

# McKenna Monthly

March/April 2024

## A Note from the Administrator    What's inside this issue

2023 had a lot of change for McKenna Crossing and I would love to recap a couple of highlights.

We completed the major deck replacement and also acquired some lovely new landscaping!

The community space remodel started last year and is just wrapping up. What a joy to walk around the campus and see such beautiful art, decorations, and furniture. I am excited to celebrate the remodel with everyone later this spring with an open house (date is yet to be decided). There are still some areas to be completed, but overall, it's an impressive change!

McKenna Crossing went through a construction remodel of some apartments based on the new Assisted Living Licensure. We have been blessed to keep our occupancy at, or above 95%. This is a success and impressive for communities in our geographical area. I feel honored to work in such a beautiful community, with the best staff around, which helps to make this a first choice for many prospects.

I want to personally thank each of you for choosing McKenna Crossing. I enjoy our community and know that YOU are the reason that myself and our staff choose to serve here. Many staff comment on the relationships they've built with residents and that caring for and being part of this family is what makes them work here.

I want to wish each of you a blessed, positive, and bright 2024.

Sincerely,

Amy Feilen, campus administrator

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**Lorraine participates in the MN CAPS Legacy Program with students from Prior Lake/Farmington.**

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## The Difference of a 501(c)3

Since its beginning, Presbyterian Homes & Services (PHS) was established as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Today, each PHS community also maintains its own 501(c)3 status, as does the Presbyterian Homes Foundation and Optage®.

Governance by a mission-driven board of directors, instead of profit-driven stakeholders, fuels the purpose of our organization. We believe that reinvestment of revenue back into PHS, rather than into the bottom line, creates a better place for residents to live. That's one reason being a 501(c)3 non-profit organization makes all the difference.

Another difference is due to the generosity of our residents, family members, employees and friends. Every charitable gift received by the Foundation for PHS, your community and Optage is tax-deductible and impacts the lives of residents and employees in important ways. Even memorial gifts that honor a loved one, or Shining Star gifts that recognize an exemplary employee, are allowed by the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) as tax deductions.

Gifts received throughout the year as cash, credit cards or stocks are acknowledged by letter after each gift is received. Some people choose to give charitably through their IRA distribution. Because this type of gift is not treated as income, income taxes are not paid on the distribution.

We are honored, as a non-profit organization,

to serve residents, family members and employees, and we appreciate every gift that furthers this important mission. If you would like more information about memorial gifts, Shining Star gifts, IRS charitable deductions or to simply learn more about how you can make a difference, please call the Foundation at 651-631-6408. To visit us online, please go to [preshomes.org](http://preshomes.org) and click on Make a Gift. It really does make a difference!



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### Mission

*The mission of Presbyterian Homes & Services is to honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of older adults.*

### Vision

*To provide more choices and opportunities for more older adults to live well.*

### Values

#### **Christian Culture**

*- Reflect the love of God*

#### **Ready & Engaged People**

*- Create ownership & utilize strengths*

#### **Operational Integrity**

*- Do what we said we would do*

#### **Service Excellence**

*- Create an exceptional customer experience*

#### **Stewardship**

*- Optimize resources and expand ministry*

## Suffering for the Faith

The Christian faith is not becoming more popular. The media has no inhibitions whatsoever when it comes to ridiculing those who believe that the Bible is God's truth and who live as the servants of King Jesus. Such people are considered odd at best and serious troublemakers at worst. The opposition is mounting.

Most Christians we know live where persecution is muted and usually not even experienced, so long as believers mind their own business and do not become aggressive about their faith. But there are areas, increasingly so, where sharp and intense opposition arises. This is especially so when Christians stand for Christ against the world and the march of evil. People will, and are, being imprisoned for pressing the claims of King Jesus over all His creation.

Christians often overlook the element of the faith that calls them to stand firm and to suffer no matter the circumstances. Jesus, our suffering servant, was very clear on this point. Those who want to be His disciples understand that they must take up their cross and follow him.

