



## Kasey's Comments

Kasey Klapprodt, President / CEO

At Jenkins Living Center, success is never measured by a survey alone. It is measured by the dedication, compassion, and commitment demonstrated every day by the staff who serve residents and families. Following a highly successful state survey, Jenkins Living Center is proud to recognize the tremendous efforts of its team while also reflecting on the loss of one of our very own caregivers, Sharon Herman.

The recent state survey highlighted the exceptional efforts of staff throughout the organization. Surveyors thoroughly evaluated numerous aspects of resident care, safety, dietary services, infection prevention, and overall operations. While all healthcare organizations continually strive for success, the results of this survey demonstrated the remarkably strong culture of quality and accountability that exists throughout Jenkins Living Center. The survey success belongs to every employee in the organization. From nursing, dietary services, housekeeping, maintenance, therapy, administration to every support department! The team demonstrated what it means to provide remarkable quality care. We are incredibly proud of the professionalism, teamwork, and resident-centered focus that was on display throughout the survey process.

This incredible accomplishment reflects years of continuous improvement and a shared commitment to providing high-quality care for the residents who call Jenkins home. Staff members across all departments worked together to showcase the organization's mission of compassionate service and excellence in long-term care.

While celebrating this achievement, the Jenkins family mourns the unexpected loss of Sharon Herman, whose passing earlier in the month left a profound impact on residents, families, and coworkers alike. Sharon dedicated more than 23 years of service to Jenkins Living Center, spending her entire nursing career, caring for others and building meaningful relationships throughout the organization.

Sharon represented the very best of who we are. Her dedication to residents, her support of her coworkers, and her unwavering commitment to caring for others helped shape the culture of Jenkins Living Center. Her influence can be seen every day in the people she mentored, the lives she touched, and the standard of care she helped establish. As the organization reflects on Sharon's impact, and an incredibly successful survey, I believe the two are deeply connected. The quality demonstrated during the survey is a direct result of the culture built by dedicated caregivers like Sharon and the many employees who continue to carry that mission forward each day.

Success in long-term care is never about one person. It is about a team of people who come together with a shared purpose. Sharon helped build that groundwork and our staff continues to honor her legacy through the care they provide every day.

All of us at Jenkins extend our sympathy to Sharon's family as we will continue to keep her memory alive in the halls of Jenkins.

And we will continue to recognize and appreciate all employees for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to residents and families. The organization remains focused on continuing its mission of providing compassionate, high-quality care while honoring the legacy of those who have helped make Jenkins a special place for generations.

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Jenkins Receives: **TOP 15%**

### Overall Satisfaction Award

Jenkins ranks among  
the TOP 15% of care  
providers,

**NATIONALLY**, for  
three years in a row!

2023, 2024, 2025

 Activated Insights

In Loving Memory of  
**Sharon Herman, RN,**  
Infection Preventionist,  
Nurse Manager  
*June 28, 1978—  
June 4, 2026*



Forever in our hearts.

# National Skilled Nursing Care Week

Bloomin' BINGO, Flower Painting, and Bookmark Making



Garden Scavenger Hunt



Donuts for residents & staff from Hy-Vee



Happy Nurses Week



Dress Up Days

To find more photos, check out our Jenkins Living Center FACEBOOK Page



Tea Party





Parties on the Patio



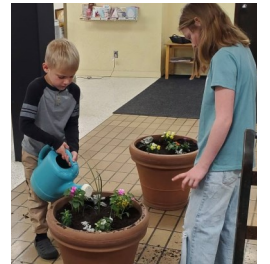
Lemonade Stand



Fishy Release



Planting Time



70 years together!



And still holding hands.



Thrift shop & Bakery Stop



## *You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes” Psalm 23:5*

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm may be one of the best known of the Psalms for many of us. And most of it is easily read as a Psalm of blessing, with the exception of the verse above. And yet that is the heart of the depth of God’s love. “Even though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death WE WILL fear NO evil knowing that God is with us.”

So that even if our foes and our enemies are present at the table that God has prepared for us, as we learn to trust His love, grace, and mercy, His Presence and assurance, knowing that His Word is true for us, He creates in us a Living Faith that is secure in Him.

