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The Empty Easter Egg

Jeremy was born with a twisted body, a slow mind, and a chronic, terminal illness that had been slowly killing him. Still, his parents tried to give him as normal a life as possible and sent him to St. Theresa's Elementary School.

At the age of 12, Jeremy was only in second grade, seemingly unable to learn. His teacher, Doris Miller, often became exasperated with him. He would squirm in his seat, drool and make grunting noises. At other times, he spoke clearly and distinctly, as if a spot of light had penetrated the darkness of his brain. Most of the time, however, Jeremy frustrated his teacher.

One day, she spoke with his parents and asked them to take him somewhere else. She said to them "Jeremy really belongs in a special school. It isn't fair to him to be with younger children who don't have learning problems. Why, there is a five-year gap between his age and that of the other students!"

Mrs. Forrester cried softly into a tissue while her husband spoke. "Miss Miller," he said, "there is no school of that kind nearby. It would be a terrible shock for Jeremy if we had to take him out of this school. We know he really likes it here."

Doris sat for a long time after they left, staring at the snow outside the window. Its coldness seemed to seep into her soul. She wanted to sympathize with the Forresters. After all, their only child had a terminal illness. But she had 18 other youngsters to teach, and Jeremy was a distraction. Furthermore, he would never learn to read and write. Why waste any more time trying?

As she pondered the situation, guilt washed over her. "Oh God," she said aloud, "here I am complaining when my problems are nothing compared with that poor family! Please help me to be more patient with Jeremy."

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Message from Mr. Arndt

It's hard to believe sometimes, but it has been 10 years since GreenField Manor and Court opened their doors and The GreenFields Continuing Care Community became a reality. It seems like it was just yesterday!

It all began in 1998 when GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center opened to serve the skilled nursing and rehabilitation needs of the elderly. GHRC was the first phase of our long-term plans to provide for the changing needs of people as they age on one campus. When GreenField Manor and Court opened in October 2001 we were able to add residential apartment homes and assisted living apartments. We've also expanded our rehabilitation services and have added Outpatient Therapy services as well. In only ten years The GreenFields Continuing Care Community has become known as "the place to be!"

This fall we will be celebrating the campus's 10th Anniversary with a festive worship service and open house. I will keep you posted as our plans evolve. As I'm sure you can imagine, we aren't just going to be celebrating our past, we'll be looking to the future too.

At NLHRC we have been "under construction" for about a month now, but the end is in sight. Installation of the automated sprinkler system, mandated by the Federal government, is almost complete, and we will be in compliance long before any deadlines come around. It has been a little chaotic and messy from time to time, but everyone has been flexible and accommodating. Most importantly, day-to-day operations have continued as usual with no interruptions.

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THURS., APRIL 21 • 11:30 am - 2:30 pm at
GreenField MANOR ~ 5953 Broadway, Lancaster

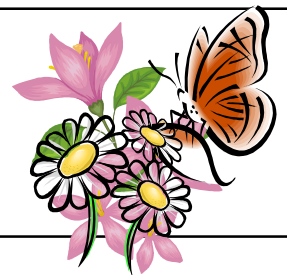
Hostesses are members of the Guilds' Executive Board

Devotions with The Rev. Randy Rozelle, Holy Cross-Clarence

Program: *"Beautiful Butterfly Gardening"*

Presented by Elizabeth Moll, Erie County Botanical Gardens

RSVP by SUNDAY April 17
Florence: 836-6803
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Footnotes from Florence

Dear Friends ~

Top of the morning to you! Spring has finally arrived. In fact, we were blessed with a beautiful sunny day on St. Patrick's Day as we met for our Guild meeting at the Lutheran Church Home. Everyone was dressed for the occasion - some more than others.

Shamrocks adorned the tables and a tasty green salad, "authentic" potato soup, and bread sticks were served by our personable servers, Mike and Maurice. Guild Board members outdid themselves with baked goods keeping with the color of the day. Marie Wienke topped off the party with a lively rendition of "When Irish Eyes are Smiling."

The hymn "The Church's One Foundation" was surely the inspiration for our devotion presented by The Rev. Nancy Milleville of Crossroads Lutheran Church. Pastor Milleville showed us a building foundation made from colorful Lego blocks with the cross of Christ on them. She asked us to name characteristics of Christ that we should emulate as she continued to raise the sides of her building. She then labeled the blocks with pieces of paper depicting her ideas, many similar to ours - compassion, courage, humility, love, honesty, caring. She ended with a word we hadn't thought of - focus. Pastor Milleville reminded us that Jesus was so focused on his ministry that not even the devil could distract him and that we need to be similarly focused in our lives as Christians and children of God. Our thanks to Pastor Milleville for her wonderful message and creative delivery.

