

# The Farmstead Highlights

July 2024

## Love is everything we need

**R**ecently I was in the car when a song came on the radio and the words were, 'It's easy to say what I think, but it's harder to listen. It's easy to stand on the side and avoid all the trenches. But how we gonna love our enemies when we can't even love our friends? We build walls, but we're called to build bridges instead.'

This opening immediately caught my attention and it continued onto the chorus sharing 'Love, love, love, love, love is everything we need. Love, love, love, love, love is what we're called to be. We may not see eye to eye but tell me, can we all agree? Love, love, love, love, love is everything, love is everything we need.'

This broken side of Heaven is so lost, and we can so easily fall into the trap of building walls and turning from others who have varying views on things. But we are called to a higher standard as children of the one true King!

Jesus tells us in John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

What a high calling for us to love one another just as Jesus loves us and that we will be known as His disciples as we extend love to everyone we encounter. God, would this be our prayer that you would grow love within our hearts and would our life show the fruit of your love to all we encounter. Amen!

With gratitude,

Mandy Granquist

# The Farmstead

Happy July! Happy summer!

July signals Independence Day in the USA. We celebrate America's independence from Great Britain on July 4, 1776 with the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It declared all people are created equal and endowed by their Creator with rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. So, eat the hot dogs and watch the fireworks and thank God for our freedoms. Then, pray to God for His help, for America is struggling. As Abe Lincoln said in a speech in 1838:

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

Another wise man (Solomon) wrote:

Godliness makes a nation great, but sin is a disgrace to any people (Prov. 14:34 NLT).

July also celebrates summer!! Maybe you remember a staple of summer—Vacation Bible School. My siblings and I not only attended our church VBS but we attended another church's VBS! It was a fun way to learn Bible stories, do crafts, play outside, have treats, be with friends, and memorize key truths from Scripture. Those moments marked spiritual memories in my childhood.

Maybe you never attended VBS. Whether you did or did not, NOW is your chance. This July

22-25 we will host our first Adult Vacation Bible School at The Farmstead with a youthful flavor to it. Mark your calendar to attend! We hope it will create smiles and refresh you to feel young again!

Features:

Monday, July 22 Opening Assembly at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23 Crafts for men and women, Bible Bingo

Wednesday, July 24 Stroll Down Memory Lane

Thursday, July 25 Finale with "Higher Ground" Gospel Band at 3:00 p.m.

Focus: "Be Transformed by Renewing your Mind"

Each day will feature a togetherness theme:

Crazy sock day, hat day, tennis shoes day, multicolored or tie-dye t-shirt day

Planning to see you at The Farmstead for this special summer treat!!

Campus Pastor Sherree Lane

## Using Words of Wisdom: PHS Foundation

**H**aving a well-designed estate plan is important for everyone and, with clarity about your wishes, you will reduce the burden for your family. It can also save administrative costs or reduce taxes, preserving more of your estate for your beneficiaries.

Standard wording that might be useful is as follows:

### Gift of Specific Dollar Amount

“I hereby give to Presbyterian Homes Foundation located in Roseville, Minnesota, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.”

### Gift of Specific Percentage of Estate

“I hereby give \_\_\_ percentage of my estate (or “my trust assets” if using a trust) to Presbyterian Homes Foundation located in Roseville, Minnesota.

### Bequest with Presbyterian Homes Foundation as Contingent Beneficiary

“In the event any of my above-named beneficiaries have not survived me, I hereby direct their shares to be distributed to Presbyterian Homes Foundation located in Roseville, Minnesota.”

Please tell us how you would like your gift used:

“This gift is to be used for [name of fund, specific community, or both].”

When you include Presbyterian Homes Foundation in your will, your attorney may need to know the correct address and that Presbyterian Homes Foundation is a 501(c)3. Please provide the following:

Presbyterian Homes Foundation

2845 Hamline Avenue North

Roseville, MN 551113

Clear and precise wording ensures your wishes are honored and the Foundation can better fulfill your objectives. The Presbyterian Homes Foundation welcomes the opportunity to provide you with information about estate planning and answer questions you may have regarding your individual goals. For more information, please contact us at 651-631-6408 or 651-631-6418 or visit [www.preshomes.planningyourlegacy.org](http://www.preshomes.planningyourlegacy.org).

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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.

## Nominate a PHS employee for the 2024 CROSS Awards

**N**ominations are now open through July 21 for the 2024 Presbyterian Homes & Services (PHS) CROSS Awards! These awards recognize individual employees who go above and beyond expectations as they embody and extend the five **PHS CROSS Values**:

- ✝ **Christian Ministry**
- ✝ **Ready and Engaged People**
- ✝ **Operational Integrity**
- ✝ **Service Excellence**
- ✝ **Stewardship**

Almost 8,000 employees serve at PHS. They make us proud through the dedication, compassion, and excellence they demonstrate every day. That is why each employee is eligible to be nominated by residents, coworkers, family, or friends.

What employees stands out to you and why? Simply scan the QR code to complete, and submit your nomination online. Or complete the paper nomination form included in this month's newsletter and return to the reception desk. Award recipients will be honored this fall. **Nominations are due by July 21.**

**Nominate electronically  
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