

# VILLAGE VOICE

HOLIDAY EDITION 2022



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For over 100 years, Bethany Village has empowered seniors creatively, spiritually, and emotionally to do what they do best. **Where others see difficulties, we see opportunity and capability.**

## Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Bethany Village!



**"Our staff are more dedicated than ever and are the best in the field!"**  
Kris Erickson, CEO

The holiday season is always a good time to reflect on our challenges and blessings.

In 2022, the Bethany Village family had an abundance of both.

While much of the world transitioned out of the pandemic, government mandates required a continuation of strict infection control practices for those of us in healthcare. We continue to remain vigilant to protect all who live and work with us. As we work to address everyone's needs, we realize what a blessing it is to be able to serve others.

Over the past year, we had many joys, but we also felt loss as some of those in our care went on to their

heavenly home. Many healthcare workers found the stress and challenges of healthcare during ongoing pandemic conditions too taxing and left the field. As always, our team has adapted, made necessary changes, and carried on with our mission. Despite some staff departures, those who remain are more dedicated than ever and our team remains one of the best in the field.

We also saw great promise this year as Sunflower Terrace apartments began to fill. The newly expanded assisted living now has residents inviting their friends to join them in a carefree lifestyle! What a joy it is to see these folks enjoying such comfort and security. It is such a vibrant community, and we are excited for even more growth in the coming months.

As always, The Cottages Independent Living program remains in high demand. I frequently hear what a

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charming community the Cottage complex provides, and those living in the spacious duplex and triplex units thoroughly enjoy the amenities provided.

This senior living option is so popular, I will be exploring opportunities to expand our independent living options in the coming years.

While the last few years have not been easy, we are discovering that Bethany Village is resilient and dedicated to long term success. Senior care at all levels has been challenged. Rules and regulations have increased, while Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement have decreased. By practicing good stewardship and following the mission of our founders, Bethany Village will continue to flourish into the next century as it has for the past 111 years.

Thank you for your prayers, your support, and all you do to lift those around you.

Have a blessed holiday and Merry Christmas.

Kris Erickson, CEO

## 2022: YEAR IN PICTURES

Despite another year of the pandemic we managed to have good times!





# BETHANY HOME



"We are incredibly grateful for the support of our friends and family and look forward to better days!"

As the year is winding down, we are reminded of all that we have to be thankful for this past year. Visitation has remained open and what a blessing that has been for our residents, families, and friends. We have continued to see positive changes with other restrictions slowly being lifted and we have felt your prayers and support in 2022 as we navigated those adjustments.

But 2022 has not been short of new obstacles to work through and overcome. Staffing throughout the pandemic has been an ever-increasing challenge. This issue is not isolated to Bethany Home, as employers in all industries are looking for help. Businesses throughout the nation have altered hours, products, services, anything they can to keep their businesses viable.

While most of those alternatives are not available to us, we have made changes to adjust to the staffing challenges we have faced to ensure that we can continue to provide the highest quality of care for our residents. Decisions made by our leadership team have not been easy, but our residents and the care they receive has been at the center of all those decisions. We are incredibly grateful for all our residents and families that we get to work with daily and are looking forward to more positive changes and growth in 2023.

*Melissa Brumbaugh*

Melissa Brumbaugh, Bethany Home Administrator

# SUNFLOWER TERRACE



Sunflower Terrace helps seniors maintain an independent lifestyle with the support and services they need.

It has been another busy year at Sunflower Terrace! The slightly lessened COVID restrictions have allowed us to celebrate birthdays and holidays with a little more gusto. This summer we enjoyed lemonade and icy treats on the patio, animal visits, and many craft projects. We were so excited to have our families and friends join us for a Fall BBQ and Halloween trick or treating. This winter we are looking forward celebrating Christmas and remembering our blessings.

We have welcomed many new faces to our community, both residents and staff! We are excited to announce that Holly Berggren, LPN has joined our team and will be overseeing the clinical management, healthcare, and wellbeing of our residents.

Many new faces have joined our community and now call Sunflower Terrace home. The year also included some tough farewells; however, it was such a blessing that they were able to be in the comfort of our home surrounded by those that love them.

While the national labor shortage has affected us all, we strive to create an environment that is safe and helps seniors maintain an independent lifestyle with the support and services they need. Our talented and caring team of caregivers are some of the best and I am so proud to lead such an amazing team.

*Maggie Hancock*

Maggie Hancock, RN, Sunflower Terrace Operator





## CHAPLAIN'S BLESSING



Today as I write to you, I am considering and planning for the season of Advent. In the Christian Calendar, Advent is the beginning of the Church Year, and the term Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming” or “arrival.” We begin our church year with

anticipation for the coming of Jesus, as a tiny baby who comes to show us a new way. This time of year is pregnant with possibilities.

There have been challenges beyond our imagining over the last few years. And yet, even in the midst of challenge, heartbreak, illness and loss, the season of Advent focuses our attention not on what has been, but on what is coming.

We hear this proclamation of what is coming from the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries out:

**‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

**Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.**

**Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’**

Those of us who are familiar with Handel’s *Messiah* may hear those words set to music, but we may not always hear the way those words speak life into our own lives even now. Like those of us living today, the people of Ancient Israel knew challenge, heartbreak, illness and loss, and so the prophets of the day helped them to see what was coming and what was possible.

As we enter into a new year, we see glimmers of hope. While the Covid virus continues to affect us daily, the Fall of 2022 brought some return of normalcy to the lives of our residents, including a few blessed weeks without mask requirements. The glory of the Lord was truly apparent on the smiling faces of our staff and residents. How else is God preparing a path in the wilderness for our Bethany Village community? In what ways are valleys being lifted up and mountains being made low? Who are the prophets in our midst crying out, demanding that we focus our attention on what is coming?

As we prepare for the coming of the child who brings new life, I pray that we hear this good news from the Prophet Isaiah with renewed joy. We shall see it together, my friends, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

Amen.

Dr. Mandy Todd  
Bethany Village Chaplain

Dr. Mandy Todd joined the Bethany Village team as Chaplain in September. She graduated from Bethany College with a bachelor’s degree in Music Education, earned her Master of Theological Studies degree from the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO, and Doctor of Ministry in Public Theology from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey.

Mandy served in congregations in the Colorado Springs area / Pikes Peak region for the past 17 years and is excited to be back in the Midwest. She and her husband, Russell, moved to Lindsborg with 2 children, (Drew, 11, and Luke, 8) and are looking forward to becoming involved with the community. Mandy loves spending time with her family, riding bikes, playing games, and making music. She’s almost always up for sharing a meal and having a chat with friends.

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*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

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