Before our announcements, Mike and Maurice demonstrated the new Wii system that the Guild purchased for Lutheran Church Home residents. According to a thank you note from LCH Administrator, Michael Barthel, "The Wii system, in addition to being a source of mental and physical stimulation, is fast becoming a favorite fun activity for those residents who have used it." We can see why. While Mike and Maurice demonstrated a game of table tennis, members of the audience were cheering them on.

Our Hymn Sing, Part II, was interesting as we learned about the history of our favorite hymns and composers. About ten residents of the home joined us, and they enjoyed singing the hymns as much as we did. We concluded the program by singing "Till We Meet Again" and praying the Lord's Prayer. It was a wonderful day. Thanks be to God!

Thanks to everyone who responded to requests in the newsletter for stuffed animals, craft items, shawls, pictures from calendars, wheelchair & walker bags, and Dash's tapes. We should be well past \$16,000 in receipts after our next tabulation of tapes. (We need \$25,000 to turn them in.)

Thank you, too for renewing your membership and remembering the Guild's 53rd Anniversary this year.

Finally, thank you to Linda Zink for her years of service as Treasurer of the Guild. She and her husband, Bob, will be moving to Corning, NY, to be closer to their grandchildren and daughter, Colleen. We will miss Linda's sense of humor, her dedication to the Guild, and her expertise as Treasurer. She is passing on her knowledge to our new Treasurer, Gail Brown. Gail, in turn, is training Barb Schwartz to assume her role as Membership Chairman. This will be a seamless transition!

And, now, just a reminder to read the newsletter carefully and remember to call in your reservation for our April 21 meeting by Sunday, April 17 to 836-6803. If you are able, I hope you will join us and the ladies from Lord of Life, who have already reserved a table. We hope to have a full house. "God be with you till we meet again"

~ your friend in Christ, Florence Doran

Mr. Arndt — (Continued from page 1)

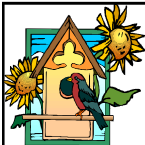
By the time you read this, we will be in the middle of Lent looking toward Holy Week and Easter. I want to personally wish each and every one of you a very Happy Easter! And, as always... God Bless.

~ Jurgen Arndt

PS: Florence showed me some of the wheelchair bags that were made by Guild members. Not only do they look great, they are sturdy, and I know our residents will be excited to have them. She also showed me bags full of items for the Spring Fling Sale and donations to the activities department. Your generosity is astounding! The Niagara Lutheran Health System is truly blessed to have you.

Legacies for Life ~ Gifts made by bequest through a will, bequest or insurance policy, play a vital role in our mission of compassionate care. To learn more, contact the Foundation at 886-4377





The NLHS Guild's
Spring Fling
Craft/Plant & Bake Sale

Thursday, May 19, 2011

NLHRC Lobby

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



**Baked Goods,
Plants & Crafts**
Auntie Em's Collectibles
("gently used" items)



Bring your donations to 64 Hager Street
at any time and mark them
for the Spring Fling Sale.

Questions? Call
Florence Doran at 836-6803



The Erie County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for
Lutherans is being asked to provide matching funds.



Guild Meeting Schedule

APRIL 21	GF MANOR Chapel & Aud Program: "Butterfly Gardening" Betsy Moll, Botanical Gardens
MAY 19	NLHRC Chapel & Aud SPRING FLING SALE & Residents Birthday Card Workshop
JUN 16	GF Manor Chapel & Aud LUNCHEON/FUNDRAISER Program: Helen Markham as Laura Ingalls Wilder
JUL/AUG	No Meetings
SEP 15	LCH Aud
OCT 20	NLHRC Chapel & Aud FALL FUN FAIR Residents Christmas Card Workshop
NOV 17	GHRC Chapel & Aud
DEC 8	Location to be determined CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER

We USUALLY meet at 11:30 a.m. for
lunch followed by our meeting and program.



