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For our **employees**, Lyngblomsten strives to foster an environment that encourages compassionate caregiving, innovative thinking, problem-solving, and opportunity seeking.

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“Family” can be defined in many ways. For Lyngblomsten care center resident Rosemary Reynolds, family extends beyond her immediate family to include staff, other residents and tenants at Lyngblomsten, and all of their families too. Rosemary and daughter Annie Reynolds-Smith share the story of their family’s journey and their experience with Lyngblomsten.

Rosemary first came to Lyngblomsten in 2006 for transitional care. She expected to return to her apartment in Circle Pines within a few weeks but was unable to go back due to complications with walking. Annie recalls thinking that her mom had much better here."

Now the family feels fortunate that Rosemary is where she wants. "Then when Mom came here, all of a sudden, it was like maybe we had that feeling to know that she was doing better here."

Lyngblomsten Program Named Local “Difference Maker”

Lyngblomsten’s The Gathering, a community-based program offering respite to family caregivers of persons living with early or mid-stage memory loss while providing stimulating cognitive activities for their loved ones, has been named the KTIS “Difference Maker” for the month of July. Each month Julie Nelson from KARE 11 TV assists KTIS, a Christian radio station, in telling the story of a local organization that is making a difference.

Throughout July, tune in to 98.5 FM to hear snippets of Julie Nelson’s interview with Carolyn Klaver, Coordinator of The Gathering, and Patricia Montgomery, Director of Marketing Communications for Lyngblomsten. There will also be a featured link online at www.ktis.fm near the bottom of the home page.

Congratulations to The Gathering!
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Rosemary with her daughters (L to R) Mary Kay Rodman, Beth Reynolds, and Annie Reynolds-Smith photo courtesy of Annie Reynolds-Smith

Two years ago Rosemary became very ill and began hospice care. It was a difficult time for the family. “There was a lot of staying overnight here,” Annie remembered. “But the staff was wonderful again—caring for us and showing their concern.”

Thankfully, Rosemary “graduated” from hospice and is doing even better than before hospice. Proud of her recovery and graduation at the time, Rosemary “graduated” from hospice care. It was a difficult time for the family.

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by Shannon Parker, Volunteer Development Coordinator

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3. When people offer to help, accept the offer and suggest specific things that they can do.
4. Educate yourself about your loved one’s condition and how to communicate effectively with doctors.
5. There’s a difference between caring and doing. Be open to technologies and ideas that promote your loved one’s independence.
6. Trust your instincts. Most of the time they’ll lead you in the right direction.
7. Caregivers often do a lot of lifting, pushing, and pulling. Be good to yourself.
8. Grieve for your losses, and then allow yourself to dream new dreams.
9. Seek support from other caregivers. There is great strength in knowing you are not alone.
10. Stand up for your rights as a caregiver and a citizen.

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**Lyngblomsten Foundation’s Golf Classic**

**Monday, August 1, 2011**

Midland Hills Country Club

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Carol brings impressive experience and expertise to Lyngblomsten’s board, having been named as one of the Top 25 Champions of Innovation in the World by Business Week and serving as former Cargill, Inc. Innovation Officer. Trained as a chemist, she holds a PhD in biochemistry and today heads PLECTHER, INC., working with companies in a variety of industries to jumpstart their innovation efforts.

When asked about her involvement at Lyngblomsten, Carol just smiled. “The magic of Lyngblomsten,” she responded. “What started out as a bit of an assignment [from my church] has turned into an opportunity for personal service. Lyngblomsten is magical,” Carol said again. “Personally, I would like to lead the board in the discovery and evaluation of new approaches in care delivery. And the 5-5-1 Club & Café — what’s the next step? How to expand our services in a financially responsible way will challenge the board for the next several years.”

On a personal note, Carol is a wife of 43 years, mother of “two awesome men and two fantastic daughters-in-law,” a grandma, keeper of two dogs, and long-time member of Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the Midway, located in St. Paul, has been in partnership with Lyngblomsten as a corporate congregation for nearly 50 years. They have four core values that serve as a foundation for all they do: everyone is welcome, love changes people, everyone has a gift to share, and all things are possible.

Founded in 1910, this neighborhood church has faced some logistical challenges in their geographic area over the years — currently with construction of the expanding light rail, as well as ongoing challenges of serving an economically and ethnically diverse community. Despite these obstacles, Bethlehem Lutheran has been able to adapt their mission to reach out to the neighborhood around them. “This neighborhood is our mission field,” said Pastor Joy Johnson.

