

Alcester Care & Rehab Center

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Important dates

March 8
Daylight savings time

March 17
St Patrick 's Day

March 19
1st day of spring
Family quarterly meal

April 1
April fool's day

April 5
Palm Sunday

April 8
Passover begins

April 10
Good Friday

April 12
Easter Sunday

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Since the last newsletter, it appears I was a bit off with my prediction of unfavorable weather for the upcoming months. It seems that everywhere else in SD has received a fair amount of snow and Alcester has been skipped over. I am certainly not complaining as we also enjoyed the warmer weather over the weekend. I believe it has been, on average, 10 degrees warmer than compared to last year's temperatures. It also seems impossible to already be setting our clocks an hour ahead on March 8th. I certainly welcome the longer evenings of sunlight and look forward to planting in our garden and bringing our horses back.

As far as facility news, we were able to get the elevator back online. It went down in May 2019 and was finally fixed in late January. We certainly appreciated everyone's patience in the matter as I personally thought it was never going to be fixed, thus the long delay in the project. Speaking of other projects, the dining hall roof is on our to-do list. We hope to accomplish this in the upcoming months before the summer heat takes over.

I also want to welcome Darla Carlson who is the new Social Worker at Alcester. We wish the departing Social Worker -Vicki Beeler great success in a different position here at the facility. I will allow Darla to introduce herself in her section.

As always, let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

God Bless,
Chris Hansen

FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Greetings from the Social Services Department. My name is Darla Carlson, and I am the Social Services Designee. I am excited to be part of the team here at Alcester Care and Rehab!

Since starting I am amazed at the high level of quality care that each resident is provided. I am excited to get to know each resident and their families! With Spring right around the corner I hope the sunshine brings joy and happiness to all the residents!

I welcome the residents to stop in and chat anytime! Stop by my office or give me a call anytime you have a question, concern or just want to say Hi! If you want to check out our Facebook page at any time, please do so! Our Facebook page has many interesting posts of interest to the residents.

Have a great day!

Sincerely,

Darla Carlson SSD

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FROM THE ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

Hello from all of us at ACRC! We have been busy this winter and have much planned for the spring. We look forward to the nicer weather so we can go on more outings and get the trolley out soon!

We have plans to visit the elementary school at the end of March. We have been involved in the adopt a grandparent program for 2 years now. The kids come every other Tuesday morning and spend time playing games and doing crafts. It should be fun to go see them at their school.

We also plan to take the trolley out on Friday afternoons as well as many trips to the café, out for coffee and would like to visit the new nature center in Hawarden as well.

We also have our quarterly family meal on March 19th at 11:00. We will have taverns, macaroni salad and potato salad to get a start on some spring meals. Check out our calendar on Facebook and come join in the fun or for a cup of coffee any day around 2:00. Visitors make our day!

Have a Blessed spring!

Wendy Ballantyne-Activities Coordinator

FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

It is finally spring! I cannot wait to feel the sun on my face and say, “man it’s hot out!” I know the residents feel the same way.

We have been busy making a clean house, getting laundry done and making an occasional craft...what more could you want!

Since it is a new season, please check out your loved one’s closet for old cloths and trade the sweaters and coats for short sleeves and jackets. We still need some jackets for the chilly days we go on outings or sit on the patio.

Have a happy spring!

Marlene Wetrowski

Environmental Manager

FROM THE NURSING DEPARTMENT

Greetings and warm, springtime, wishes to all! The Nursing department has been diligently working this winter to help keep all of the Residents safe, warm, and healthy. Recently, the Nursing department led a facility-wide staff meeting focused on infection prevention and control. There were two key points that I want to share with all of you that are receiving this newsletter: 1. Infection prevention and control is everyone's responsibility; 2. The best, and easiest, way to stop the spread of infection is to wash your hands. We all play a critical role in keeping our loved ones safe and healthy. As winter is winding down, it is still important to remember that the best thing you can do to help those around you is to wash your hands. Please come and talk to a member of our Nursing staff if you have any questions about your part in helping to keep everyone healthy as we head into warmer weather. As always, we look forward to visiting with you the next time your here at Alcester Care and Rehab Center. Until then, stay safe and warm... Spring will be here soon!

Sincerely,
Matt Harvey
Director of Nursing



FROM THE DIETARY DEPARTMENT

Hello from the dietary department. I hope everyone is enjoying the amazing winter we are having. We have had some new additions in dietary to our cook team. Please welcome Danielle Haymes and Clint Nyreen, both evening cooks. I want to thank all of our residents and resident's families for the cards and well wishes I received when I had knee replacement surgery. Getting older is not much fun sometimes; but, moving forward, I am back part time and hope to return to full time soon. I cannot say enough about the dietary staff in my absence, they were awesome. Hope to see all of you for our spring luncheon on March 19th. As always stop in and say hi when you visit.

Barb Hamersma
Dietary manager

Business Office Business:

Spring is coming, and we at the facility couldn't be more excited!!! It seems we are all getting cabin fever. Residents and staff are looking forward to going outside and enjoying the weather. Our spring family get together is fast approaching and we are excited to see everyone again. Please come and enjoy Barb and her staff's great food! Everything seems to be going okay in the business office, for me anyway, but if you have any questions or concerns please give me a call and I will try to help as best I can. I hope you all have a great spring!!!

Jill VanderFeen
Office Manager

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*Welcome
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