Our meeting schedule is online

Find it on the Volunteer/Guild page at
www.NiagaraLutheran.org

Residents' Birthdays



GHRC

4/3 Marion Knowles
4/4 Janis Vrana
4/8 Marian Hoff
4/9 Emily Rutkowski
4/10 Jane Martzolf
4/15 Gertrude Matuszewski
4/19 Elaine Glasser
4/22 Doris Fondiller
4/25 Elizabeth Brown
4/25 Florence Sherwood
4/26 Walburga Bortscher
4/27 Lucille Robbins
4/30 Ruth Fechter

4/27 Adele Pfeifenroth
4/30 Catherine Coleman

NLHRC

4/1 James Gruber
4/7 Epifania Casillas
4/13 Orrin Wolff
4/13 Hattie Starks
4/13 Dorothy Jones
4/16 Mattie Brown
4/20 Josephine Notaro
4/23 Sandra Craig
4/24 Lucille Brumfield
4/28 Mae Gillam

GFCourt

4/6 Evelyn Carlson
4/16 Alice Wagener
4/16 Mary Alice Schwab
4/22 Beulah Cornwell

LCH

4/4 Ida Hall
4/13 Dorothy Jones
4/29 Allen Doyle

Dash's Tapes - MORE THAN 1/2 way there

Please keep turning in your Dash's receipts.
Last year we redeemed them for more than
\$1,000, and we've already collected more
than 1/2 of the \$25,000 we need to turn them
in for more cash. Thank you!



Wishing you a
Blessed & Happy Easter



**Join us for Laughter, Lunch
and a little bit of Labor**
4th Thursday of the Month
10am. - 1p.m.

We usually meet the 4th Thursday of the month
to put together the Guild newsletter and can
always use help! Call Mary Ann at 639-1169 or
email her at NLHSGuild@yahoo.com.

~ Members of the mailing crew

Schedule of Weekly Worship Services with Holy Communion

NLHRC ~ Sundays at 2:30 p.m. In the Strodel Chapel/Auditorium

- 4/3 Rev. Raymond Fitch, *First, Blasdell*
 4/10 Rev. Thomas Mason, *Messiah, Lewiston*
 4/17 PALM SUN: Rev. Deborah Turley
Lord of Life, Depew
 4/21 MAUNDY THURS, 2:30 PM: Rev. Allen Griep
 4/22 GOOD FRIDAY 11 AM: Deacon Ronald Walker
 4/24 EASTER: Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*



LCH ~ Sundays at 2:30 p.m. In the Chapel

- 4/3 Rev. Thomas Mason, *Messiah, Lewiston*
 4/10 Rev. Devie Ellis, *St. Martin, NT*
 4/17 PALM SUN: Rev. Troy Mulvaine, *Augustana, Ton*
 4/24 EASTER: Rev. Troy Mulvaine, *Augustana, Ton*

GF MANOR/COURT ~ Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. In the Richard Seibold Chapel/Auditorium

- 4/2 Rev. Michael Blackwell, *St. John's, Depew*
 4/9 Rev. John Klatt, *St. John's, West Seneca*
 4/16 PALM SUN: Rev. David Belasic, *Retired*
 4/23 EASTER: Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*

And

GHRC ~ Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. In the Melba Y. Seibold Chapel/Auditorium

- 4/2 Rev. Michael Blackwell, *St. John's, Depew*
 4/9 Rev. John Klatt, *St. John's, West Seneca*
 4/16 PALM SUN: Rev. David Belasic, *Retired*
 4/21 MAUNDY THURS, 11 AM: Rev. Allen Griep
 4/22 GOOD FRIDAY, 11 AM: Rev. Allen Griep
 4/23 EASTER: Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*

Mid-Week Lenten Services are held on Wednesdays ~ 11:00 a.m. at GHRC and 2:30 p.m. at NLHRC

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Spring came, and the children talked excitedly about the coming of Easter. Doris told them the story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each of the children a large plastic egg. "Now," she said to them, "I want you to take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you understand?"

"Yes, Miss Miller!" the children responded enthusiastically -- all except for Jeremy. He just listened intently, his eyes never leaving her face. Had he understood what she had said about Jesus' death and resurrection? Did he understand the assignment, she wondered.

The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in the large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. Opening the first egg, Doris found a flower. "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life," she said. "When plants peek through the ground, we know that spring is here."

The next egg contained a plastic butterfly, which looked very real. Doris held it up. "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that is new life, too"

Next, Doris found a rock with moss on it. She explained that moss, too, showed life.

When Doris opened the fourth egg, she gasped. The egg was empty! Surely it must be Jeremy's, she thought, and, of course, he did not understand her instructions. If only she had not forgotten to phone his parents the night before. Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set the egg aside and reached for another.

Suddenly Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?"