Pastor Joy is especially proud of Bethlehem Lutheran’s outreach ministry. “We recognized the needs in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood and our responsibility to meet some of those needs. By partnering with other churches and organizations in the surrounding Midway area, we began our outreach ministry, and as the needs have increased, we have increased our services.” Their outreach program, called Open Hands, is comprised of several components: Monday Meals, community events, Street Ministry, Kids Club, and mentoring opportunities. “We have embraced Christ’s mission to reach out in love, in tangible ways, to people in the neighborhood year-round,” said Pastor Joy of the Open Hands program.

The seniors at Bethlehem Lutheran engage in the congregation’s activities and outreach efforts in many ways: putting together Lutheran World Relief Kits, quilting, contributing financially, making prayer shawls, and more. “We try to keep our older members of the congregation tangibly engaged and involved so they always feel like they have a part in what’s happening,” said Pastor Joy. “Older members often lend prayer support if they can’t be physically engaged.”

Bethlehem Lutheran maintains a strong relationship with Lyngblomsten. “There is a need for ongoing relationships, especially with such a large population of older adults,” reflected Pastor Joy. The congregation is involved with Lyngblomsten in several ways — they publish and promote Lyngblomsten activities and events in their bulletins and newsletters, use the Community Wellness & Education program services, and have congregants who attend the Caregivers Support Group.

The love of Christ and growing outreach into their neighborhood continues to give new energy and new life to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the Midway congregation. “It takes a leap of faith to be able to serve this neighborhood,” Pastor Joy said, “in ways we sometimes don’t understand or can’t even imagine.”

With this edition of Lyngblomsten Lifestyle focusing on family, I was struck as I read Bethlehem Lutheran’s four core values: Everyone is welcome, Love changes people, Everyone has a gift to share, All things are possible. Not only are these important values for a congregation, but aren’t they also important for families? Perhaps we can challenge ourselves to come up with our own set of statements created and adopted by our families.

Gracious God, Within our families, we learn how to share your gifts of love, forgiveness, and mercy. We thank you for our families and ask for your blessings upon them. Amen.
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Breakout Session 2: Alzheimer’s Disease:
Diagnosis, Treatment, & Prevention
Dr. Lisa Jungbauer Nikolais, Medtronic

Registration form and details on presenters, exhibitors, and activities will be posted online at www.lyngblomsten.org.

When: Pre-Conference | 2:30–5 PM
Conference | 5–9 PM

Where: Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church
(1669 Arcade Street, Saint Paul, MN)

Cost: Pre-Conference Only (no dinner) $10
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With this edition of Lyngblomsten Lifestyle focusing on family, I was struck as I read Bethlehem Lutheran’s four core values: Everyone is welcome. Love changes people. Everyone has a gift to share. All things are possible. Not only are these important values for a congregation, but aren’t they also important for families? Perhaps we can challenge ourselves to come up with our own set of statements created and adopted by our families.

Gracious God,
Within our families, we learn how to share your gifts of love, forgiveness, and mercy. We thank you for our families and ask for your blessings upon them.

Amen.
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*by Christina Rhein*

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Eric Schnell

*by Rebecca Schwartz*

Having joined in January 2011, Eric is new to the Lyngblomsten Foundation Board, but he talks about Lyngblomsten as though he has been involved for years. “I have seen, and I am absolutely convinced, that Lyngblomsten has done and will continue to do innovative things in the field of senior care,” he expressed. It was Lyngblomsten’s innovation and strong community that piqued Eric’s interest when his friend, Melanie Davis (Lyngblomsten’s Director of Volunteer Services and Corporate Engagement), asked him to be on the Board.

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**Family Taking Care of Family**

Dale M. Fagre, Chief Development Officer/Community Engagement

The theme for this issue of Lyngblomsten Lifestyle is “families.” Our Guiding Principle states, For our participants’ families, Lyngblomsten supports their needs through careful listening, traveling alongside them as they walk the journey with their loved ones.

Our Community Engagement team (foundation, volunteer services and corporate engagement) has the privilege of connecting with many of the families of those we serve. Our team members authentically love working with everyone we come in contact with through Lyngblomsten. We see them around campus; we engage them at events; we train them as volunteers; we walk alongside them throughout the journey; we laugh with them; we grieve with them; and, we listen to stories of their loved ones after they have passed away. In fact, many families will come see us because they want to celebrate the life of a loved one with a permanent plaque placed on the Remembrance Tree in the care center lobby. It is touching to witness a family member place the leaf plaque on the Remembrance Tree.

