



### Resident Birthdays

Anna Mae B.	June 12 <sup>th</sup>
Betty R.	June 16 <sup>th</sup>
June O.	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>

### Staff Birthdays

Alicia K.	June 5 <sup>th</sup>
Madilyn H.	June 5 <sup>th</sup>
Katelyn C.	June 9 <sup>th</sup>
Tara P.	June 11 <sup>th</sup>
Rachel M.	June 21 <sup>st</sup>

### Staff Anniversaries

Judy P.	1 year
Olivia D.	2 years
Aide P.	4 years
Regina A.	4 years
Katie K.	8 years
Alicia K.	11 years
Jessica H.	11 years
Heidi G.	26 years

### New Residents

Betty L.  
Sandra A.

### We Remember

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### Mission Statement

*The Tuff Memorial Home is a Christian home with a heart. In Christian love, we provide heartfelt quality care to people in a way that contributes to their sense of dignity and self-worth.*

**June 2025**

**505 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street | Hills, MN 56138**

Hello!

Thanks to all family members and visitors with your patience during the implementation of the new security system, please contact Katie with any questions or concerns. We are excited to host our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration this summer on July 27<sup>th</sup>. This milestone marks decades of hard work, dedication and growth. This celebration is exclusively for staff, residents and their immediate family members. Kindly RSVP by July 11<sup>th</sup> with the Life Enrichment Department so we can make arrangements.

National Skilling Nursing Care Week was a great success.

Congratulations to King Ralph W. and Queen Judy R. Runner ups were Ed D., Dar B., and Marilyn N. Be sure to wave at them in the Hills Friendship Days Parade on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30a.m. We need candy donations for them to throw out in the parade; donations can be dropped off in the front entry. See more pictures on page 3.



### Department Heads

Administrator- Katie Kendal  
Executive Director- Jane Blank  
Director of Nursing- Dana Huisman  
Social Services Professional- Emily Baatz

Life Enrichment Director – Jocelyn Jacoby  
Laundry & Housekeeping Supervisor – Judy DeNoble  
Maintenance Supervisor – Ben Vander Poel  
Dietary Manager – Kelli Hellerud

# Highlighted Activities for June

## 6/4- Dairy Day

- In lieu of Dairy Month, residents will be making homemade ice cream.

## 6/5- Memorial Services

- A service will be held in loving memory of Jackie Dreyer, Bob Bailey and Rod Hadler for residents, staff and family members.

## 6/20 – Carnival Craze

- To kick off summer, resident will be in a for a big treat of games, fresh popcorn and snow cones from some local kids.

## 6/30- Social Media Day Slideshow

- This day is National Social Media Day. We often take pictures of residents, so this is a great way to reflect on the fun they've had the past few months.

# Tuff Family Council

Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 5p.m. located in the Tuff Chapel.

Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

These meetings are designed for families to gather amongst themselves to discuss topics related to their loved ones in a safe space. Stay tuned for meetings with educational guest speakers.



## Thank You Sponsors!

A huge heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors for their contributions toward flower arrangements in celebration of National Skilled Nursing Care Week. Your support helped transform our dining room into a vibrant and welcoming space, bringing joy and smiles to our residents. Your kindness truly made a difference.

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## National Skilled Nursing Care Week



## Employee of the Month is: *Ivy H.*

Employee of the month is Ivy H. Ivy works as a CNA since November 2024. Her family includes her mom (Kim), dad (Roger), brothers (Brady and Isaac) and sister (Gracie). Hobbies include going to the gym and hanging out with friends. She enjoys working as a CNA because she enjoys working with the residents and helping them. She is currently working towards her RN Degree. Fun fact: her sister and her are identical twins.