*Pastor Scott Dempster, Serving the Lord here as Chaplain*

*Here at Jenkins, just outside of our chapel there are daily devotionals for our residents. Our Daily Bread, The Upper Room (from 1<sup>st</sup> UMC), and Living Faith ( from Holy Name). Barb and I receive each at home. The Spring issue of Living Faith has a devotion in it from Sunday April 26 that I have taped to my computer in my office and highlighted parts of it. By Sister Julia Walsh, I requested permission to share it here.*

### **A Strengthening Banquet**

*“You spread a table before me in the sight of my foes. PSALM 23:5*

*“We don’t need to look too far to know the presence of the broken body of Christ, in ourselves and each other, and in the wounded outcasts on the margins of our communities. We see the sorrowful, suffering faces wandering the streets. We feel the reality of heartache and loss in our families. And when we know the suffering that comes from wearying of doing good, from advocating for peace and justice. We can so easily fall into the traps of despair, discouragement, and doubt. For sure, imitating Christ is costly.*

*Devotion to Jesus can make us unpopular, and Love bonds us to the horror of the cross. But then, God’s Word comforts. The psalmist sends a message. Yes, yes, there are those that oppose love. But don’t worry, God provides all you need. So, we sit up at the table and feast on grace: a banquet that strengthens us to love some more.*

*Sr. Julia Walsh, F.S.P.A.*

*Julia Walsh is a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, and the author of “For Love of The Broken Body: A Spiritual Memoir”*

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**Medical Message** by Dr. Alex Gauer

***Beat the Summer Heat***

*Hello and happy summer! While it has not been particularly warm and toasty yet, we all know that with a South Dakota summer the heat and humidity are an inevitable. And when that hot weather arrives, don't forget to adjust daily routines to accommodate it.*

*Sunscreen is an essential part of protecting yourself in the summer. Long-term sun exposure, including previous sunburn and sun exposure without burns, contribute to the development of all types of skin cancer. SPF 30 or greater is recommended to be used at the beginning of the day and reapplied throughout the day to protect your skin.*

*And where the sun is, so the perspiration is also! Summer heat means that we lose more fluid through our skin by sweating than we do the rest of the year. Let this be your reminder of the importance of staying hydrated. This will help reduce problems related to low blood pressure, headaches, constipation, and many other issues that come from dehydration. Cheers to sunscreen and water and have a great summer!*



**2 BICYCLES BUILT for "TWO"**

"On a bicycle built for two!" What started from tiny inspirations, has now developed into big bikes, two of them to be exact!

Last spring, Addy & Ivy, thought our residents needed to to ride bike just like they get to do. So, they decided to donate their own money with a hand-made card to Jenkins. Fast forward to today. And we have two!

In early April we received the first of two, E-Trikes, selectively naming it JJ. The second, came in May, generously donated by the family of the late Dale & Lorraine Case. We named it so suitably, Duece. We are so blessed by the generosity to put more smiles on the faces of our residents!



*Thank You  
All...  
Let's Ride!*





## Someone You Should Meet

### Carol Pickering

Carol LaVonne(Saboe) Pickering was only child born to Hilmer J. Saboe and Emma B. (Rund) Saboe. She was delivered by a midwife, Mabel Stacey, near Clark, SD on December 23, 1938. It wasn't until Carol was 8 years old that they had electricity and only after Carol graduated from high school did they get indoor plumbing. To wash up meant, a sponge bath in the kitchen. Carol attended a one-room country school in which all eight grades were taught-the same school her mom taught before Carol was born. Oftentimes, Carol would ride her bike to school (1.5 miles one way) but in the winter she would hitch a ride with her dad, standing on the tractor and taking shortcuts across the field. And in high school, when the winters were really bad, she would rent a room in town, returning home on the weekends. Although an only child, she spent many days with several cousins that

lived nearby. As a child she only recalls one time of getting "a talking to", when practicing piano, she became frustrated and began pounding on the keys. Out came the yardstick with no words but just a swat and that never happened again; neither pounding on the keys or the yardstick! Lesson learned! While she played dolls and house with her cousins, what she really wanted to do is play with the boys and the tractors but she said that wasn't what little girls did.

Carol Pickering graduated from Willow Lake High School as the Salutatorian of her class of 31 students. Upon graduation she was unsure of what she wanted to do so she worked with Midland Insurance for a couple of years before following her cousin to Minneapolis General Hospital School of Nursing. She received her registered nursing certificate in three years. She recalls working one Christmas Day when a patient came into the ER with a gunshot to the face. She apparently became white in the face, nearly fainting, before she was escorted out of the room. She was able to regain composure and returned to assist. Carol spent one summer in New York and incidentally was when the World's Fair was held there. It was the first time Carol had a Belgium waffle.

