



Village Family,

“Motherhood: All love begins and ends there.” ~ Robert Browning

And so we begin there, with thoughts of motherhood giving us peace and comfort during these uncertain and unprecedented times. It is that same nurturing spirit present in motherhood that I, as a Chef, Wife, Mother and Daughter, try to bring into my service at The Village. I know that same level of dedication and love exists with every member of your Kitchen Team, and I hope that is evident to you.

I have fond memories of my mother, Venita, and I know with certainty that much of who I am today is because of her. In the same way, many of you mothers have influenced your children’s lives in a positive way. It is one of our greatest callings in life to impact the generations that follow, just the same as my duty as a Chef is to grow the cooks who are with me.

As present circumstances require isolation for many of you, know that you are not forgotten. I hope you have contact with your family, but you can always know you have family here.

With Love,
Chef June and the Village Kitchen Team

The Village Foundation

OH MY GOODNESS, ANOTHER MONTH HAS COME AND GONE AND HERE WE ARE, STILL DOING OUR SOCIAL DISTANCING. WE ARE HERE FOR YOU. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE NEEDING ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

STAY TUNED FOR OUR NEXT EVENT. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AND BLESS YOU! ~ Jan

APRIL COLORING!

Thank you to Marge Wilson, #327, Mackie Hagerman, #33 & Marilyn Cooper, #77, for displaying their beautiful April coloring sheets.



GROCERY SHOPPING

We are so happy to do your grocery shopping for you to keep you safe. Please have all your orders in by 4:00 PM Wednesday for delivery on Thursday or Friday. You may call in your order to Solveig or Caroleana or if you leave a list, please be as specific as possible.

TUESDAYS AT TWO

Join us every Tuesday at 2:00 pm for a minute of prayer and a minute of applause to show appreciation for all on the front lines. The chapel bell will toll to signal the start of silent prayer at 2 and at 2:01 it will signal you to make a lot of appreciative noise!

Happy May!

One of my favorite childhood memories is of May Day! My mother would have my brother and me weave colorful May Baskets out of construction paper and then we would gather spring flowers, fill the baskets and drop them inconspicuously on our neighbor’s front porches, ringing the doorbells and running away as fast as we could. I enjoyed watching the joy on our neighbors’ faces as they discovered the handmade basket filled with daffodils, tulips and lily of the valley. During this time of social isolation, I’d like us to come together as best we can and make our own “Village May Basket”. Read about it on page 3.

Memorial Day, which falls on May 25th this year, also holds wonderful memories of visiting cemeteries with my parents to put flowers on the graves of our relatives around Yankton County, South Dakota. It was a day when we heard stories of pioneering families, growing up on the prairie, attending one room school houses and living through the Great Depression. I imagine you have some wonderful Memorial Day traditions and memories, too.

Here’s wishing a VERY HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY to all our wonderful Mothers who continue to be role models for succeeding generations! ~ Solveig



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Ila and Darrell Meyers
moving into #109

Timothy and Carol Krueger
moved into #119
Edith Wade moving into #207
Imer Henry moving into #113
Dolores DeMarco
moving into #26

Theresa Ashton moving into #88
Sue Rader moving into #94



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE!

As we continue through this pandemic and maintain social distancing:

ALL STATEMENTS WILL BE DELIVERED.

THE STATEMENT AND YOUR CHECK WILL BE PICKED UP BY OFFICE STAFF.

PLEASE SEE THE NOTE ENCLOSED WITH YOUR STATEMENT FOR YOUR PICKUP DATE. PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE OFFICE. STAY HEALTHY.

Administrator's Corner

Dear Residents,

Happy May!

We are one month further into this crisis time and this 'new' life is developing into a routine. There is talk on the horizon of some regulations relaxing, but for now we must continue as is. I hope that each of you are understanding the seriousness of this time and are taking the necessary precautions to protect both yourself and others. Remember that Social Distancing and wearing a mask are not just nuisance requirements, they are one of the best ways you can protect yourself and the ones you care about. One of the other ways is simply trying to maintain your health as well as possible during this time. The healthier we are the better able we are to resist virus and disease. So during this time, do not forget to eat well, get lots of sleep, drink lots of water, get sunshine when you can, breathe deeply of fresh air every day, have a positive attitude and trust God. I know that sometimes those things are hard to do, yet they are so important to maintaining our health.