Starting in 2007, I had the privilege of a wonderful relationship with a family member and her aunt. I would see them weekly around campus, and we would always have a friendly visit. In fact, we even met in the aunt’s apartment to discuss “business” matters. Recently, I had the privilege of receiving a phone call from this niece whose aunt had passed away over a year ago now. She told me how much her aunt loved Lyngblomsten, the staff, residents and everything about it. She was calling to tell me that her aunt was so grateful that she was giving Lyngblomsten what turns out to be the second largest legacy gift in our history. It is amazing and humbling at the same time. But, you know what the real moral of this story is to me? It is simply “family taking care of family.”

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When asked about her involvement at Lyngblomsten, Carol just smiled. “The magic of Lyngblomsten,” she responded. “What started out as a bit of an assignment [from my church] has turned into an opportunity for personal service. Lyngblomsten is magical,” Carol said again. “Personally, I would like to lead the board in the discovery and evaluation of new approaches in care delivery. And the 5-5-1 Club & Café – what’s the next step? How to expand our services in a financially responsible way will challenge the board for the next several years.”

On a personal note, Carol is a wife of 43 years, mother of “two awesome men and two fantastic daughters-in-law,” a grandma, keeper of two dogs, and long-time member of Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.
Representing a spectrum of ages, 175 guests gathered for an evening at the beautiful Minnesota History Center in St. Paul on April 29. The new format allowed guests to mingle as they visited five interactive exhibit areas throughout the evening, learning more about each of the featured programs: 5-5-1 Club & Café, The Gathering, Care Team Ministry, Parish Nurse Ministry, and Community Wellness & Education. At each exhibit, guests received stamps on their “passports” after which they traveled to the gifting station to make donations, receive beads and qualify for the grand prize drawing. Bids were made on silent auction items, and a variety of delicious food and drinks were plentiful. Jazz music from The Neighborhood Trio created a fun, relaxed vibe for guests to enjoy. History can mark the moment.

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Tips for Family Caregivers

1. Caregiving is a job and respite is your earned right. Reward yourself with respite breaks often.

2. Watch out for signs of depression, and don’t delay in getting professional help when you need it.

3. When people offer to help, accept the offer and suggest specific things that they can do.

4. Educate yourself about your loved one’s condition and how to communicate effectively with doctors.

5. There’s a difference between caring and doing. Be open to technologies and ideas that support your loved one’s independence.

6. Trust your instincts. Most of the time they’ll lead you in the right direction.

7. Caregivers often do a lot of lifting, pushing, and pulling. Be good to your back.

8. Grieve for your losses, and then allow yourself to dream new dreams.

9. Seek support from other caregivers. There is great strength in knowing you are not alone.

10. Stand up for your rights as a caregiver and a citizen.

Source: National Family Caregivers Association
www.thefamilycaregiver.org
In response to what her struggles were during her transition to Lyngblomsten, Rosemary stated, “You have to lose your independence—that’s the hard thing about it.” But that does not seem to have hindered Rosemary from becoming involved in many activities, staying busy, and making friends. She remains upbeat and has a positive outlook on her life at Lyngblomsten. “It’s a good place to be. I would encourage others to make their own decision to come here,” Rosemary advised.

Lyngblomsten provides an abundance of resources and support for Rosemary and her family. From the chaplains, to doctors, the beauty salon, and therapists, Rosemary feels that there is plenty of support at Lyngblomsten so that she does not have to go out and always seek extra services. And to top it off, a pleased Rosemary said, “I have friends among them—they’re all wonderful people.” Annie agrees that Lyngblomsten is a generous provider of resources, especially for family caregiving tips. Several times she has attended the Caregivers Support Group offered at Lyngblomsten through Community Wellness & Education. When she does use outside resources, such as going on retreats or to senior health fairs, she said she always brings back new information for Rosemary.

With all of the support Rosemary and her family receive through Lyngblomsten, it is no surprise that strong and caring relationships are a part of that. Annie made an extra point to emphasize that Lyngblomsten really is a network of families, working together to care for, support, and look out for one another. What a blessing to have the love of such a large family! 🌟
Lyngblomsten Program Named Local “Difference Maker”

Lyngblomsten’s The Gathering, a community-based program offering respite to family caregivers of persons living with early or mid-stage memory loss while providing stimulating cognitive activities for their loved ones, has been named the KTIS “Difference Maker” for the month of July. Each month Julie Nelson from KARE 11 TV assists KTIS, a Christian radio station, in telling the story of a local organization that is making a difference.