The Scripture, along with the Lenten season, helps us in our understanding and brings to remembrance this neglected element of the Christian Faith. Suffering for the Faith is not a gloomy one. The great message of the Scriptures is that the suffering of this present time, whatever its source, is not worth comparing to the glory that will follow. And if this is true of ordinary sufferings, it is even more true for those sufferings God's people endure because of their faith.

There is a cross at the center of the Christian faith, but it is a cross that is wondrously connected to a marvelous glory. Our prayer at McKenna Crossings is that God brings remembrance of the Scripture that speaks of His grace and mercy that comfort you. Additionally, we pray that He will use them to encourage you to follow Christ and to remain steadfast and firm in your allegiance to our glorious Saviour.

Blessings,

Pastor Ian

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## SOLLC News

### SOLLC Worship Times

In Person Worship 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in the SOLLC Worship Center

Hear the weekly sermon at 952-230-1030

### Church Pastors:

**Dan Poffenberger**, SOLLC Senior Pastor

**Laila Barr**, SOLLC Executive Pastor

**Johnathan Rundman**—SOLLC Pastor

### McKenna Crossing Pastoral Services:

**Rev. Dr. Ian A. Hewitson**, Office Hours:  
Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday Morning.

### McKenna Crossing Bible Study -

**Mondays** during Lent at 11:00 a.m. in the Theater, The Way of the Cross

**Tuesdays** at 9:00 a.m. in the Club Lounge

### McKenna Weekly Worship Services

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the McKenna Crossing Chapel / Community Room and TV Channel 993.

**Holy Communion** is offered on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

## Catholic Connection

**Catholic Mass with Father Tom** will be offered on the **first Thursday** of **each month** at **9:30 a.m.** in the Chapel/Community Room.

**Deacon Dick Roy** and **Julie and Marc** from **St. Michael Catholic Church** will offer **Catholic Communion at 9:30 a.m.**, in the **Chapel**, alternating weeks. ***There will not be Catholic Communion on the first Thursdays when we have Catholic Mass with Father Tom.***

**Catholic Rosary prayers** in the McKenna Crossing Club Lounge with resident volunteer at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

## McKenna Crossing Pathway Café

- **McKenna Crossing Pathway Café** serves one hot item daily, soups, salads and sandwiches. Bottled beverages and desserts are available.
- The **General Store** is stocked with necessities and niceties. The store sells **stamps** and provides all sizes of **Priority Mail** envelopes and boxes.
- If there are specialty items needed, **personal shopping** can be requested from the Café staff for anything that can be purchased at Cub Foods, with the exception of alcohol. **Please get your special orders to Café staff by 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday.**

Place “special orders” via email to dmahowald@preshomes.org by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, in person in the Café, or call \*3321 by 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

- **Dry cleaning is available again**, with Tuesday and Friday pick-ups.

### STORE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### CAFÉ HOURS

**Grab-and-go and hot lunch items are available**  
Monday - Friday, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



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## Life at McKenna Crossing in Pictures!



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## March and April Birthdays

### March

2. Kathleen B.  
9. Ginny M.  
9. Dorothy W.  
10. Carol S.  
10. Gena S.  
16. Pat R.  
20. Mercedes D.  
24. John B.  
24. Ken M.  
24. Dan O.  
24. Margaret R.  
25. Paul S.  
26. Kathy C.  
26. Judy W.  
27. Mary M.  
29. Mae L.  
30. Eileen G.  
30. Pat S.

### April

3. Sue P.  
6. Robert A.  
6. Leon H.  
6. Roger P.  
10. Jane H.  
10. Nancy M.  
10. Linda B.  
14. Marty L.  
18. Lyn L.  
19. Mary J.  
20. Audrey D.  
21. Pat P.  
21. Delane R.  
29. Jerome D.  
29. Lillian E.  
29. Jerry M.

## Notary Public Services

We have a notary public from Shepherd of the Lake Church that will have office hours on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m.—noon. Please call Kari Unruh at 952-230-2928 for an appointment.



Top: Please share your talents! Feel free to play the piano anytime. Thank you, Roberta!

