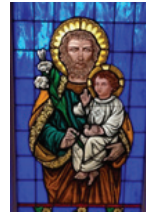




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320 E. Decatur St.



St. Joseph's
Elder Services



Hillside Villa
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NEWSLETTER



Greetings from the Administrator



We are pleased to share an important update about our continued commitment to providing a safe, comfortable, and high-quality environment for our residents, families, and staff. Construction has officially begun on two major infrastructure upgrades at St. Joseph's Retirement Community: a new HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) system and a modernized elevator.

These projects represent a significant investment in the future of our community. While much of what we do each day centers on compassionate care and meaningful relationships, maintaining a safe and reliable physical environment is just as essential. These improvements will help ensure that St. Joseph's Retirement Community remains a place of comfort, dignity, and security for years to come.

The new HVAC system will provide more consistent temperatures throughout the building, improved air quality, and greater energy efficiency. This means a more comfortable living environment for residents in every season—especially important here in Nebraska, where weather conditions can vary widely from week to week and even day to day. Improved ventilation will also support overall health and wellness by promoting cleaner, fresher air throughout our home.

At the same time, the elevator upgrade will enhance both safety and reliability. The new system will provide smoother operation, improved accessibility, and updated safety features. For many of our residents and visitors, the elevator is an essential part of daily life, and this upgrade will ensure dependable service for years to come. Contractors are currently procuring equipment, and on-site work will begin in mid-June or early July.

As with any project of this scale, there may be some temporary inconveniences. Residents and families may notice construction crews on-site, occasional noise, and brief power outages or fluctuating temperatures in the building. We are working closely with contractors to minimize disruption and maintain a calm, safe environment at all times.

These upgrades reflect our ongoing dedication to excellence in care and stewardship of our facility. By investing in modern systems and infrastructure, we are better equipped to meet the needs of today while preparing for the future. We are grateful for your patience and support as we complete this important work. Together, we are building not just improvements to our building, but a stronger, more comfortable home for everyone who lives and visits here.

Blessings,
Sam Prokopec

Focus on our Employee's Longevity

FOCUS ON NANCY KAUP



Nancy Kaup is a familiar face on the floor, working as both a CNA and Restorative Aide. She plays an important role in helping residents with their day-to-day needs while also supporting them in maintaining their strength and independence.

Her typical day often starts by helping in the dining room, making sure residents are settled and ready for meals. From there, she stays busy assisting residents, working through restorative programs, and jumping in wherever she's needed. No two days look exactly the same, and that's just part of the job.

One of the things Nancy enjoys most about her job is making sure residents are comfortable—whether that's in their wheelchair or recliner—and finding ways to make it easier for them to get around. It's those small adjustments that can make a big difference in someone's day.

Something that might surprise people is her ability to fix and adjust wheelchairs to fit residents just the way they need them. It's one of those behind-the-scenes skills that has a big impact on comfort and mobility.

Outside of work, Nancy keeps busy with her family. She enjoys working on the farm with her husband and daughters, going shopping, and spending time watching her kids participate in sports.

If she had one piece of advice for a new employee, it would be to get to know the residents, their families, and their life stories. We appreciate everything Nancy does and the steady, dependable care she brings to our residents each day.



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APRIL EMPLOYEE WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Tina Voelker	7
Christine Heywood	6
Michael Anthony Bracht	4
Clara Saldana	3
Suzanne Kaup	3
Ava Nixon	1
Sylvia Reppert-Meiergerd	1
Lillian Reppert-Meiergerd	1
Vanessa Barragan-Montoya	1



Focus on Canticle of Creation

In the February Newsletter, Sam shared Pope Leo's proclamation marking 2026 as a celebration of the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. This sacred year invites the Church to rediscover the Gospel through the humble witness of the beloved Saint of Assisi—known for his simplicity, love for the poor, and joyful trust in God.

St. Francis points out God's tremendous love for us, mirrored in creation, and reminds us that all creation sings God's praise. His Canticle of Creation helps us see God's presence everywhere.

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God, to you belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing.

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation, and especially for our Brother Sun, who brings us the day and the light; he is strong and shines magnificently. O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon, and for the stars which you have set shining and lovely in the heavens.

Be praised, my Lord, for our Brothers Wind and Air, and every kind of weather by which you, Lord, uphold life in all your creatures. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water, who is very useful to us, and humble and precious and pure. Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness; he is bright and lively and strong.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many colors.

Be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for love of you, and for those who bear sickness and weakness in peace and patience—you will grant them a crown. Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death, whom we must all face. I praise and bless you, Lord, and I give thanks to you, and I will serve you in all humility.





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Opportunity for Learning

As spring days bring warmer weather and beautiful sunshine, I hope you are able to get out and enjoy a walk, breathe in the fresh Nebraska air, and give yourself a good cardio workout.

If you are heading out on the trails for walking or hiking, be sure to protect yourself from coming into contact with plants that can cause skin rashes. Spending time in areas where weeds and other vegetation grow increases the risk of exposure to plants that may cause a skin reaction.

The best way to avoid unintentional contact is to wear socks that cover your ankles, and if the weeds are tall, wear clothing that covers your legs. Avoid stopping to touch plants or vegetation.

When you get back home, remove your clothing and wash your hands thoroughly. If you believe your skin came into contact with a plant and the area becomes irritated, wash the skin with soap and water and apply an over-the-counter cream. If the rash persists or worsens, please contact your healthcare professional.

Enjoy the blessings that spring brings.

Hillside Villa
Family PICNIC
May 12th at 5 pm

2 guests per resident
RSVP to Jackie 402.372.1118
Before May 1st



St. Joseph's Hillside Villa is now hiring:

- **Housekeeping/ Laundry Aide**
 - ◆ Part-time
- **RN/LPN**
 - ◆ Full or Part-time
- **CNA**
 - ◆ Full or Part-time
- **Cook**
 - ◆ Full or Part-time
- **Dietary Aide**
 - ◆ Full or Part-time
- **Activity Assistant**
 - ◆ Part-time

HIRING BONUS!
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up to **\$2,000** for CNA

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