



GUILD NEWS AND HEALTH SYSTEM HAPPENINGS



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"What Happens in Heaven"

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side through a long corridor. My angel guide stopped in front of the first door and said, "This is the Receiving Department. This is where all the petitions and requests to God in prayer are received."

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with many angels sorting out petitions from people all over the world written on voluminous sheets of paper and scraps

Then we walked a little more until we reached the second section. The angel said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Department. This is where the graces and blessings that people asked for are processed and delivered to the people who asked for them."

I noticed again how busy it was here too. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Department," my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed.

"How is it that there is no work going on here?" I asked.

"It's very sad," the angel sighed. "Once people receive the blessings they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments"

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked. "It's simple," the angel answered. "Just say, 'Thank you, Lord.'"

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NOVEMBER 2011

Message from Mr. Arndt

There is definitely a chill in the air as I write this note to you and it has me thinking about getting ready for winter and the upcoming holidays. Before we know it we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and making preparations for Christmas. Our staff is already planning Thanksgiving dinner for our residents. They will be cooking real turkey dinners with all the trimmings and serving them in holiday style to residents and family members who have been invited to join them.

The end of October I had the distinct privilege to take part in our annual Employee Recognition Dinner at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. This is a yearly event at which we thank our employees for their years of service and their dedication to our residents and to the organization - and for being a wonderful example of our motto, *Caring ~ Heart & Soul*. Special grants and scholarships were also awarded.

As you can imagine, we are in the process of planning our budget for the upcoming year. This is not always easy because of the way reimbursements are distributed by the state, but with God's guidance and the help we receive from our generous friends, through the Guild and the Foundation's fund raising efforts, we are confident that we will be able to continue to provide the best care possible to our residents

The Foundation's Annual Friends Appeal letters will be going out soon and I hope you will find it in your heart to be as generous as you are able.

As always, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for everything you do for the organization and, even more importantly, for our residents. May God bless you and keep you in His care. ~ Jurgen Arndt

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MINI VICTORIAN TEA FUND RAISER & MEETING

THURS., NOVEMBER 17, 2011 - 11:30am

GreenField Manor - 5953 Broadway, Lancaster

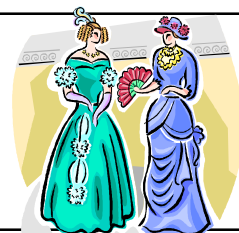


Hostesses are ladies from Lord of Life, Depew
Devotions with The Rev. Deborah Turley
Program: *Victorian Dancers from the Amherst Museum*
"Glittering Theme Baskets" and door prizes too

RSVP by SUNDAY, Nov. 13

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Footnotes from Florence

Dear Friends ~ Who knew that Pastor Rebecca Mentzer's devotion at our October Guild meeting would so beautifully reflect on the activities of the Guild that day. After reading three passages from the Bible referencing hands, she directed our minds and spirits to think about our own hands, God's hands, and the fact that "*alone our hands are weak, but together with God they are strong.*"

And, truly, that applied to us. We accomplished a great deal at this year's Fall Fun Fair and the Christmas card workshop after the meeting. Without the hands of many women who baked delicious breads, pies and cookies, tended lots and lots of plants, sewed and designed hangings and decorative pillow cases, did very clever needlepoint crafts, crocheted dish clothes and dish towels, and sorted and packed their treasures, this Fall Fun Fair would not have been nearly as successful as it was.

In fact, we must admit that we were quite overwhelmed this year with the generosity of our members and friends from Grace, South Buffalo, who trucked over many boxes of items left over from their weather-affected Rummage Sale the Saturday before. But everyone pitched in. Together with the help of NLHRC staff and Guild members who sorted, priced, set up, and sold the goods and cleaned up, we had a very successful fair. Yes, we were very tired at the end of the day, but what an exhilarating experience we had knowing that we had accomplished so much for the benefit of our residents.

In fact, at first glance, proceeds from the sale totaled \$1,082.66. (Thanks to Gail Brown for her prompt report and for working with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who approved a grant of \$350.) With the grant and our Sunshine offering of \$121, our total proceeds for the day were \$1,550.66 - that's \$93.36 more than last year. Congratulations everyone!!!!