Bottom: McKenna Merchandise is available in our store: Scarves- \$15, T-shirts- \$25.00.





## March/April save the dates

- **March 1: Miss Minnesota– Angelina Amerigo**
- **March 2: Outing “Newsies Jr.” at Shakopee West Middle School**
- **March 4: Shopping in Shakopee– Walmart, Aldi, & Michael’s**
- **March 4: Way of the Cross in the Theater**
- **March 5: SOLLC Preschool singing on the Hearth**
- **March 5: MN CAPS Legacy Program**
- **March 6: Independent Living Resident Council**
- **March 7: Catholic Mass**
- **March 7: Outing “On the Road Again” at the Sidekick Theater, Show Only**
- **March 8: Resident Birthday Party with music by Michael Nelson**
- **March 11: Shopping in Savage– Target, Cub Foods**
- **March 11: Way of the Cross– Theater**
- **March 11: Assisted Living Resident Council**
- **March 12: Lunch with SOLLC Preschool**
- **March 15: Feed My Starving Children at SOLLC**
- **March 17: McKenna Crossing Hymn Sing**
- **March 18: Women’s Breakfast**
- **March 18: Shopping in Shakopee– Walmart, Aldi, & Michael’s**
- **March 18: Way of the Cross– Theater**
- **March 18: Trivia with Jill- “Dynamic Duos”**
- **March 19: MN CAPS Legacy Program**
- **March 20: New Resident Meet & Greet**
- **March 20: Culinary Meeting**
- **March 21: Gideon Comfort Dog**
- **March 25: Men’s Breakfast**
- **March 25: Shopping at the Eden Prairie Mall**
- **March 25: Way of the Cross, 2 sessions**
- **March 27: Reading with SOLLC**
- **April 1: Shopping in Shakopee– Walmart, Aldi, & Michael’s**
- **April 3: Independent Living Resident Council**
- **April 4: Catholic Mass; Outing TBD**
- **April 8: Shopping in Savage– Target, Cub Foods**
- **April 9: SOLLC Preschool singing on the Hearth**
- **April 9: MN CAPS Legacy Program**
- **April 12: Resident Birthday Party with music by Tara Breuske**
- **April 15: Shopping in Shakopee– Walmart, Aldi, & Michael’s**
- **April 17: New Resident Meet & Greet**
- **April 17: Culinary Meeting**
- **April 18: Outing TBD**
- **April 22: Women’s Breakfast**
- **April 22: Shopping at the Eden Prairie Mall**
- **April 23: MN CAPS Legacy Program**
- **April 24: Reading with SOLLC Preschool; Resident Meeting**
- **April 29: Men’s Breakfast**

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Presbyterian Homes & Services is a nonprofit organization and an equal opportunity employer serving older adults through community services, housing, and health care.

## PHS president & CEO announces retirement, board transition plan

### **Dear Presbyterian Homes & Services family,**

It has been a blessing and joy to be part of this ministry for more than 47 years. I am in awe of how God has blessed us and has been faithful through every challenge. The Lord has been in it all, shepherding, guiding and prospering this organization.

My wife, Jeannie, and I have prayerfully considered the best time to step away from my role at PHS and retire. We have determined that now is the right time. As such, I have notified the PHS Board of my intent to retire in spring 2025.

I am humbled, thankful and privileged to have been part of this ministry for my entire career. I have been honored to work side-by-side with an outstanding board, a great leadership team, as well as capable and extraordinarily gifted staff.

You have been an inspiration to me as I have tried to serve with commitment and compassion. Because of

you, our ministry truly embodies and extends our mission to honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of older adults.

A search committee, appointed by the PHS board, has convened. They will meet frequently over the next 12 months to identify, recruit and recommend to the PHS Board the next President/CEO of Presbyterian Homes & Services.

Thank you for your friendship and for your support in this important mission. Together, and with God's hand of blessing, we have a strong foundation. As we look ahead in anticipation, we have adopted Jeremiah 29:11 as a scriptural framework:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

With deepest gratitude,  
Dan Lindh, President & CEO