

A vibrant spring-themed illustration featuring two rabbits, one blue and one yellow, surrounded by various flowers in shades of pink, purple, and yellow. Several Easter eggs are scattered throughout, including a colorful striped one, a pink polka-dot one, and a light green one with a heart. The background is white with a thin black line at the top.

HOP INTO SPRING!

**FRIENDLY
CHATTER**

APRIL 2026

FRIENDSHIP MANOR



April Happenings

subject to changes/if weather permits

Wednesday, April 1st – Passover Begins

Thursday, April 2nd at 9:00 a.m. – Shamrock Adams
Caricaturist

MLB Opening Day!

Friday, April 3rd at 3:10 p.m. – Twins Home Opener!
Good Friday

Sunday, April 5th – Easter

Thursday, April 9th at 1:30 p.m. – Rob Bozaich
Piano & Sings

Monday, April 13th at 9:30 a.m. – Resident Council



Tuesday, April 14th at 1:30 p.m. – Loren Wolfe

Wednesday, April 15th at 1:30 – **Bingo**
Shakopee Valley Lion's

Tuesday, April 21st at 1:30 p.m. – Barsolo Brothers

Wednesday, April 22nd – Earth Day

Thursday, April 30th at 1:30 p.m. – Red Hat Choir

Resident of the Month: Marilyn Ries

Born on July 28, 1938, in New Prague, Minnesota, Marilyn grew up in the small town of Lydia alongside her brothers Richard, Martin (both deceased), Glen, and David. Growing up with four brothers, Marilyn developed independence and resilience early in life. She later moved to St. Paul, where she met and married Jerome J. Ries (who passed away in September 2015). Although they divorced many years before his passing, they had four children together: Steve (New Prague), Cyndi and Scott (both tragically passed away in 1991 and 1994), and Jerry (Prior Lake). Jerry and his wife Kelley have blessed Marilyn with two granddaughters, Ellen (born 2004) and Abigail (born 2006), whom she adores beyond words.

Marilyn is deeply devoted to her children and grandchildren, has a wonderful sense of humor, and is known for her hard work, reliability, and punctuality. She has a heart of gold and had been actively involved in babysitting and driving her granddaughters to their practices and school events. Marilyn had attended countless gymnastic and swimming meets from the girls' toddler years through high school. Despite working second shift, she also never missed any of Jerry's high school and college football and baseball games as well.

Marilyn began her career in 1969 at Control Data Corporation in Bloomington, where she worked for 11 years. She later owned and operated the Lakeville Café in downtown Lakeville. Additionally, she managed and ran two successful South Metro bar/restaurants in Lakeville, MN: John's Tavern and Sea Girt Inn (1980-1985) for former Minnesota Vikings player Bob Lurtsema. Marilyn also worked at MN Rubber, Holiday Circuits, Inc., and concluded her career at Rosemount, Inc. (BF Goodrich Aerospace) from 1989 through 2018. After retiring, she worked part-time at Little Six, Inc. in coat check and promotions, enjoying the people and customers there.

In her free time, Marilyn enjoys cooking, gardening, grocery shopping, and playing slot machines and bingo at Minnesota casinos. She often visits Little Six Casino with her son Jerry for lunch and gaming, cherishing the quality family time they share!



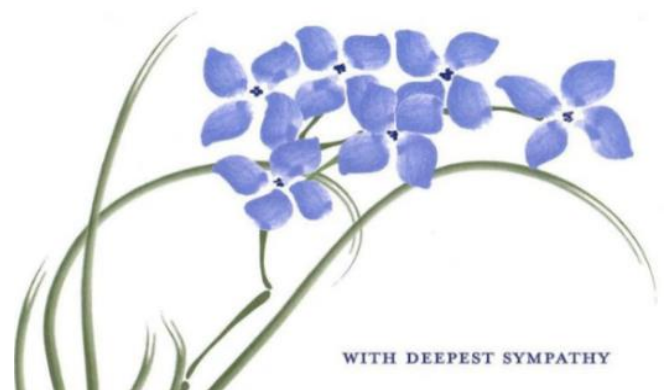
April Worship 2026

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Friday, April 3rd	Rosary 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 4th	Church Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 6th	Bethel Rock Worship 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 7th	Catholic Communion 9:30 a.m.
Friday, April 10th	Rosary 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 11th	Church Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 13th	Pastor Jerry Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Friday, April 17th	Rosary 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 18th	Church Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 20th	Bethel Rock Worship 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 21st	Catholic Communion 9:30 a.m.
Friday, April 24th	Rosary 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 25th	Church Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 27th	Pastor Jerry Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

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

Rose H. Vera W.



Comforting Scripture: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11

Happy Birthday April Birthdays!