Chaplain Services:

If there is a need for emotional and/or spiritual support for a resident, family member, or yourself, please contact our Chaplain, The Rev. Allen Griep, at 886-4377 or 692-6380.



Roman Catholic Masses ~ Holy Communion

- NLHRC: First Fridays at 11:00 a.m.
 Other Fridays at 11:00 a.m.:
 Deacon-led services with Holy Communion
 GHRC: Mondays at 2:30 p.m.
 LCH: 1st Thursdays at 2:15 p.m.
 Rosary and Holy Communion on alternate Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.
 GCM: Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.



Flustered, Doris replied, "But Jeremy -- your egg is empty!"

He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty too!"

Time stopped. When she could speak again, Doris asked him, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?"

"Oh, yes!" Jeremy exclaimed. "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then his Father raised him up!"

Three months later, Jeremy died. Those who paid their respects at the mortuary were surprised to see 19 eggs on top of his casket, all of them empty.

~ May the Easter Eggs of all your friends and family be empty, too.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. Acknowledge Him in all your ways, and He will make your paths straight." ~ Proverbs 3:5, 6



WISH LISTS

NLHRC: *Contact: Susan Lett at 886-4377*

- ‡ Shawls or large, over-the-shoulder scarves
- ‡ Items for the ceramics classes
- ‡ Holiday Clings

GFCourt: *Contact: Lisa Scaglione at 684-8400*

- ‡ BINGO PRIZES (including jewelry and knick knacks)
- ‡ READER - to read to a resident with vision problems

GHRC: *Contact: Jennifer Pellicane at 684-3000*

- ‡ Bird Seed—Bird Houses
- ‡ Old Tea Cups—Old Silverware
- ‡ Holiday Decorations
- ‡ Playing cards—regular & large print

LCH: *Contact: Joan Griffin at 882-1231*

- ‡ BINGO PRIZES (Jewelry, knick knacks, stuffed animals, etc.)
- ‡ Sewers and Quilters to help with our RSVP Quilt Project on Thursdays, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Happy Anniversary Guild*

There is still time to send in your donation for the Guild's 53rd Anniversary. If you are not able to give dollars, please remember the homes and our residents in your prayers.

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! Your generosity is greatly appreciated !

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REMINDER: *The Spring Fling Sale at NLHRC is May 21. See page 3 for details.*

Attn: Sewers #2 — Light mending of clothing

The laundry department at NLHRC recently requested help with minor repairs of residents' clothing — like sewing hems and buttons, and repairing seams. It's something you can do at home, and would be greatly appreciated. Call Diane Coons at NLHRC (886-4377) for details.



Welcome !

Susan Lett was recently appointed Director of Activities at NLHRC and will introduce herself at our May meeting. We look forward to sharing all the ways our Guild members help the activities departments and ask for her input as well.



Attn: Sewers — Wheelchair & Walker Bags needed

Thanks to the following people who have volunteered to make wheelchair & walker bags: **Flay Schmidt** of Zion-Clarence Center, **Blanche Bove** who lives at GreenField Manor, **Joanne White** of Good Shepherd-Tonawanda, and **several women at Trinity Old Lutheran.**



If you would like to donate fabric, just drop it off at any of the affiliates — and mark it for the Guild/Attn Millie Sietsma. Please keep in mind that the wheelchair & walker bags are used by both men and women, and that sturdy fabric is much easier for them to use.

There is a constant need for bags to keep residents supplied, and they are easy to make. To volunteer or learn more, call Millie Sietsma at 681-5504.

Our Very Best Wishes to Linda Zink

Join us on April 21 for a great program. We will also be honoring Linda Zink who has served as treasurer for several years and has been one of our president's favorite "go to" people! Linda is leaving the area with her husband this spring to be closer to family. We will miss her bright smile, easy laughter, enthusiasm and hard work.

Best Wishes, Linda!



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Guild members promote the interests and programs of the Health System's affiliates as they are able. All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to join the NLHS Guild.

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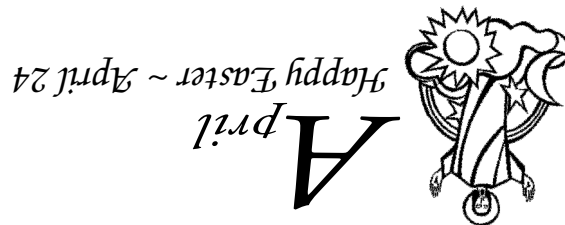


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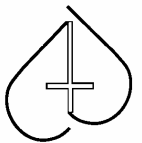
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