather, hopefully soon approaching, we will be changing over to our summer menu in May which means the residents will be feasting on more fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and salads. The residents are also enjoying helping us plan special holiday meals and events as they approach us. A fun week for all of us here at the Villa Maria is Nursing home week which is in May. The residents and staff are invited to attend special games, contests, snack times, and activities throughout the week. It is a fun time for all!

We are looking forward to a long hot summer and we hope you are too! ☺



Spring Cleaning

Spring is finally here. This is a great time to help your loved one clean out their closets.

Environmental News



New furniture has arrived for residents apartments. Check out the new dressers, nightstands and chairs!!!

Nursing Home Week:



May 10th – 16th



Bishop John Folda celebrated Mass at the Villa on December 10th.

Spiritual Corner

Like the start of a new year, sometimes Lent can be a time when we make a new resolution, usually requiring us to give up a bad habit. Maybe it is a beloved food such as chocolate that we are clinging to or maybe just a lack of exercise. In pondering this as well as my own attempts to try and sometimes fail at this, I wonder if we might not be better off taking a different approach. I think we can achieve the same desired effect in our lives if we seek to add something positive instead of always trying to take something negative away for a short time, only to take it back again once Easter is over. What is the lasting value in that?

I have the true honor of travelling to India every year to work at Mercy orphanage. This past year, I took a team with me for the first time. This included my Missions pastor and one of the longtime elders at the church. It was truly amazing to see how impacted they were by the trip. Each one of us attempted to give to and help the orphaned children who had suffered terrible things in their young lives. Many had been abandoned at a very young age and had been forced to live in a garbage dump or on the street where they tried to scrounge for food. One boy who had been living in poverty in a small hut with

his mother watched her burn herself to death in front of him. We truly did everything we could to try to pour into these children, telling them of a Heavenly Father who knew their name and was their creator. We also gave them toys and educational materials so they can relate to that love in a tangible way. I have to believe God used our efforts to make these children's lives better but what was even more amazing was the lasting results on our team-all of us. Everyone on that team decided to sponsor a child, most, more than one. They came back so excited and impacted that they told everyone they knew about the children, widows, lepers, and all they had experienced in India. They all now have the world's poorest people on their radar screen. Because of the pastor and elder going, the church now financially supports this mission every month. One of my team mates has been partnering with me to raise money for clean water wells to place in the very poor villages of Andhra Pradesh. There have been 80 placed with more to go! This project has filled me with joy and purpose and truly has changed me long term as I know it has the others on my team.

I believe there is a Biblical principle at work here. Luke 6:38 says "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed

down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap." In other words, we cannot out give God! He knows all the hidden blessings there are for us when we help others. Most of all is a changed heart which is so much better than temporarily giving up a bad habit.

Every Lent, we take on a charity project here at Villa. This year we have chosen our neighbors at the YWCA. This shelter for abused women and children is always filled to capacity so there are many needs. There is a list of urgently needed items on their website including: baby wipes, diapers, household cleaners, cups and bowls, and many other items necessary for setting up a new home. If you would like to participate in this project, please bring your items to Villa and place them in the baskets across from the front desk or if you want to donate money, you can bring it in an envelope to the Pastoral Care office located in the Crary Room or drop it off at the front desk.

Please consider being a part of giving to those in need experiencing the special blessings and spiritual health God has for you!

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