

## Executive Director Corner

Hello, Residents and Families!

September is here, and it is the first month of the Autumn Season! The changing of the seasons symbolizes the refocusing of one's energy. The fall air creates a relaxed, crispness in the mornings and a chill in the evenings, and a change in the colors of the trees will let each of us know this is a time to reflect on where we have been, and look forward to the days ahead at Orchards of Minnetonka.

While it looks like summer is ending, it seems that the COVID-19 virus just keeps going on and on. The good news is that the vaccines seem to be working. While there has been an uptick in cases throughout Ebenezer, the overwhelming majority of those who tested positive for the virus are exhibiting minor to no symptoms. Good news indeed! The vaccines are doing their job. We continue to remain vigilant as this virus is very contagious and its effect on people is unpredictable.

We are grateful that most of our residents have been able to receive the vaccine. We are currently working to encourage our staff to get the vaccine if they have not already. Ebenezer leadership is meeting weekly with the Executive Directors to develop a plan as the vaccine will be a condition of employment to work for Ebenezer.

Our team is doing an audit of all the fobs that have been handed out. The plan is to allow family members access to the front door and to our neighborhood if their love one resides in an apartment within that part of the building. To ensure the safety of our residents, family must call or stop by the front desk Monday through Friday between 8am-3pm in order to have the fob reactivated. The information needed is the letters/numbers on the fob. All fobs are assigned to the individual and should not be shared with others. This includes the garage fobs. If you or a family member would like an additional fob those can be purchased for \$25.00. The main phone number is 763-417-1077.

**All visitors must continue to follow the COVID policy and procedures including screening at the Front Desk.**

I will be traveling to Spain September 3 - September 17 and will have no access to phone or email. While I am out, Jacquelin Juan will be supporting the team here. If you need to reach her please reach out to 952-525-7202 or email: [Jacquelin.Juan@fairview.org](mailto:Jacquelin.Juan@fairview.org). I would also encourage you to reach out to any of the managers here.

Happy Fall!

*Kylie*

Kylie Larson  
LNHA, LALD - Executive Director

# Orchards of Minnetonka

Newsletter September 2021

### Staff Listing:

<i>Kylie Larson</i>	<i>Executive Director</i>	<i>952-525-7202</i>
<i>Lisa Lee</i>	<i>Outreach &amp; Sales Director</i>	<i>952-525-7201</i>
<i>Debbie Egan</i>	<i>Director of Health Services</i>	<i>952-525-7203</i>
<i>Jackson Sullivan</i>	<i>Environmental Services Director</i>	<i>952-525-7216</i>
<i>Dan Geltz</i>	<i>Culinary Director</i>	<i>952-525-7210</i>
<i>Ross Keveles</i>	<i>Activities &amp; Lifelong Learning Director</i>	<i>952-525-7205</i>
<i>Sara Gerten</i>	<i>Resident Services Coordinator</i>	<i>952-525-7214</i>
<i>Melissa Zentz</i>	<i>Dimensions Manager</i>	<i>952-525-7215</i>
<i>Front Desk</i>	<i>Administrative Assistants</i>	<i>952-525-7200</i>



We are excited to share that Ebenezer will again be a sponsor for the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" this year and it will actually take place in-person! This year's Twin Cities Walk will take place on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. We would like to have a strong presence at this event and hope to conduct a successful fundraising campaign to support a very important cause. Everyone who participates in and/or donates on our team page will receive a free T-shirt. Otherwise, we'll make sure shirts are provided at the Minneapolis Walk at Target Field before the ceremony. Unfortunately, Orchards is not able to provide transportation to this event. We ask that you visit our table on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor concourse to pick up your shirt by 8:45am on that morning. We will take team photos at 9:15am and the ceremony starts at 9:30am. The Walk will begin immediately following the ceremony. Please RSVP with Ross by September 6<sup>th</sup> if interested.



## Chaplain Craig Corner

### A message from Chaplain Craig Simenson:

Meet Ruth Henry Louise Campbell-Simenson. Ruth was born to my wife Hannah and I on July 24 at 9:36 pm in Minneapolis. At birth, she weighed 9 lbs 15 oz (5 oz more than her big sister!) and measured 21.5 inches long. Big sister, Leona, is very excited and sometimes a little envious. The rest of us (Hannah, dog Óscar, and I) are delighted, exhausted, and continually adjusting to the constant changes that this lovely newborn has introduced to our home. My family and I are so very thankful for all of the prayers and support we've received from the Orchards community. Thank you.