The women who helped with the hand-crafted Christmas cards for residents of all the facilities worked very hard, too, and completed a total of 465 cards. Our very talented Carol Ianello designed the cards and organized everything so that our volunteers could accomplish all this in one afternoon. Thanks be to God for all those beautiful hands and those of Donna Welton, who played the piano. Also to the ladies of Prince of Peace, who baked delicious cupcakes and, of course, Pastor Mentzer.

As we look forward to our November Guild meeting, we suggest that you mark your calendar now. It is going to be a good one! On November 17 we will be enjoying a Victorian theme afternoon with a mini "Victorian Tea," including tea sandwiches and sweet desserts. The Victorian Dancers from the Amherst Museum, will entertain us. There will also be "Glittering Theme Baskets" to bid on because this is also a fundraiser. We hope you will join us for an interesting afternoon and support our residents at the same time. Reservations need to be made no later than Sunday, November 13. (Reservations are very important, so please call 836-6803 and make yours as soon as possible.)

Lastly, I thought you would like to know that NLHRC's new Activity Director, Donna Stevener, joined us for lunch during our meeting and expressed her appreciation to the Guild for their support. She also enjoyed shopping for items for residents at our sale. Of course, there was no charge. Donna is very enthusiastic about her new position and very sensitive to the needs of our residents. Again, thank you from all of us! May God continue to bless you *as you reach out in love to others.*"

~ God be with you, Florence

PS: Thank you to Pastor Mentzer for allowing me to use some of her wonderful words. They are the ones in italics.

OUR NOVEMBER MEETING
 A mini "Victorian Tea" with entertainment by the Amherst Museum's Victorian Dancers and "Glittering Theme Baskets" to bid on.
 Thursday, November 17, at GreenField Manor.
 Hostesses: from Lord of Life, Depew,
 Devotions: The Rev. Deborah Turley
 Join us for lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by our meeting and program.
 RSVP to 836-6803 by Nov. 13



Dash's Receipt Tapes

Please continue to send in your Dash's register receipts. They are adding up again!



THEME BASKETS NEEDED

for our Dec. meeting & fund raiser

If you or your organization/group can donate one or more theme baskets for our December meeting, please call Florence at 836-6803.

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



~ Please Post



YOU ARE INVITED
The NLHS Guild's Annual
Christmas Luncheon
& Fund Raiser



Thursday, DECEMBER 8, 2011 - 11:30 a.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
68 Eagle Street, Williamsville

This is a FUND RAISER.
Enjoy fun, fellowship, and
a great program.
General admission is
\$3.00 per person.

Bring a guest!

Enjoy your
favorite holiday songs with
*"The Queen City
Chordsmen"*



*REMEMBER TO BRING
COOKIES TO SHARE and
EXTRAS FOR RESIDENTS*



**Theme Baskets &
Door Prizes too.**

*Suggested donation:
\$5.00 for a sheet of tickets.*

RSVP by
Monday, Dec. 5, to
Florence at 836-6803

*We are applying for funds from
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and thank them
for their generous support through the years.*

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Valet parking will be available

Schedule of Weekly Worship Services with Holy Communion

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



- 11/6 Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*
Memorial Service
11/13 Rev. Thomas Mason, *Messiah, Lewiston*
11/20 Rev. Deborah Turley, *Lord of Life, Depew*
11/27 Rev. Richard Eddy, *NLHRC Hospice Chaplain*

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

- 11/6 Rev. Janet Griffiths, *Grace, NT*
Memorial Service
11/13 Rev. Daniel Hoffman
11/20 Rev. Marlene Hyden, *Grace, S. Buf*
11/27 Rev. Devie Ellis, *St. Martin, NT*

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

And

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

- 11/5 Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*
Memorial Service at GHRC only
11/12 Rev. John Klatt, *St. John's, West Seneca*
11/19 No worship services
11/26 Rev. Fred Jacobi, *Retired*

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 Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.
Deacon-led services with Holy Communion are held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
GHRC: Mondays at 2:30 p.m.
LCH: First Thursdays at 2:15 p.m.
GCM: Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.



New Chaplain Assistants Training Session

We are currently recruiting faithful individuals with a heart for service who would like to be part of this important ministry at Niagara Lutheran. There is still time to become involved. If you, or someone you know is interested in learning more, please contact Pastor Allen Griep at (716) 692-6380 or Vivian Cosentino at (716) 886-4377.