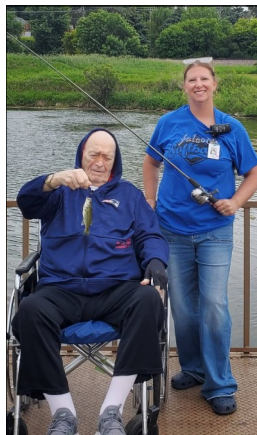
She met the love of her life, James J. Pickering, at Sunnyside Inn. Although she lived and worked in Minneapolis, they would often attend movies and dances on the weekends.. Carol moved back to South Dakota in 1966 and they were married in 1967 at Grace Lutheran Church. She had three attendants that wore bright pink dresses and they celebrated with cake and punch following the ceremony. They enjoyed a short honeymoon to Wisconsin Dells. Carol would sew most of he family's clothes including winter coats but after patterns and material became too expensive she decided to buy.

Carol worked at the Memorial Hospital, here in Watertown, for a year and then started a 30 year teaching career at Lake Area Technical College. She figures she taught more than a thousand students including several that are Jenkins' nurses here today. She retired in 1999.

Carol has one daughter, Julie and three grandkids, Haley, Pete and Emma. She says, "Jenkins is a good place to be if you can't be at home." She appreciates the companionship rather than being alone at her house all day.



**FISHING  
FUN**



and  
**LUNCH**



## DONATIONS

### DIFFERENCE MAKERS

Duane & Deanna Bullis

### GENERAL

Scott & Sharese Jensen  
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Carolyn Ware  
Mary Ann McAtee  
Connie Gersen  
Gerri Ellis  
Tammy DeLange

### ACTIVITIES

Randy Owen

### MISCELLANEOUS

Hosanna Lutheran Church  
Seven Brew Coffee

### JLC FOUNDATION

Dr. Bernie Hanson

### JENKINS REHAB

Alice Marotz & Family

### FLOWERS

Family of Renner Uecker  
Family of Marv Sherrill  
Core Cares  
Family of Robert Synstad

### ETRIKE & HELMETS

ETrike—In memory of  
Dale & Lorraine Case by their  
children

Helmets - Julie Leonard in  
memory of Katie Weber

## SKILLED NURSING CARE WEEK

*Thank you for your support of our staff  
and residents!*

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Watertown Flowers  
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Hy-Vee Grocery of Watertown, SD  
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Jerry & Lynda Town

LaVonne Peterson in memory of  
John & Louise Lenz & Kris Rennie

Gloria VanDykhurst in memory of  
her mother, Lillian VanDykhurst

Elta Helgelien in memory of  
Phyllis Huber

Merle Heidenreich in memory of  
Marv Sherrill

Tom Linngren in memory of his  
parents, Dave & Patti

Jerry & Judy Miller

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so blessed being cared for and  
treated like a big family. We all  
knew she was treated with so  
much love. Thank you from all of  
us! We love you all!*

Lori, Greg, Mike & Brent

## **THANK YOU**

*Thank you to each and every one of you that assisted in our Curtis' care  
at Jenkins. We appreciate all you did every day for both of our parents,  
who lived at Jenkins. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL! Thank you for all your  
caring and kindness shown.*

*And thank you for the remembrance lantern with lighted angel.  
A precious memory of our precious dad.*

The Family of Wanda and Curtis Dahl



### July

24...Claudia Gottsleben  
25...Ken Atkinson  
25...Dorothy Barck  
26...Janice Tate  
29...Gail Davis

### August

5...Alice Marotz  
5...Judy Ronning  
16...Kirby Nelson  
25...Doris Kohloff  
31...Grace Anderson

### September

2...Janelle Pompy  
14...Joan King  
16...Linsey Lowe  
17...Mary Lindberg  
17...Don Brosz  
30...Leo Hart

*Thank you for your support of our staff  
and residents!*

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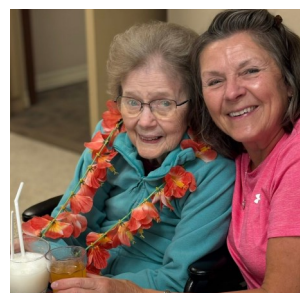
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