### The Rev. Craig F. Simenson, Float Chaplain



## Upcoming Community Meetings

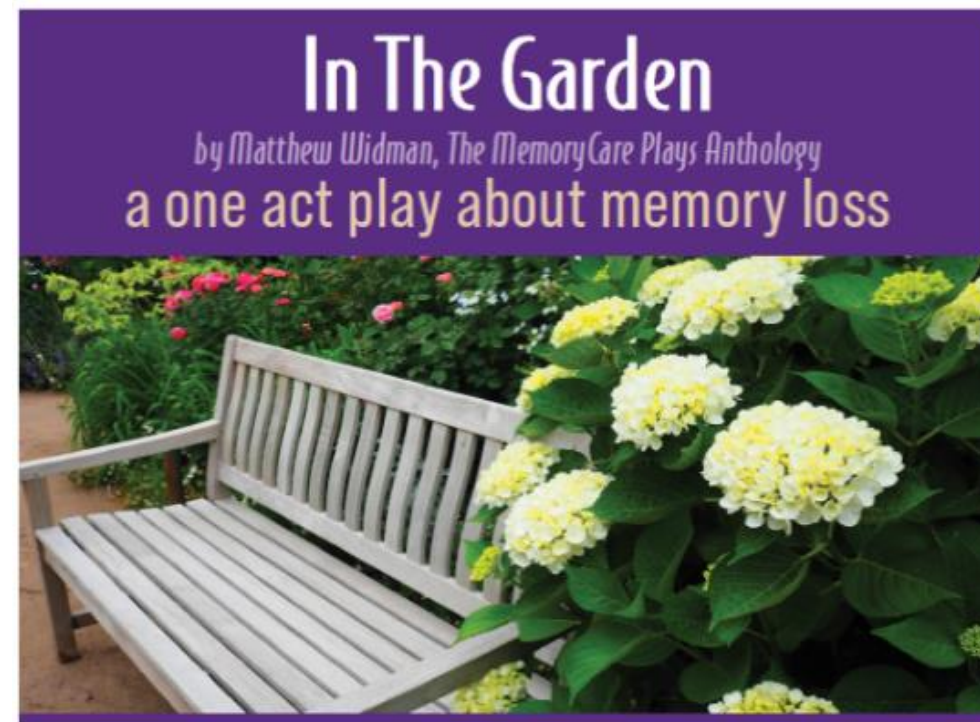
Below are dates of upcoming meetings. Please make sure to sign up for meetings since space is limited. Sign up will be outside the activity office.

Please let Ross know if you have any questions or concerns.

**1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm** Askin' Jackson

**9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm** – Resident Council

**23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm** – Coffee with the Chef



Arthur Monsetin's adult children have come together to decide a course of action for their beloved father who is struggling with Alzheimer's disease. Long ingrained familial tensions come to the surface as Peter, Karen and Jamie wrestle with how best to treasure their father as they also come to terms with his limitations.

### JOIN US! A FREE VIRTUAL EVENT!

**September 23rd • 3:30-5:00pm**  
reservations required, attendance is limited

Reserve tickets at:  
<https://ebenezer-garden2021.eventbrite.com>

Presented by:  
**EBENEZER**  
Dimensions  
A dramatic difference in memory care.



## Thoughts from Jackson

### WHERE DID YOU HIDE THE DUCKS?

I've been asked many times about the whereabouts of the ducks and why they're not around our pond anymore. While they refused to confer with us about staying here, a resident reported they decided to seek greener pastures in the lake across Hopkins Crossroad. This is likely due to a myriad of factors including water temperature and food availability. While I do not know when they anticipate their return, I do hope they pay us a visit again next spring!

Jackson Sullivan  
Office: (952) 525-7216

## September Birthdays:

Marleen  
Rutman  
6<sup>th</sup>

Adele  
Benson  
14<sup>th</sup>

Ruth  
Bjerke  
24<sup>th</sup>

Judy  
Bower  
29<sup>th</sup>

Charles  
Nash  
29<sup>th</sup>







# In the Spotlight

## Eileen Christensen



### **What would you like people to know about you?**

Moved to Minnesota in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade and graduated from Washburn High School. After meeting her husband, they moved to Portland for a Job for him. He worked for a computer design company. They lived in Portland for over 30 years. Eileen played violin for 3 community orchestras. After Eileen lost her hearing, she had to quit playing. After her husband died, she moved to Georgia with her Daughter for 6 years. This is where she met Peanut. Eileen fostered many cats while in Georgia and had a dog prior to Peanut named Toby. She has only had rescue cats. When she was raising her kids, her hobbies included knitting. Eileen had knitted lots of sweaters and other items, but after the kids left, she stopped knitting. After 6 years of living with her Daughter she chose to come back to Minnesota. Soon after Orchards opened, she moved here. She had lived away from the snow for 40 years.

### **What was your favorite trip?**

Eileen and her husband's favorite trip was a safari trip in Kenya.



### **Meet - Debbie Egan Director Of Health Services**

Hello Residents and Staff at Orchards of Minnetonka,

I recently moved to the Minneapolis area from Portland Oregon. I am loving the wonderful lakes and being closer to my two sons. I am hopeful grandkids will follow soon!! I have been a nurse for over 30 years! The last half of my career comprised mostly of leadership positions. I love what I do and cannot image anything else.

I recently adopted a kitten for the first time in my life named Cerwyn. I am now officially a cat lady! I love getting outdoors, good books and new experiences.

Faith is an important part of my life and keeps me humbled and grounded. I believe that all people have worth, deserve respect, dignity, and compassion. I see my position as a facilitator to promote those attributes to all, both residents and staff.

I look forward to meeting you and working with the wonderful staff here at the Orchards.

Best,  
Debbie