

GSHS Foundation

This year's Creations Auction and Dinner for Hospice was hosted by the Heart of America Auxiliary. There were over 100 items donated for the auction and more than 135 dinner tickets sold. The auction displayed quilts, afghans, framed mirrors, crocheted doilies, gift cards, doll clothes, Montana stone jewelry and many, many more creative items.

There are many notes of appreciation that need to be mentioned, from the folks who donated crafts, to the dinner guests, bidders and workers. All for the gift of Hospice – Thank you everyone!

The event brought in over \$7700 before expenses. We are anticipating to have made over \$5,600 to be gifted to the Hospice Endowment fund.

A special thank you to the Committee: Gayle Schneibel, Guynell Meyer, Margaret Wittmayer, Sandy Hageness and everyone who gave their time to set up, tear down and shared in the event. Thank you to our wonderful Dietary Department for the great meal and also to our auctioneers, Monte Schneibel and Lynn Meyer.

*Linda Kay Duchscher,
Volunteer Services*



Congratulations to Joanie Bruggeman! Winner of the 2009 Creations Auction for Hospice quilt.



Pictured are Lynn Meyer (left) and Monte Schneibel, auctioneers for the event.



December Birthdays

2A

- Gil Beaver 12-1*
- Katherine Voeller 12-11*
- Joe Kramer 12-23*
- Vernice Axtman 12-28*

3A

- David Wangler 12-5*
- Cleone Faleide 12-30*

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New Residents

- Rosie Brossart*
- Ila Selzler*
- Violet V. Smith*
- Daryl Opstedal*

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In Memory

- Mary Volk*
- Darlene Halvorson*
- Gladys Strand*
- Mary Sattler*

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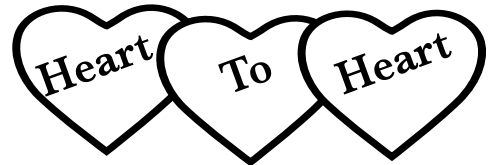
Weekly Events

- Church Services - Tuesdays, 3:00 - 3A
- Rosary and Mass - Wednesdays, 9:00 - 3A
- Bible Study - Fridays with Pastor Hershey, 9:30 -2A
- Bingo - Thursdays & Fridays - 2:00 2A & 3A
- Dinner Music with Lenore - Mondays - 2A & 3A
- Dinner Music with Gwen - Thursdays - 2A & 3A
- Nail Care with Janet - Thursdays 2A & 3A

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Merry Christmas Upcoming Events

- December 1**
Church service with Communion
- December 2**
Music with Dave – 3A
- December 3**
Christmas shopping at Pamida
- December 5**
Movie Saturday
- December 7**
Red Hat Christmas Social
- December 8**
Sensory Group
- December 9**
Christmas Baking – Music with Edie
- December 10**
Monthly birthday party with St. Mary's Ladies of Knox
- December 12**
Making Christmas fudge
- December 14**
Ho Ho Bingo
- December 16**
3A and Village Christmas party – 1:30 p.m.
- December 17**
2A Christmas party – rooms 209 thru 227 – 1:30 p.m.
- December 18**
2A Christmas party – rooms 228 thru 240 – 1:30 p.m.
- December 19**
Christmas Trivia
- December 21**
Candle Light Supper for all residents
- December 23**
Toys from Christmas Past Social
- December 24**
Christmas Eve/Christmas Stories
- December 25**
Merry Christmas for the Activity and Volunteer Departments
- December 28**
Men's Group
- December 29**
Church Memorial Service
- December 30**
Game Day
- December 31**
New Year's Eve Party – Have a Blessed New Year

Celebrate the Christmas Season

The Auxiliary Bazaar was held Thursday, Nov. 5 in the W.R. Fox Auditorium and it was a wonderful success! We raised over \$4,200 to be used for special projects within the hospital and nursing home throughout the year. We were sold out of lefse by 10:30!! I think that is a record!

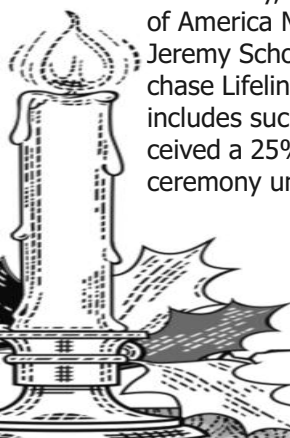
The winners of the raffle were Gerry Brenno of Rugby, who won the Snowman & woman on a bench; Amy Nelson of Rolette, who won the Holy Family; and Diana Pastva of Willow City, who won the sled.

Thank you to everyone who sold tickets and all who purchased them! Thank you to all the Volunteers who helped in any way, from setting up early in the morning, to gathering baked goods at the front entrance, making pies, beautiful craft items, lefse, baked goods, donations of money and those who were able to attend. It is because of your hands and hearts that our Bazaar is a success year after year – Thank you HAMC Volunteers!

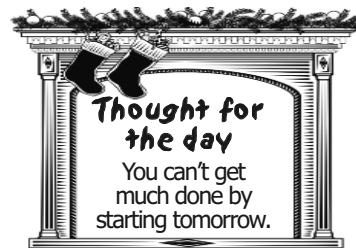
The Heart to Heart Gift Shop has been transformed for the Christmas Season and there are lots of beautiful gift items including a variety of Nativity sets, greenery, musical water globes, serving dishes, aprons, table runners, ornaments and much more. It is open Monday through Friday from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Thank you to Gayle Schneibel, Margaret Wittmayer, Guynell Meyer, Bev Paul and Arlyne Rothschilder for all your hard work and volunteering so many hours at our gift shop.

The tree lighting ceremony for the Tree of Giving for Lifeline and Hospice will be held on Monday, Nov. 30 at 4:00 p.m. at the Acute Care entrance. Jeff Lingerfelt, CEO of Heart of America Medical Center, will be our guest speaker. Musical selections will be sung by Jeremy Schoneberg of our IT Department. Proceeds from this fundraiser are used to purchase Lifeline units, supplies needed for the program and also supplies for Hospice, which includes such items as beds, bedding, etc. Those attending the lighting ceremony will receive a 25% off coupon for the Heart to Heart Gift Shop which will be open following the ceremony until 6:00 p.m. Please stop by and join us for a cup of cider and some goodies.

*Linda Kay Duchscher,
Volunteer Director*



Pictured are the Assembly of God – Women's Ministries who sponsored the November Birthday Party. The residents enjoyed the program and the delicious lunch! Thank you ladies!



Due to strict State mandated fire codes, live wreaths, trees, centerpieces, swags, etc., are not allowed in the facility. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our residents safe.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Look forward to the Activity rummage sale in January. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please drop them off with one of the Activity Staff on 2A and 3A. Please, no clothing!

RUMMAGE SALE



The Christmas parties for long term care are just around the corner. Invitations will be sent out to only one member of each family. Please share the dates and times with your family members.

*Joyce Teigen,
Activity Director*



Residents and families enjoy music played by Steve Samele.



THANK YOU

Shaana Hallof and Brenda Foster for hosting the Activity fundraiser with Pampered Chef and Tastefully Simple. The proceeds will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for the residents.



THANK YOU

Steve Samele for playing the accordion and guitar for the Veterans Day Social. As you can see by the pictures, it was enjoyed by residents and family!



The morning brunch for November was enjoyed by many, including Rosie Brossart, Esther Bakken, Lorna Zeiler and Ila Selzler.



Steve Samele plays for the crowd.

If you are planning to visit loved ones over the holidays, please do not visit if you have a cough, fever, cold or other illness. Remember to wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.