

# Staff Directory

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### Our Mission

*Through Christian love and excellence we are dedicated to providing a fulfilling lifestyle and promoting independence to those we serve.*

### Our Vision

*A world where all people thrive and live with purpose.*

### Our Values

*We believe in the immeasurable value of every person. Empowered by Christ's love, we joyfully serve with humility, integrity, compassion, and respect.*



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# October 2025

## A Note From Rhonda

Vice President of Operations, Rhonda Thiel

As October settles in, we are surrounded by the beauty of fall — cooling temperatures and the quiet reminder that each season carries its own purpose. Just as the trees let go of their leaves to prepare for new growth, we too are invited to embrace change and trust in God's promises.

Scripture reminds us that in Christ, all things are made new. Fall is a beautiful illustration of that truth — the world may look like it's slowing down, but beneath the surface, God is preparing the way for renewal. It's a season that whispers both gratitude for what has been and hope for what is to come.

As we walk through this month, let us hold fast to the assurance that God's faithfulness never changes, even as the seasons do. May this fall be a time of reflection, peace, and renewed trust in His perfect plan.

With gratitude and joy,

Rhonda



One day I found two pumpkin seeds.  
I planted one and pulled the weeds.  
It sprouted roots and a big, long vine.  
A pumpkin grew; I called it mine.  
The pumpkin was quite round and fat.  
(I really am quite proud of that.)  
But there is something I'll admit  
That has me worried just a bit.  
I ate the other seed, you see.  
Now will it grow inside of me?

(I'm so relieved since I have found that pumpkins only grow in the ground!)



## New Residents Welcome Home ~ We're So Glad You're Here!

Mel & Pat Holmquist

Harold & Charlotte Atinsky



## Special Events in October

- 10/1 ~ Medicare Questions Answered
- 10/1 ~ Activity Chat with Barb
- 10/1 ~ Entertainment Hour with Julius Aguilar
- 10/2 ~ Flu Shot Clinic
- 10/2 ~ Celebrating Our Carrie
- 10/3, 10/17~ Ladderball
- 10/3 ~ Entertainment Hour with Accordionist, Patti Shaul
- 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25 ~ Water Aerobics with Bonnie
- 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25 ~ Putters' Group with Ray
- 10/4 ~ Library Committee Meeting
- 10/6 ~ A Slice of Autumn-Pumpkin Pie Social
- 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28 ~ Cornhole Free Play
- 10/8 ~ Entertainment Hour with Ventriloquist, Chuck Field
- 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30~ Tai Chi with Jack
- 10/9, 10/23~ Art in Action with Liz Bercovich
- 10/9 ~ 1st Floor Block Party
- 10/9 ~ Fall Precautions, CPR & Medical Responders
- 10/10 ~ Lunch Bunch Outing—OHSO Brewery
- 10/10 ~ Resident Artisan Craft Sale
- 10/10 ~ Line Dancing with Friends
- 10/14 ~ Fact Facts & Finger Foods
- 10/15 ~ Autumn Splendor Happy Hour
- 10/15 ~ Entertainment Hour with Banjoist, Ellen Davis
- 10/16 ~ 2nd Floor Block Party
- 10/16 ~ Resident Town Hall Meeting
- 10/17 ~ Outing—Pumpkin Fest
- 10/18 ~ Backyard Bonfire
- 10/18 ~ Entertainment with Back Nine Bandits
- 10/20 ~ Ascent Audiology & Hearing
- 10/20 ~ Reminiscing Today About Back in the Day
- 10/21 ~ Neighborhood Navigators Meeting
- 10/21 ~ Fall Ball Baseball Challenge
- 10/22 ~ Autumn Apple Toss
- 10/22 ~ Entertainment Hour with Flute a la Carte
- 10/23 ~ 3rd Floor Block Party
- 10/23 ~ Covenant Home Health Blood Pressure Clinic
- 10/24 ~ Casino Outing—Desert Diamond Casino White Tanks
- 10/24 ~ Cinema Classic Showing "Wizard of Oz"
- 10/27 ~ Pumpkin Patch Puzzlers Trivia
- 10/28 ~ Wellness Bits with Diane -Mobility & Flexibility
- 10/29 ~ October Birthday Celebration
- 10/29 ~ Entertainment Hour with Danny Hunkin
- 10/30 ~ 3rd Floor South Side Gathering
- 10/31 ~ BOO-tiful Halloween Bash



# Chaplain Chats ~ Campus Chaplain, Dan Brookey

Wow, that's all I can say about your willingness to "allow" me and my wife to take a trip of a lifetime. We had not been out of the country on vacation before, except for short-term mission trips. Going to Spain and Italy on this trip gave us a world perspective that is timeless. Seeing how people lived five hundred to nearly two thousand years ago is so revealing. Culture, food, buildings, and the human mind were in focus and imparted a sense of awe. Our time in the Mediterranean, as mentioned, was informative as well as eye opening. Accumulative, over time and steps, both forward and vertical, we became extremely tired. Seeing the buildings, paintings, and sculptures was so incredible. We wondered how all of that could happen and with such precision left an indelible mark on us. We boarded a ship and set sail across the Mediterranean Sea for most of our time. While on land we didn't sit still for very long, taking excursions through the cruise line or before in Barcelona Spain and after in Rome Italy kept us moving. As mentioned, it was a great way to see so many sights in a short period of time, Sagrada Familia Basilica, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, several other churches and basilicas, Trevi Fountain, the Colosseum and the Vatican Museum culminating with the Sistine Chapel. Soon after we returned from this fabulous trip our son asked, "Did you see the Pantheon in Rome?" Well, no we didn't to our surprise. I must say, having seen all these incredible historical artifacts, this trip wasn't life changing. I say this not because it wasn't spectacular but because we didn't have or take the time to ponder and cherish our surroundings. Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." We went, we saw, but we didn't experience God like we should have. I don't know if we will ever return to this part of the world but suffice to say, seeing God and waiting on him in all areas of our lives can be a life changer. So, I say, sit, be still, contemplate the Lord and all he has done in this world. Have a wonderful October and God bless you, Chaplain Dan

# Look Who's Having a Birthday!



<b>Rosalie Salmon</b>	<b>10/3</b>
<b>Sue Watson</b>	<b>10/6</b>
<b>Bobbi Alexander</b>	<b>10/7</b>
<b>Steve Cox</b>	<b>10/9</b>
<b>Sandra Russell</b>	<b>10/10</b>
<b>Mike Halber</b>	<b>10/11</b>
<b>Lucille Noble</b>	<b>10/13</b>
<b>Sandy Key</b>	<b>10/14</b>
<b>Brenda Dalrymple</b>	<b>10/16</b>
<b>Eugene Pfeiffer</b>	<b>10/16</b>
<b>Audrey Rider</b>	<b>10/19</b>
<b>Barbara Oaks</b>	<b>10/19</b>
<b>Judy Taylor</b>	<b>10/24</b>
<b>Mel Olander</b>	<b>10/24</b>
<b>Joan Anderson</b>	<b>10/26</b>
<b>Charles Soos</b>	<b>10/26</b>
<b>Earline Snell</b>	<b>10/26</b>
<b>Grace Minkinen</b>	<b>10/27</b>
<b>Jim Snell</b>	<b>10/29</b>
<b>Jeannine Keefer</b>	<b>10/30</b>
<b>Ed Martin</b>	<b>10/30</b>



# Life Around Our House