The masks we have on order are still not here. We will be distributing them when they arrive. Thank you for your patience. It is taking the supply chain awhile to catch up with the ballooning demand.

Thank you for your expressions of thanks during this month to our staff. It is really our privilege to serve you, especially during this time. Some of you have expressed reluctance in asking for help or services. Our staff want to be able to help and protect you during this time. It is our privilege to serve you. We want to reduce your risk of exposure and we want to do all we can to make your life easier during this time. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful caring staff here to serve you. If you have needs or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us so we can help you. We do have limitations, but we want to do all we can to help you.

I want to remind you that just because we have a pandemic going on, it does not mean that the criminals have stopped working. There are many, many scams out there. If people you do not know contact you, do not even talk with them. Just hang up! If someone you do not know knocks on your door, do not open it up. If you see something suspicious, call 911 right away.

It is our tradition in May that we honor our residents and thank them by having a Resident Appreciation Dinner. This year we want to wait to do that until we can actually get together and be together. But we do want you to know how much we appreciate serving you here at The Village. Thank you

Our Thankfulness Wall last month was inspiring because, as we walked around campus, we could see what different residents were thankful for. We want to continue that. If you posted a note last month, thank you! Please continue to have it in your window. If you wish you may share something different that you are thankful for or put up both of them. If you did not put one in your window last month, please think of something that you are thankful for, write it down on the form and put it in your window so everyone can see it from the outside. Being thankful helps us keep our problems in perspective and helps us to be strong and happy.

Wishing you a wonderful May! ~Dennis

Quote for the Month

"Gratitude doesn't change the scenery. It merely washes clean the glass you look through so you can clearly see the colors." —*Richelle E. Goodrich*

Social Distancing Activities

Arbor Day is an annual observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and care. As a formal holiday, it was first observed in 1872, in Nebraska, but tree planting festivals are as old as civilization. The tree has appeared throughout history and literature as the symbol of life. The idea for Arbor Day in the United States originated in Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Among the pioneers moving into the Nebraska Territory in 1854 was Julius Sterling Morton from Detroit. He and his wife, Caroline, were lovers of nature, and the home they established in Nebraska was quickly planted with trees, shrubs, and flowers. Morton was a journalist and soon became editor of Nebraska's first newspaper. Given that forum, he spread agricultural information and his enthusiasm for trees to a receptive audience. His fellow pioneers missed their trees and needed them for windbreaks, fuel, building materials and shade from the hot prairie sun.

Even though Arbor is officially celebrated on the fourth Friday of April, we can and should celebrate trees all year long! John White usually does an Arbor Day walk and talk for us, showing us the marvelous variety of trees we have around our Village Campus. Several years ago, residents Merritt and Kay Kelsay brought out an arborist to identify all The Village's trees and purchased the bronze tags that are displayed on the trees. This year, because John was not able to do his informative talk, we have made a tree "scavenger hunt" for you to do. Included in your newsletter is a list of the identified trees on campus and on the back is where they are located. While you are on your walks around campus during our beautiful spring weather, see how many trees you can find and identify. See if you can check off all of them, A through Z, and let us know if you did!

Also included as an insert is a coloring page of either flowers or butterflies. We are going to make a "Village May Basket" to be displayed in the front window of our community building. Color your picture as creatively as you'd like and put it in your paper box by noon on Tuesday, May 12th to be collected. **We'd love to see our community May basket bulging with your colorful flowers and butterflies flitting around it, beautifying our window!**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

7 Rose Frazier
8 John Barrows
9 Joanne Haynie
9 Vi Huntington
11 Helen Haynal
18 Bonnie Kriens
22 Virginia Buchanan
22 Debie Jackson



23 Marge Schnibbe
28 Esther Jones
29 Kathie Duff
29 Mavis Petersen
30 Curtis Bunch
30 Mona Thompson
31 Tiney Husbands
31 Loyal Lee