Resident

Jerilynn G – April 14th
Rosean R. – April 20th
Eleana G. – April 23rd

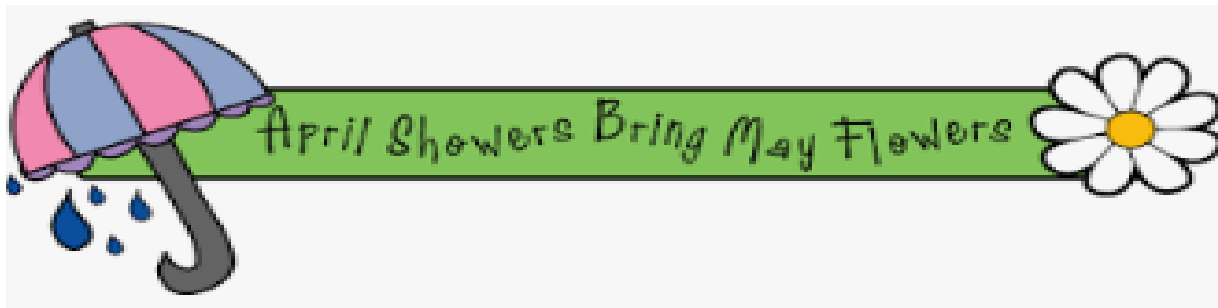
Staff

Jenna D. – April 2nd
Sarah H. – April 2nd
Mariam A. – April 3rd
Lillian G. – April 4th
Maddy S. – April 5th
Katherine M. – April 5th
Mariah G. – April 8th
Fetus O. – April 20th
Ismeal E. – April 23rd
Elisha B. – April 24th
Denise N. – April 26th
Grace L. – April 26th
Cassidy B. – April 30th



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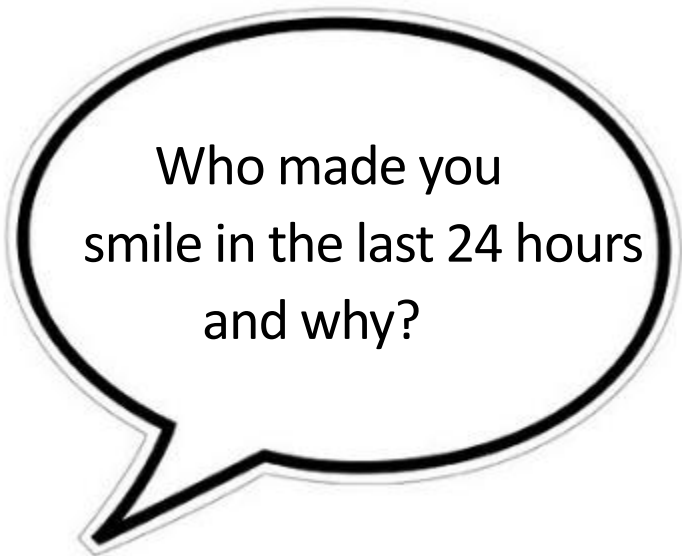


"April showers bring May flowers" is a reminder that even the most unpleasant of things, in this case the heavy rains of April, can bring about very enjoyable things indeed -- even an abundance of flowers in May. "April showers bring May flowers" is also a lesson in patience, and one that remains valid to this day.

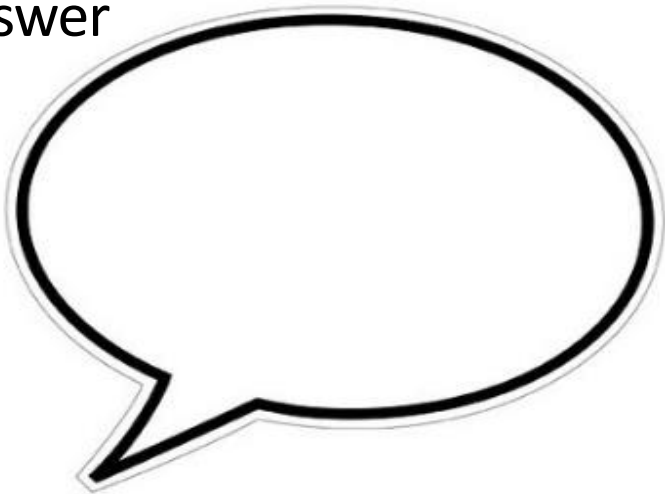
Play Wellness Bingo

Complete a crossword puzzle	Read something for 20 minutes	Eat a vegetable	Write a letter to a friend or family member	Identify one type of bird you see out of your window
Write an original joke or one-liner	Walk in place 1-3 minutes, seated or standing	Write a journal entry or a story from your life	Listen to music	Sit quietly and reflect for 5 minutes
Talk on the phone with a friend or family member	Drink 4-6 glasses of water every day for 5 days	FREE SPACE	Paint or draw a picture	Learn "hello" and "thank you" in another language
Practice deep breathing for 1 minute for 5 days	Sing 1 verse of a song to another person	Give 5 "air" high-fives to 5 different people	Eat a piece of fruit	Laugh at a friend's joke
Wash hands for at least 30 seconds	Complete a word search	Learn your state's slogan	Make an acronym with your first name	Eat a healthy snack

Wellness Bingo can help with everything from building balance and strength, to memory and pain management.

