

From the Housing Administrator's Desk

When many people around the country hear Minnesota they almost immediately think of long winters and sub-zero temperature, the land of ten thousand lakes, the saying “Minnesota nice” or the Mall of America. There is so much more the state has to offer than people realize. Here are a few of those lesser known things most may not know about the state where we all call home. First a few quick fun facts, the state is named after the Minnesota river which was adopted from the Sioux Indian word “Minisota,” which means “sky tinted” or “cloudy water.” In 1876 ,the notorious outlaw and bank robber Jesse James and his gang were stopped from robbing a bank in Northfield.

Modern day Minnesota is ranked 3rd on the list of top 10 best states to live in according to a July 2018 CNBC poll. Housing, schools, cost of living, quality health care, job opportunities and a clean environment were the criteria to make this list. Minnesota also boasts some of the best bike trails, public and state parks in the nation, and is also ranked #1 as the best States to Raise a Family according to WalletHub. The winters here can be difficult at times, but is a small price to pay for all the great benefits that the state has to offer.

Isaac Rue, Housing Administrator



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Lake Minnetonka Shores Campus

Court Terrace ~ Villa Terrace ~ Commons ~ Arbor ~ Gables

LAKE MINNETONKA SHORES

Spiritual Care by Marcia Rosa, LMS Campus Pastor

Will you be my Valentine? As a child, this meant decorating a shoe box to be filled with a card and piece of candy from everyone in class. In early adulthood, it was fraught with the anxiety of having a date or not. In my 40s it's all about the kids. And in our golden years we may smile or even grieve about our sweetheart. At Lake Minnetonka Shores, Valentine's Day reminds me of community and the love we share.

No matter your experience, Valentine's Day is also an opportunity to reflect on the way we love. I Corinthians 13 tells us, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." I encourage you to use this month to reflect on the way we live in community. To challenge yourself to be more patient, kind, forgiving, generous and hopeful. If you are struggling with one of these attributes, pray for God's help and be mindful of growing in that area. I also encourage you to celebrate the attributes that come easily and how you receive them from others.

In I John 4 we read, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God." This month, may we be particularly mindful of sharing the unconditional love of God with each other and in community. Happy Valentine's Day!

Presbyterian Homes Foundation News

What is Your Legacy?

People just like you have created will and beneficiary plans that reflect their legacy intentions. It may be a goal for you this year to review these plans to make sure they are up-to-date, and that your wishes and values are clearly expressed through these important documents.

Creating a legacy plan It is important for every person to have a well-designed legacy plan. This may be through a will, trust or beneficiary designation forms. Taking thoughtful action to complete these important documents can maximize your support of heirs and provide a future gift to any charitable organization close to your heart. To read more about these plans, please visit www.preshomes.planningyourlegacy.org

Become part of the Legacy Society The Legacy Society is a circle of donors who have a future gift arrangement with Presbyterian Homes & Services. This may be through a will/trust bequest, a beneficiary designation or a transfer of a bank or brokerage account. Members share a commitment to enriching the lives of older adults. Your future gift will change lives and meet the needs of future PHS residents. If you wish, you may designate your gift to benefit your PHS community. The Legacy Society does not require any entry fees or annual fees. To qualify for membership, you simply verify that you have made a future gift provision for a purpose important to you.

As a member of the Legacy Society you will:

- ◆ Be invited to special events with PHS leaders
- ◆ Receive a gift in appreciation of your future gift
- ◆ Learn about the future of older adult services from industry experts
- ◆ If desired, receive recognition in print and interactive media
- ◆ Make a personal investment in PHS' future

The Presbyterian Homes Foundation welcomes the opportunity to provide you with information about various future gift options and answer questions you may have regarding how you can make a difference. For assistance, please contact a gift planner at your community or call us at 651-631-6408 or 651-631-6418.

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Campus Volunteer News

by Sue Wagener, Volunteer Director

LMS CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE DONATIONS

Christmas is long gone, but the spirit of giving lives on at LMS.

Since 2013, LMS has been hosting our annual Christmas Boutique to raise money for various causes. This past year over \$2,000 was raised and the Christmas Boutique Committee decided to donate the proceeds earned to the following charities.

Receiving names from the WeCan Adopt-A-Family program, LMS volunteers bought presents for ten adults and five children.

A donation of \$700 was made to our LMS Benevolent fund and WeCab, a non-profit that provides a much needed service to many of our residents, received a \$500 donation.

My deepest heartfelt thanks to the 2018 Christmas Boutique Committee; Joyce Carlbom, Eunice Nichols, Gynnie Duepner, Cleo Topousis, Elain Frees, Al Opheim, Carol Cheswick and Barbara Palmer, as well as Sue Almquist, Flea Market Chairperson. A special thank you to all of the volunteers who had a hand in making this year such a great success as well as the volunteer shoppers. God bless you all!

Volunteer Of The Month

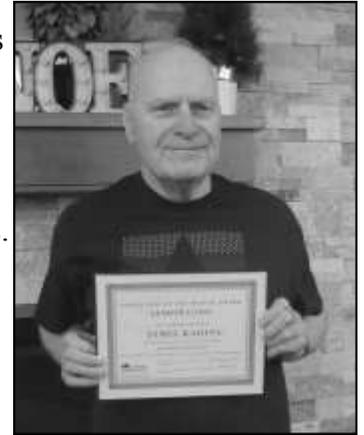
by Sue Wagener, Volunteer Director

January

If you have gone on a grocery run with Rhonda, you know who Jim Kading is. He's the helpful guy lifting all those heavy grocery bags and telling jokes with his dry sense of humor. That is what makes Jim such a lovable kind of guy.

