

St. Aloisius Community Volunteer Program



St. Aloisius
Medical Center
SMP Health System

- January 10 -

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Happy New Year!

May God bless you with all good things in 2010 – good health, family and friends, a job that you enjoy, prosperity and a continual awareness of His presence.

I will be out of the office from January 10th – 24th. If you need assistance, please call the hospital and leave a message on my phone or ask for Beth Huseth. I will be checking messages regularly.

Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

We want to say thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers. You are invited to a volunteer appreciation banquet on Thursday, January 28th, at 6:00 pm at the Harvey Eagles club. Meals will be provided as an appreciation gift for volunteers, mentors and mentees. You may bring guests for \$9.00 per plate (roast beef dinner). Please RSVP by January 22nd by calling Tammy at 324-4769 ext. 342, so we can plan accordingly.

The 2009 Volunteer and Mentor of the Year will be announced at the banquet.

Long Term Care

We would like to thank the New Life on Maine Church who brought gifts of flannel blankets and Christmas treats for residents and patients. They also served for those who worked that day. What a wonderful ministry!

Many others came to sing Christmas carols or volunteer in various ways. Thank you for the gift of caring.

Hospice

We are celebrating our 10th year of having a Hospice branch at St. Aloisius. Hospice volunteers are invited to join us for soup and bread from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the general purpose room (Unit B), on January 15th. If you would like to bring soup, contact Beth Huseth or Donna Corneliuson. Otherwise, just come and join us.

Senior Companions

Dee Hirsch is our new Senior Companion. If you know of anyone who could use a weekly visit, help with cooking, light housework or light meal preparation, please contact Tammy. She will be seeing people in Harvey and Fessenden. Call while we have a Senior Companion available!

McHenry County is now starting a Senior Companion program. We are sad to see Walter and Esther Doubek and Gloria Engen changing areas to help McHenry County, but we wish them the best. The program and the people that they work with will be blessed.

The SC supervisory meeting will be held at noon on January 27th at St. Aloisius.

Wells Co. Mentoring

January is national mentor appreciation month. We give a heartfelt thank you to all of our mentors. There is nothing more valuable than the gift of your time and by simply being there, you provide friendship and emotional support to someone who will likely be influenced for the rest of their life. Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child. We hope that each one of you (and your mentees) can join us for the volunteer appreciation banquet.

Faith in Action

Donations given to Faith In Action are currently being matched with money from the Dakota Medical Foundation. If you typically give an annual donation, please consider our program. We provide medical transportation for people who otherwise would not be able to get to their appointments.

Food Pantry

St. Aloisius is partnering with the 4th grade class, at BM Hansen School, in collecting paper products and non-perishable food for the food pantry. There is a drop box in the front entry of the hospital. Please consider making a donation.

Prevention

Prescription drug use is rapidly becoming an escalating problem in our North Dakota. One of the most common ways of obtaining them is by taking them from family member's medicine cabinets. Please remove the risk by keeping medication in a secure place. Don't be fooled into thinking that it couldn't happen to you.

Congratulations to our
Mentor of the month,
Whitney Martin
and our volunteer of the month,
Maggie Thomas.
You are appreciated!

Mark Your Calendar:

- January 1st – New Years day. Please be safe.
- January 4th – School resumes after Christmas vacation.
- January 18th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 22nd – Deadline to RSVP for volunteer appreciation banquet by calling Tammy at 324-4769 ext. 342. Leave a message.
- January 28th – Volunteer Appreciation Banquet at Eagles. 6:00 p.m.

St. Aloisius Website:

Check out what's going in your community by logging onto the St. Aloisius website at <http://www.staloisius.com/>.

I Thought you could use a God hug....



God bless you and keep you in His perfect peace.
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A great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ... Those who had been scattered preached the Word wherever they went. -Acts 8:1, 4, NIV

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### **Barracuda!**

We were out on a boat years ago when Bill and our son-in-law decided to go swimming. They lowered the ladder and started down. In his mid-sixties, Bill was still as trim as a 30-year-old, but he moved as slowly and stiffly as a 90-year-old.

"I'm getting old," he said as he looked carefully for the next rung. It's harder to move all the time. I'm getting so stiff." Rung by difficult rung he slowly lowered himself into the water. Finally he and our son-in-law leisurely and blissfully swam.

My daughter Gigi and I were watching from the upper deck. Suddenly I saw a long, thin shadow moving swiftly through the clear, deep water toward the swimmers.

"Bill!" I shouted. "There's a barracuda!"

Zip! He was up that ladder in nothing flat, losing 50 years in a second!

God often uses sudden danger to move us. The handful of early believers were commissioned by Jesus to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. They met daily in the temple in Jerusalem to worship and praise God—until Stephen was stoned to death, and they were scattered. Persecution had begun. But so had the fulfillment of the Great Commission. By unexpected means God frequently makes possible the impossible by motivating the unmotivated.

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Prayer for the Day:

Father, when trials make my life difficult, please enable me to see Your hand at work, motivating me to do more for Your Kingdom. May I look to You for guidance when suffering comes.

Taken from "Letters from Ruth's Attic – Insights for Knowing God's Love" by Ruth Bell Graham