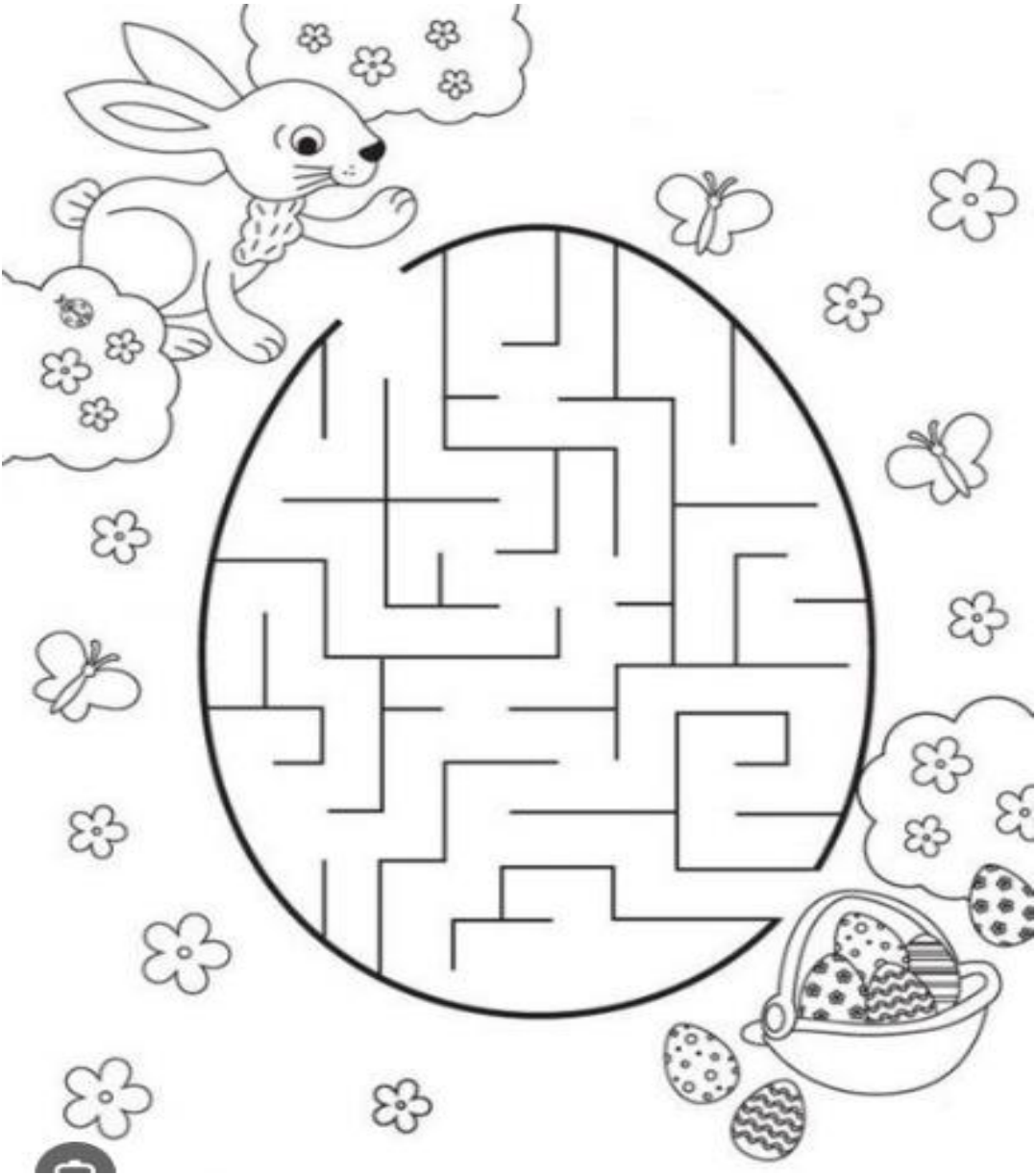


Answer



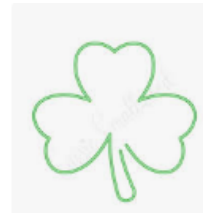
Help the bunny get to the Easter Egg Basket.

Start



Finish

St Patty's Day!





Easter

Word Search



S O A
R S C C M
D P T E Q X E
V I E E L Z L X M
S Y K O E E F M O J Y
J S G M E B P C H Q L
S A G W C E R D Y E I H M
B Q O Z E R A H O A C D B
V U K N G R T W T E A W E
G N N A G E I N F A R E F
F R D N S U O J I T R C I
Q A W L Y T N U H P O H N
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T K G H H F H I B S S
Q V R B O U Q U E T M
Z D L U N M Z I C
F L O W E R S
J T O Q B



Word list:

BASKET
BOUQUET
BUNNY
CARROTS

CELEBRATION
CHICKS
CHOCOLATE
COTTONTAIL

DYE
EGGS
FIND
FLOWERS

HIDE
HOP
PEEP
RABBIT

Wishing you and your families a Safe and Happy Easter!