Help Wanted

An accompanist to play for worship at GHRC one Saturday a month. Call Vivian or Pastor Griep at 886-4377 for details.



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DATES: _____

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DATES ARE IMPORTANT FOR SAVING POSTAGE — THANKS!



Residents' Birthdays

NLHRC

- 11/1 James Guess
11/3 Anthony Coia
11/4 Lorraine McCarthy
11/6 Willie Manor
11/9 Elnora Vance
11/10 Doris Schafer
11/10 Jane Rooney
11/11 Irene Walck
11/11 William Harris
11/14 Margaret Ward
11/16 Ben Salter
11/19 Richard Miller
11/23 Joseph McClaney
11/25 Geneva Howard
11/26 Cecilia Lewis

GHRC

- 11/4 Monica Waloga
11/12 David Forsyth
11/17 Dorothy Johnson
11/17 Dorothy Yohannes
11/22 Virginia Szymanski
11/26 Eileen Fohl
11/26 Donald Kemnitzer
11/28 Mae Charlotte
Yacobush
11/29 Erla Hall
11/30 Agnes Kucharski

GCM

- 11/7 Engelbert Kutschka
11/7 John Kell
11/26 Margaret Weil
11/29 Josephine King

LCH

- 11/4 Joseph Lukacs
11/10 Annette Trachtenberg

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"What blessings should we acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. And, if you get information on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity."

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness You are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day."

"If you have never experienced the fear of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation ... You are ahead of 700 million people in the world."

"If you can attend a church without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world."

"If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you are unique to all those in doubt and despair."

Have a wonderful day. Remember to count your blessings often. . . and thank God for every one of them. Let's keep the angels in the Acknowledgement Department busy. ~ Unknown

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Just send a note to:



Mary Ann Young at
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or mail to: NLHS Guild
64 Hager Street Buffalo, NY 14028

Guild Meeting Schedule



Thurs NOV 17	GHRC Chapel and Aud (11:30 a.m.) Mini "VICTORIAN TEA" LUNCHEON & FUNDRAISER <i>Program:</i> The VICTORIAN DANCERS, who will demonstrate dances and clothing of that era. Also = Glitter theme baskets and door prizes
Thurs DEC 8	St. Paul's Lutheran Church (11:30 a.m.) 68 Eagle St., Williamsville (near Evans & Main) CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION and FUNDRAISER <i>Program:</i> QUEEN CITY CHORDSMEN Barbershop quartets and holiday favorites as well as theme baskets and door prizes.



WISH LISTS

NLHRC: *Contact: 886-4377*

- † Large print books / word search books
- † **Holiday Decorations/clings**
- † Bingo prizes (jewelry, stuffed animals, knick knacks, socks, tissues, lipstick, toiletries, etc.)
- † **CALENDARS**

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*

- † Old Tea Cups - Old Silverware
- † **Holiday Decorations/clings**
- † Playing cards - regular and large print
- † **CALENDARS**

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.

The **GreenFields**

Holiday Bazaar

*More than 50 Vendors ~ in two buildings.
Family fun featuring horse-drawn wagon rides,
face painting, caricaturist, Santa AND much more !*

Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9AM - 3PM
~ 5949 Broadway, Lancaster
684-8400

VISIT LANCASTER OPERA HOUSE'S ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW
the same day & time at Holy Mother of the Rosary
Cathedral - 6298 Broadway, Lancaster [683-1776]

Special Request - GF Manor Café

The GreenField Manor café plays a very important part in the lives of residents, families at staff at GreenField Manor & Court. Resident volunteers are finding it difficult to keep up with the ever-increasing volume these days and are asking for help. To learn more, call Lisa Scaglione at 684-8400.



*MISSION of the
Niagara Lutheran Health System Guild :*

The NIAGARA LUTHERAN HEALTH SYSTEM GUILD serves the constituents of Niagara Lutheran Home & Rehabilitation Center, Lutheran Church Home, GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center, GreenField Manor, GreenField Court and any other social ministries related to the Niagara Lutheran Health System.

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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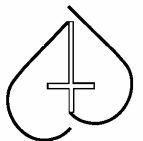
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A Happy & Blesses Thanksgiving to you



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