



# Bethany Home Today

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## Bethany Home Assisted Living Receives Raised Planters

Nate Grosland, a member of local Boy Scout Troop #120, wants to be an Eagle Scout. There are multiple steps and requirements that a scout must accomplish (including 6 prior ranks) in order to obtain the prestigious Eagle Scout rank and badge.

One of the requirements is to choose a project that will be of benefit to the community. Once a project is chosen, the scout must take the idea before the troop leaders and make a presentation, which includes planning and any design (if a building or repair project), funding sources for materials, and a timeline for completion. If the project meets acceptance of the leaders, a district approval must be obtained. Then, the scout must completely lead the project, make all contacts, secure all funding and steer a team of co-scouts to assist in completing the project.

Nate knew that Bethany Home Assisted Living serves elders in the community. He also knew that the facility was interested in having someone build raised-bed planters so that residents who use wheelchairs or have mobility issues would not have to stand for long periods of time or bend down into uncomfortable positions in order to plant, nurture and enjoy a garden. This spring, Nate and a handful of co-scouts built three raised-bed planters and placed them for use on the west patio at the Assisted Living campus. These planters now hold multiple plants that the residents and staff are nurturing and enjoying every day.



Pictured: Nate Grosland, Eagle Scout candidate, Ethan Wampler, Stephen Peterson, Josh Peterson

“We want to send a special “Thank you!” to Nate Grosland and his co-scouts Ethan Wampler and Stephen and Josh Peterson for this wonderful addition to our west patio and for working so diligently to build these sturdy planters which will be enjoyed by our residents and staff for many years to come!” said Karen Carlson, Assisted Living Operator. Nate is well on his way to reaching his goal of Eagle Scout.



LEFT: Friends and co-scouts of Nate Gosland help fill the planters with fresh soil and compost.



RIGHT: Katheryn Franz, resident of the Assisted Living checks the progress of the tomato plants in the new planters.





A handful of residents and staff enjoyed a trip to Rolling Hills Zoo and Museum recently. The weather couldn't have been any better!



Staff and volunteers had a great time exploring the zoo, taking in all the sights, sounds and smells! We even spotted a little bit of Lindsborg in the rhinoceros habitat: a rhino DALA!



# Welcome!

Please join us in welcoming the following residents to the Bethany Home family.

## Bethany Home:

- Elva Henne
- Jean Lightner
- Dale Modrow
- Harold Montgomery & Blanche Spilman
- Mary North

## Assisted Living:

- Verlla Coughenour



# We're glad you're here!

The Bethany Home Association is vibrant, inclusive community where individuals receive the support needed to thrive and reach the highest level of independence attainable in a compassionate Christian environment. Highly trained, caring professionals provide peace of mind through thoughtful, personalized service and care, embracing innovation, forward thinking stewardship, and market-leading practices.



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
Give thanks in all circumstances;  
For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## CHAPLAIN PHIL'S BLESSING

In the final scene of Monty Python's *Life of Brian*, while hanging on crosses, the characters break into song. *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life*. Considering the adventures that the main character, Brian, had throughout the movie, it is comical that it would end in this note. After all he did evade the Roman soldiers and get abducted by space aliens, all in the same movie. Of course, there is a lesson to be learned here.

Always look on the bright side of life! I know, it is easier said than done.

I was recently mowing my yard and I caught myself complaining about the task at hand. It was hot, and I was tired. I was wishing I had a better mower or maybe a smaller yard. Nothing was going quite right, and I was simply not in a good mood about it at all. But, then I caught myself in mid stride. What do I have to complain about? The sun was shining, I was getting exercise, and with each step the yard was looking nicer and nicer. On top of that, I should be thankful that I have a house with a yard and the ability to take care of it. There are many people in the world who would love to have either of those two things, and I have both.

In my work at Bethany Home, I am reminded daily of privileges that I so often take for granted: health, mobility, the freedom to come and go as I please; even a yard to mow.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 reminds us to give thanks in all circumstances. This is a simple reminder for us to look on the bright side of life, to look at the cup half full, and to give thanks for what we do have in life. It is not always easy, I know. Also, it is not to say that we never have a right to complain or to feel sorrow. Quite the opposite. To know pain, loss, worry, fear, and sorrow are the very thing that make us human. What I am saying is that even in our sorrow and even in our not so bright days, we have much in life.

What we have the most in life is a God who loves us. The bright side of life is that the God who created the stars in the sky, the birds in the air, and the fish in the sea, created us. That same God loves us unconditionally. When you find yourself with your own cross to carry remember that you are never alone! God is with you, with all of us, always.

My hope and joy for you, my friends, is that you will always remember the brightest side of life, that you are loved.

Amen.



June

Diane Cummings	6/8	Sharon Crouse	6/21
Emil Peterson	6/11	Louise Collins	6/25
Kathryn Frantz	6/16	Dorothy Stout	6/25
Betty Smith	6/18	Duane Drown	6/27
Cleo Howard	6/19	Clara Belle	6/29
Lois Rundquist	6/19	Lindholm	
Anita Mullen	6/21	Margo Watts	6/29

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**Independence Day**

# Picnic & celebration

**Friday, June 29, 2018**  
**11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Lunch serving begins at 11:00

Games  
Food  
FUN!

Hot Dog / Hamburger  
Baked Beans, Chips  
Potato Salad  
Watermelon  
Ice Cream Cone  
Tea, Water,  
Coffee