Over the years, Jim has made himself available to volunteer in different ways. Jim is a friend to those in need and has escorted residents from the Care Center to the Beauty Shop.

Thank you, Jim, for being one of the great LMS volunteers!



**January V.O.M.
Jim Kading**

CONGRATULATIONS JIM!

New to Our LMS Team



**Carolyn Farley
On Call Receptionist**



**Natalie Owens
Restaurant Server**



**Jasmine Ural
Restaurant Server**

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Creating Smiles in the Eyes of the People We Serve



New Years Eve
Celebrations
throughout
the
campus



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Save the Date!



See Activity Calendar for changes that may have occurred after this issue was published.

Special Outings

- 2/4 Ridgedale Mall and Target Trip
- 2/4 Gables lunch out to Cheesecake Factory
- 2/11 Lunds & Byerlys Trip
- 2/13 Swimming at Folkestone
- 2/14 Trader Joe's Trip
- 2/15 Commons Lunch Outing to Hazelwood
- 2/18 Tuesday Morning Store Trip
- 2/18 Gables Target Trip
- 2/20 Country Music Jam & Lunch at Gillespie Center
- 2/20 Lunch Outing to Maynard's
- 2/21 Wal-Mart Trip
- 2/22 Minnetonka Theater "Matchmaker"
- 2/25 Lunds & Byerlys Trip
- 2/27 Swimming at Folkestone
- 2/28 Cub Foods and Dollar Store Trip

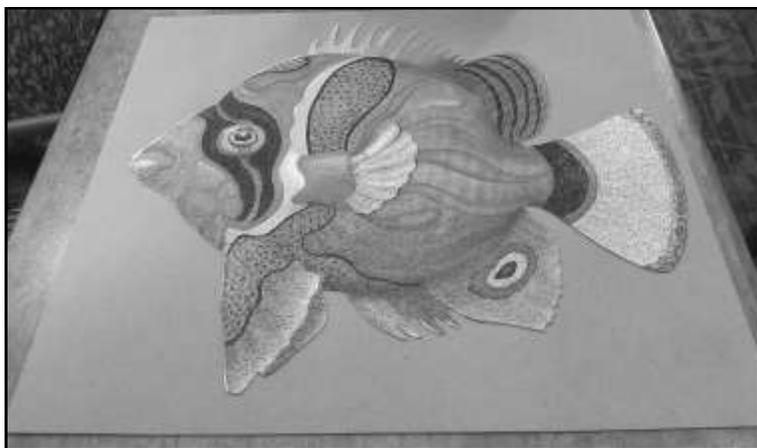
Please Contact Donna Olsen, Campus Life Enrichment Director, at 952-471-4407 if you have questions about outings.

Entertainment and Special Events

- 2/1 Pete Cappello entertains (Keyboard/Vocals)
- 2/6 Court/Villa Tenant Meeting and Birthday Party
- 2/7 Pizza Party
- 2/8 Splendid Trio entertains (Woodwind Trio)
- 2/9 Westonka Historical Society Presentation
- 2/14 Gillespie Singers Valentine's Concert
- 2/14 Special Valentine's Steak Lobster Dinner
- 2/15 Mike Riddle (Guitar/Vocals)
- 2/18 Cherry Pie Social
- 2/19 Watch Battery Service
- 2/21 Paint Paper Scissors art class
- 2/22 Commons Tenant Meeting and Birthday Party
- 2/22 Arbor & Gables Birthday Bash
- 2/22 Book Club meets
- 2/25 Veteran's Affair 1-1 Appointments
- 2/25 Guest Speaker, Don Hartman Presents:
"Armistice Blizzard"

Surprise Catch by LMS Puzzlers

Puzzlers in the library had a great time putting together this difficult colorful fish.





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Supporting “Ready and Engaged People” who serve you every day

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” ~ 1 Peter 4:10

Presbyterian Homes & Services’ (PHS) stated value, “Ready and Engaged People,” expresses our commitment to honor the employees who fulfill our mission. That mission, “To honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of older adults,” relies on the good work of over 6,500 employees throughout the organization. Attracting, developing and retaining employees is vital to our mission.

Organizations like PHS face growing challenges now and in the coming years with a limited skilled workforce available. From day one of each employee’s career at PHS, we declare that employees are the most important resource in our ministry and we recognize how important fair and sustainable compensation is to support their daily lives. For 2019, we conducted an extensive review of wages offered by other similar organizations and

we are investing over \$5 million dollars in wage increases to ensure we are providing fair and competitive wages. 80% of these increases have gone to hourly employees, including the employees who touch your lives every day like culinary servers, cooks, nursing assistants, nurses and housekeepers. A 2% base wage increase has gone to all employees but many received more.

We are grateful for the gifts, skills and passions that PHS employees bring to their work and we promise to foster an environment where they are valued and empowered to make a difference. This vital investment in PHS employees’ careers and livelihood helps us live out our value to be “Ready and Engaged” in serving you, the residents, whose homes we are privileged to come into and work every day.