



American Lutheran Communities

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From the Administrator's Desk

Season Greetings, Taylor here! For this first newsletter, I wanted to take the time to introduce myself. I am Taylor Kollross, the new Administrator at American Lutheran Communities—Mondovi. I obtained my Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. I have been working in senior care for about three years. I have worked and managed both assisted livings, memory care and skilled nursing homes. While I don't have a ton of experience, I am eager to learn and truly have a passion for serving our seniors. I grew up and currently reside in Eau Claire, WI.

The holiday season is a special time to give thanks and spend time with our friends and families. As seen in the newsletter, we have many exciting events coming up and we hope to have you all join us! I have only been here a short time, but I have appreciated the kindness and compassion of the staff here at Mondovi. We are lucky to have such wonderful caregivers serving Mondovi and surrounding communities' seniors. I also want to thank the families for trusting us with your loved ones. Your loved ones become a part of our family and we are grateful to know and love them.

Wishing you all a blessed and safe holiday season.

Taylor Kollross
Administrator



Look Back Memorial Program

We invite you to be present as we remember and celebrate the lives of our residents who have gone before us this past year. A service of remembrance will be held on **Friday, December 8th at 2:00 p.m.** in the Garden View dining room on first floor at American Lutheran Communities.

We would like to share your wonderful memories of your loved one during this special time of year as families are gathering together. Please RSVP to 715-926-4962 if you will be attending for a loved one and also pass this on to other members of the family who may want to be here.

*Those we love can never be more
than a thought away . . .
For as long as there's a memory
they live in our hearts to stay.*

29th Annual Love-Light Tree Celebration

Sunday, December 3, 2017
6:30 p.m. 1st Floor dining Room

Entertainment by Mondovi High School Choir.
Refreshments served following program.

Resident Christmas Party

Friday, December 22nd at 1:30 p.m.

Family & Friends are invited to join us for some Holiday Treats and Christmas Cheer.

New Years Party & Bingo

Friday, December 29th at 2:00 p.m.



Santa's Sweet Shop Bake Sale & Crafts

**Tuesday,
December 19th**

9:00 a.m.
ALC—Lobby Area

Proceeds to Mondovi Area
Food Pantry

Upcoming Events

December 3rd

6:30 p.m.—Love Light Tree Celebration

December 4th

2:00 p.m.—Music by Squeeze & Bass

December 6th

2:00 p.m.—Music by Konsella Band

December 8th

2:00 p.m.—Look Back Program

December 11th

6:30 p.m.—Music by Ryan Herman

December 13th

2:00 p.m.—Music by Karen & Jerry

December 18th

2:00 p.m.—December Birthday Party

December 19th

9:00 a.m.—Santa's Sweet Shop Bake & Craft Sale

6:30 p.m.—Music by The Classics

December 22nd

1:30 p.m.—Resident Christmas Party

December 29th

2:00 p.m.—Bingo/New Year's Party

January 10th

2:00 p.m.—Music by Dave Kiral

January 16th

2:00 p.m.—Music by Squeeze-N-Bass

January 15th

2:00 p.m.—January Birthday Party

January 29th

6:30 p.m.—Music by Ryan Herman

Year in Review 2017



Thank You

Thank you to all the volunteers, businesses, family, friends and staff that have supported American Lutheran Communities this past year. We are truly thankful for each and every one of you and feel blessed that you have been part of our "family" this past year. Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Reflections by Gary Preston ~ "You Were Lucky"

A few years ago, one of my brothers was returning home from a workout at the YMCA, in Eau Claire. Butch and Dianne lived on Lake Wissota, after he retired from teaching in Eau Claire. Butch usually did not answer his cell phone while driving but he received a call from a friend in Iowa. During their conversation, the friend realized that something was wrong with Butch. Butch could not remember where he had been or where he was going. His friend asked what he could see and Butch replied that he could see a McDonalds, which is between Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls. The friend said drive in there and wait. His friend tried to call, my sister-in-law, Dianne but could not reach her, so he called the manager of their condominium. She was driving east on highway 29 and on a hill near Cadott, the only area where she received cell phone coverage. She called 911 and the ambulance picked up Butch, taking him to the hospital. The hospital staff determined Butch had, Transient Global Amnesia, which is a temporary memory loss.

Now, many would say, Butch was really lucky. Lucky, that his friend called at that time; lucky that Butch answered his cell phone; lucky that he could wait in the McDonald's parking lot; lucky that the condominium manager had cell phone coverage. We, as Christians, know that all of those events were more than "luck." We know, "We lift up our eyes to the hills, from where does our help come? Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

With all of the animals around the Christmas manger, we thank God that the baby in the manger, Jesus Christ, was born for all of us. Rejoice, and celebrate the Christ Child, for this is truly the meaning of Christmas. We know where our help comes from. God Bless you and your families. Have a blessed Christmas.