

## From Our Spiritual Care Team:

***Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" (Matt 5:1-4).***

In one of his most famous sermons Jesus is explaining that his kingdom is not a conquering army, but a relationship within our hearts. The first reality of this relationship is understanding that we are powerless to control our lives. Being poor in spirit means that we have come to a point where we realize our need for a Savior. The blessing of this promise is that we can rely on God's wisdom and strength, trusting that He will never leave or forsake us.

The second reality is that we live in a broken and fallen world. Pain and sorrow are a real part of life, but God promises to comfort us amid our grief and suffering. The blessing does not come from eliminating all the suffering in the world but fixing our hearts and minds on the one who promises to walk alongside us during our suffering.

May we all come to the place where we realize that there is no area of our life where we are not in need of a Savior. Pain and suffering are a part of our journey through life, but his promise is that he will be with us as we pass through these difficult times and they will not overcome us.

***The righteous person may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all (Psalm 34:19)***

-Pastor Steve Schramm

## Happy Birthday!



### Residents

**Earl, Corneliu, Victoria**

### Caregivers:

**Gbolu, Connie B, Hamilton,  
Peter, Lama, Nephesh, Paul O,  
Brenda O, Natalie T**



### *In Loving Memory*

***James R, Bernadine, Ron H,***

***Tom S, David O***

# White Bear Lake Engagement

Pictures tell the story...



## Resident Spot Light.....

Julia is one of our newest residents and we have enjoyed every moment of our time with her. She has such an amazing spirit, positive attitude and smile always on her face! Julia is the proud mother of 2 and has a beautiful granddaughter Eve. Some of things that Julia enjoys currently and in her previous years are.... The Outdoors, needle point, traveling, movies, reading, being a mom, listening to some good Rock n Roll with friends or family. During Julia's working years she did some bookkeeping and accounting. We welcome Julia into our prelude family with open arms and are so happy to have you with us.

Brenda Cadalbert , Engagement Coordinator



# Woodbury North Engagement

Pictures tell the story...



**Getting to know YOU...** This Month our spotlight is on Laverne! Laverne lived on the east side of St. Paul most of her life. She worked at Byerly's and Maplewood bakeries for many years. At age 21 she married Eugene known as Mickey to most. Her and Mickey enjoyed motorcycle rides while listening Neil diamond. Laverne is a loving mother to her four children and grandchildren. She recently became a great grandma as well. Laverne is a devout Catholic and her faith is important in her life. Laverne enjoys music, dancing, walks, and visits with family and friends. Thank you Laverne for being our September Spotlight!



# Woodbury South Engagement

Pictures tell the story...



## Getting to Know...

### **Rick Westby "A Lover of Nature & Concrete"**

Rick grew up in West St. Paul, but was born in Crookston, MN. He has loved nature and the great outdoors since the beginning. He became a hunter and trapper from early on, becoming most prolific in trapping and skinning. Rick got his Associates Degree at the age of 20 then became a Cement Mason. Most of his career was with Bulach Custom Rocks as a Concrete Finisher. Rick is extremely proud of his work which took him all over the United States working on high end residential and commercial projects. In Minnesota, he worked on most of the Cabela's stores, the MN and Como Zoos, the Metrodome, and Mall of America.

Rick is very close with his Mom and sister, Wendy's family. His best friend is Paul, who calls almost daily and chats about their good times, as well as what they see in nature through their binoculars.

**Here's to family/friend outdoor visits and lives full of love and meaning. Blessings, Jo Ann**

