

FRIENDLY CHATTER

Shakopee

Friendship Manor

January 2026



January Events subject to changes/if weather permits

Thursday, January 1st – New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 6th at 1:30 p.m. – James Shaw

Tuesday, January 13th at 1:30 p.m. – Jim Kirkendall

Monday, January 19th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



**Monday, January 19th at 9:30 a.m. –
Resident Council**



Tuesday, January 20th at 1:30 p.m. – Barsolo Brothers

Friday, January 23rd at 1:30 p.m. – Happy Hour Social

Thursday, January 29th at 1:30 p.m. – Puzzle Group
Station A Dining Room

Friday, January 30th at 1:30 p.m. – Valentine Day Crafts

Resident of the Month:

Eugene LaTour



Eugene (Gene) LaTour was born and raised on a farm in Marystown. He is youngest of five children. Days on the farm were filled with hard work and self-made fun. Gene served in the United States Army after high school, for two years. He is very proud of his service to our country. While in the Army Gene, earned the nickname of “Smiley”, for many years some people only knew him by this nickname, which really made him smile more.

Gene met his wife, Jackie... a Prior Lake girl, a few years after his time in the Army and they married in 1960. Gene and Jackie celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this past June. As lifelong members of St. Marks Catholic church, it is very special to Gene to have a continued connection with this parish here at Friendship Manor. He enjoys communion services and the Rosary.

Gene is a member of the Knights of Columbus and was an active person on membership activities, building maintenance projects and pancake breakfast fundraisers. This is where Gene became very good friends with Jim P, also a Friendship Manor resident. Jim has been a good friend and welcoming buddy as Gene has adjusted to day-to-day activities.

Road trips were one Gene’s favorite family vacation activities. It was not uncommon to get up very early in the morning to start off a road trip to the Detroit Lakes area or Chicago area to visit friends and family when his children were young. Once the kids were later in elementary years, Kamp Dels in Waterville became the favorite destination. All day campfires and shenanigans with camping friends are precious memories that Gene proudly cherished as the campground expanded to the southern Minnesota tourist destination it has become today. A permanent camping site and various travel trailer upgrades welcomed over twenty years of family fun and retirement adventures for his family. A special trip to Germany included a Rhine River boat cruise for Gene and Jackies 25th wedding anniversary.

Gene was part of the maintenance team at Rahr and frequently rode his bike the short distance to work, retiring in 1998. We are told his metal round top lunch box is still in the breakroom above the doorway as a tribute to his years of service and dedication.

Gene turned 89 on November 24th. He spends his days in the puzzle area near station A, and likes to play BINGO. Raising his hand and announcing “Got-it” with each win and showing that smile that we all love so much is a treasure.



January Worship 2026

Friday, January 2nd

Saturday, January 3rd

Monday, January 5th

Tuesday, January 6th

Thursday, January 8th

Friday, January 9th

Saturday, January 10th

Monday, January 12th

Thursday, January 15th

Friday, January 16th

Saturday, January 17th

Monday, January 19th

Tuesday, January 20th

Thursday, January 22nd

Friday, January 23rd

Saturday, January 24th

Monday, January 26th

Thursday, January 29th

Friday, January 30th

Saturday, January 31st

****Subject to change****

Rosary 9:00 a.m.

Church Service 9:00 a.m.

Bethel Rock Worship 10:00 a.m.

Catholic Communion 9:30 a.m.

Devotions 10:00 a.m.

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Pastor Jerry Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

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We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the Family and Friends of the following Residents who have passed away.

M. Eichstadt Beverly F. Barbara S. Janice L.

Comforting Scripture:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. **John 14:27**

Happy Birthday January Birthdays!

Resident

Rose H. – January 2nd
Carol H. – January 9th
Kathleen P. – January 9th
Gene R. – January 15th
Joyce Y. – January 31st
Roger M. – January 31st
Ann Z. – January 31st



Staff

Idman A. – January 1st
Bruce S. – January 4th
Jayline O. – January 6th
Robin K. – January 7th
Becca H. – January 9th
Nadia R. – January 9th
Jennifer S. – January 9th
Habiba H. – January 12th
Samatha R. – January 18th
Emily W. – January 19th
Mary J. – January 21st
Emily K. – January 21st
Jamie Mohlin – January 21st
Rocio B. – January 24th
Aisha H. – January 24th
Van D. – January 25th
Mary F. – January 29th
Day Day E. – January 31st
Bona G. – January 31st

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ATTENTION OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK

If you are planning on bringing in any treats or food of any sort over the holidays or anytime throughout the year for the Resident please report to the nurse's stations first. It's generous and thoughtful but some Residents have food restrictions. We have a specific policy regarding

FOODS BROUGHT BY FAMILY / VISITORS

Santa Visits









Happy New Year



F	A	T	U	R	H	Z	S	Z	D
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M	J	P	A	P	M	K	I	S	S
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BABIES
DANCE
FAMILY
FATHER

FEAST
FRIENDS
HATS
HORNS

KISS
MUSIC
PARADES
PARTY

PUNCH
TIARAS
TIME

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL DONATIONS FOR OUR RESIDENT.
WISHING YOU A SAFE AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!