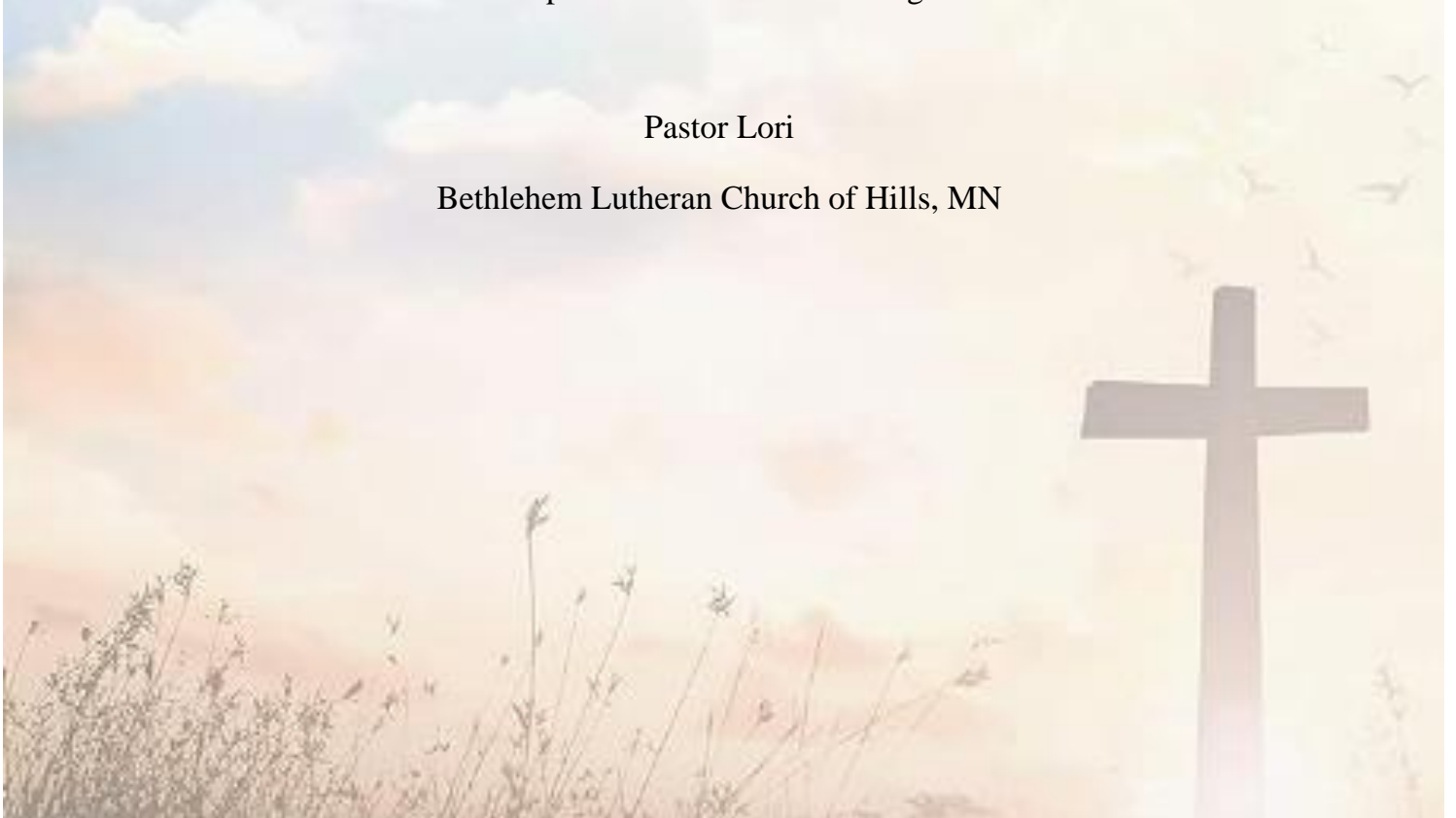


## **Pastor's Page**

“Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me” TFF #101 The third major festival of the church year is Pentecost. This year it falls on June 8. It follows 50 days after Easter and commonly known as the birthday of the church. It was that day that many came to believe and were filled with the Holy Spirit. This is one of my most favorite days in the church, because it isn't filled with all the sentimentality of Easter and Christmas. It is a day to give thanks for the presence of God still with us today, the Holy Spirit. The color for the day is red and I invite you to wear red for worship that morning. The service will be filled with songs like the one quoted above and will help us understand the work of the Holy Spirit among us. You may not realize, but the Spirit is at work here and in you! The Spirit is the one who breathes new life into us. As we watch our children grow, as we make changes in things, as we work together, the Spirit is the one behind it all! The Spirit encourages us, challenges us, comforts us and pushes us forward as we work for the kingdom of God. We like the way we have always done things, we like the old songs, we want things to not change. Every day is filled with change, the weather, our moods, how we feel, what we see out the windows. In the last month we have watched trees and flowers come to life, we have seen baby birds begin to fly, there are new things every day. We are reminded that God's love is new every morning, it's not the same as yesterday and tomorrow, Yes it is constant, but love also encourages us and wants the best for us, every day. God shows us new things everyday if we take the time to look and notice the gifts God gives. Join us for worship on the 8th of June, allow yourself to be open to the power of the Spirit in your life and in the life of the congregation. You might be surprised where God is leading us!

Pastor Lori

Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Hills, MN





Tuff staff were recognized by Ace Volunteers Linda Wenzel and Jeane Leslie through a program called AmeriCorps Senior. Staff receiving a very generous bag of goodies and delicious home-made bars.



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May 12, 2025

Dear Tuff Memorial Nursing Home Staff,

We wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for the care, dedication, and compassion you show each and every day. Your tireless efforts in making sure that the residents are not only well taken care of but also feel valued and loved do not go unnoticed.

The work you do is challenging, and the sacrifices you make are truly appreciated. Your kindness and professionalism create a warm, safe, and supportive environment for everyone in your care. You are the unsung heroes who make a difference in people's lives every single day.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to making the world a better place, one person at a time. Your hard work and compassion mean the world to us, and we are incredibly grateful for each of you.

With heartfelt thanks and appreciation,

Linda Wenzel, Program Manager & AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteer Team Rock County

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