Throughout July, tune in to 98.5 FM to hear snippets of Julie Nelson’s interview with Carolyn Klaver, Coordinator of The Gathering, and Patricia Montgomery, Director of Marketing Communications for Lyngblomsten. There will also be a featured link online at www.ktis.fm near the bottom of the home page.

Congratulations to The Gathering!

The Family Network
An Extended Family Support System with Lyngblomsten

For our participants’ families, Lyngblomsten supports their needs through careful listening, traveling alongside them as they walk the journey with their loved ones.

— A Lyngblomsten Guiding Principle

“She [Rosemary] just blossomed. It made us feel really comfortable to know that she was doing much better here.”

Rosemary was also eager to share about the friends she has made at Lyngblomsten. “I have made a lot of friends here — among the staff particularly,” she said. “It is wonderful to be able to talk to them, and we talk about our families. I can talk about things that bother me, and we laugh and joke. And they’re always glad to see Annie come!” Rosemary added with a smile.

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The Heritage at Lyngblomsten
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OUR MISSION:
Influenced by Christ, Lyngblomsten provides a ministry of compassionate care and innovative services to older adults in order to preserve and enhance their quality of life.

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thall@lyngblomsten.org

For our employees, Lyngblomsten strives to foster an environment that encourages compassionate caregiving, innovative thinking, problem-solving, and opportunity seeking.

Through our community of donors, volunteers, corporate congregations, and socially responsible corporations, Lyngblomsten encourages the individual to live one’s personal ministry by enhancing the lives of older adults.

Lynngblomsten’s Guiding Principles
For our participants, Lyngblomsten promotes dignity through informed choices for living options, respecting individuality, and orchestrating the best life possible.

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On the Cover: Annie Reynolds-Smith with her mother, Rosemary Reynolds, outside enjoying quality time together. See their story on page 3.

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Wednesday, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24, September 14 & 28
Caregivers Support Group – Caring for yourself while caring for your loved ones
1:30–3:30 PM at The Heritage at Lyngblomsten (1440 Midway Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108)
Sessions include a brief education component, time to gather resources, and time to talk. By participating, you can support yourself and others in your journey of caregiving. Free; no reservations needed. Come as often as you are able.

Thursday, July 14
Mid-Summer Fest (Ice Cream Social)
2–8 PM at the Courtyard at Lyngblomsten (Midway Parkway & Pascal Streets)
Join neighbors, friends and family for this annual summer celebration. Everyone is welcome! Hosted by the 5-5-1 Club & Café community center. See back cover for details.

Monday, August 1
Lyngblomsten Foundation’s Annual Golf Classic
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Thursday, September 15
Annual Wellness Conference – Cultivating Our Grey Matters: Keeping a Sharp Mind
Pre-Conference 2:30–5 PM | Conference 5–9 PM
Hosted by Lyngblomsten Community Wellness & Education. See page 10 for further details.

Tuesday, October 4
Senior Ministry Conference
Join keynote presenter Rev. Dr. Richard Gentzler and explore older adult ministries and the challenges (and opportunities) churches are facing. Sponsored by Lyngblomsten Church Relations. See page 6 for more information.

Wellness for Life presentations
10–11 AM at the 5-5-1 Club & Café
• Monday, July 18 – Healthy Summer Living
• Monday, August 8 – Getting a Good Night’s Sleep: Sleep Apnea, Symptoms & Solutions
• Monday, September 19 – Vision Loss: Symptoms, How to Deal With It, & Resources
Fee: $2; Coffee and refreshments included. No reservations allowed.
Questions? Call (651) 632-5335. For more details, visit www.551club.com/calendar.

books • cheese • wine
5:30–7 PM at the 5-5-1 Club & Café
• Thursday, August 4 – Through No Fault of My Own: A Girl’s Diary of Life on Summit Avenue in the Jazz Age
• Thursday, September 8 – How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming, by author Mike Brown Fee: $5 if pre-registered, or $8 at the door.
Register/questions: (651) 414-5292.
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Join us for the Mid-Summer Festival!
formerly known as the Ice Cream Social
Hosted by the 5-5-1 Club & Café community center

- Tasty food until 7 PM (hot dogs, corn on the cob, cake, ice cream, and more)
- Children’s activities
- Gift Shop clearance sale
- Live music until 8 PM (FREE)
- FREE art exhibit and storytelling in an air-conditioned space

Thursday, July 14
2:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Courtyard at Lyngblomsten
1415 Almond Ave., St. Paul MN

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