

St. Aloisius Community Volunteer Program



St. Aloisius
Medical Center
SMP Health System

- May 10 -

Sources of Strength

Mission Integration * Faith in Action

*** Wells Co. Mentoring ***

Senior Companions * Hospice

Pastoral Care * Precious Goodbyes

LTC * Nurturing Program * RSVP

Town Hall Community Picnic – Please join us on Wednesday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Harvey High School Commons Area. This is for the Harvey and Fessenden community. We will address alcohol use among our teens, sports co-op and the school building study. Supper is provided by a Region 6 Prevention grant received by the St. Aloisius Community Volunteer Program. We are in need of bars (if anyone could volunteer to bring a pan, please contact Tammy by May 6th).

St. Aloisius Health, Fitness and Safety Fair – May 12th at the Harvey City Hall (120 West 8th Street), from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. This year’s theme is “Enriching Every Day”.

National Day of Prayer – Please join us for the National Day of Prayer – May 6th, noon – 1:00 pm, lunch provided for a free will donation, at the Angelic Nook. This is a time to gather and pray for our schools, families, businesses, government, etc. Sponsored by the Central Dakota Ministerial Association. RSVP to Tammy ASAP so lunch can be planned accordingly.

Hospice Garden – Thank you to everyone who submitted ideas for naming the hospice garden. The “Serenity Place” was chosen. It is our hope that this will be a place where individuals from the community, as well as from St. Aloisius, can go to enjoy some peaceful solitude in a healing environment. Now that spring is here, we will be resuming work on it. If you would like to help in planting or keeping it nice, contact Beth Huseth.

Helping Youth Volunteer – We have a couple of mentors who take their youth to volunteer with LTC residents each month. What a neat idea and a great way to instill the importance of community service and helping our neighbors at a young age. It was fun to see some of them receive awards along with the mentors and adult volunteers at our annual volunteer tea. If you are interested in helping a youth learn the importance of giving by spending time in LTC, contact Denise.

Long Term Care – May is a busy month and we have several activities that we need volunteers for. If you can help, please notify Denise. Activities include:

Mother’s Day Tea – May 7th at 1:00 p.m. Entertainment provided by the Fessenden/Bowdon school choir and Pam Stewart.

Lefsa – Volunteers are needed to help residents make lefsa on Monday May 17th, beginning around 10:00 a.m.

Health Fair – May 12th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the City Hall. We need people to help push residents from St. Aloisius to the Health Fair and to help at our booth.

Summer Dance Camp – A six week session for 5 years of age and up will be offered. Classes held on Wednesdays, June 16th – July 21st if enough students register. Dance classes are \$65 per child. Dance plus choreography class is \$100 per child. Call Lisa Steedsman at 907-382-9979 for additional information.

Memorial Service – There will be a Memorial Service on May 26th at 2:00 p.m. in the Unit A dining room to honor our loved ones who have passed away.

SIDNE Car – The original date conflicted with the prom, so the simulated car will be available at the Harvey High School on May 6th. It allows students the opportunity to experience delayed responses of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Put on by Safe Communities through the Department of Transportation.

Harvey Graduation and Baccalaureate Service – Harvey graduation ceremonies will take place at 2:00 p.m. at the Harvey High School. The Baccalaureate Service will be held on Wednesday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the New Life on Main church, with Danelle Olson as the speaker.

Congratulations to our
Mentor of the month,
Angel Moore
and our volunteer of the month,
Mercedes Zerr.
You are appreciated!

St. Aloisius Website:

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

May God bless you and keep you in His perfect peace.

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Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

--Luke 6:38, NIV

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### **Giving Timeless Gifts**

One night some troublemakers broke into a department store. They didn't steal or destroy anything, but they had a wonderful time switching price tags!

The next morning customers were puzzled and delighted to find fur coats selling for \$5, cold cream for \$150, umbrellas for \$1,000 and diamond rings for \$2.

Has something come into your life that has switched price tags on your values? Are things of time more valuable than things of eternity? Are material gifts worth more than gifts of the Spirit? If so, let me suggest some ways to re-establish your priorities and to give some gifts that are timeless.

To your neighbors, nice or not, give thoughtful consideration. Be slow to gossip, quick to sympathize, ready to help—praying all the while that God will give the necessary patience to live next to you.

To your parents, giving loving appreciation for the years of time, effort and money that they invested in you. Do for them the little things that give them pleasure.

To your spouse, give a frank, honest reappraisal of yourself. Remember how much he or she has had to put up with and for how long. As yourself, "If I were my spouse, am I the sort of person I would want to come home to?"

To your children, although you are not a perfect parent, you can give them more of the one they have—and make that one more loving. Be available, knowing that a parent needs to be, as God is, "*a very present help in trouble*" (Psalm 46:1, KJV). Give your children the eternal verities of the Word of God.

These are the gifts of the heart and of the spirit. There are those you love who long for (and desperately need) these gifts. Commit yourself to give them those gifts timeless and eternal.

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Prayer for the Day:

Forgive me, Lord, for paying more attention to my needs than to the needs of those whom You have called me to serve. Please give me the strength to serve others—and You—with joy.

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