

The background of the entire page is a repeating pattern of watermelon slices. Each slice is a wedge shape with a red interior containing white seeds and a dark teal outer rind. The slices are arranged in a scattered, overlapping manner against a light green background.

FRIENDLY CHATTER

August 2026

Shakopee
Friendship Manor

August Happenings

subject to changes/if weather permits



Thursday, August 6th at 1:30 p.m. – Barsolo Brothers

Tuesday, August 11th at 1:30 p.m. – James Shaw

**Monday, August 17th at 9:30 a.m. –
Resident Council**



Tuesday, August 18th at 1:30 p.m. – Chris Rupe
(Guitar)

Thursday, August 27th at 1:30 p.m. – The Fire Spice
Band

Resident of the Month:

Susan C.



Susan was born in Mankato Mn, her formative years were spent in North Mankato and then her family moved to St. Peter behind her grandfathers candy company-A.H Hermel Candy Co. Which was the foundation of her work ethic-she packaged potato chips and cigarettes at a very young age. Music has been a huge part of Susan's life, she played the piano up until her stroke, her father was a drummer and played dance jobs all throughout her youth. He also owned the Gibbon Ballroom which was a family run affair. When she was 19 she married John Cook, they settled in St. Peter where they raised 4 children. Together they owned and operated Big John's Family Restaurant for 9 years, she owned a bridal shop for 5 years and she became certified in Human Services where she would help people in their homes. When John got hooked on Walleye fishing, she became his best fishing partner. Many good times were spent at their cabin on Lake Mille Lacs. For 9 years she lived in Algona Ia where John's sales territory was. They came back to St. Peter in 2000. Ever the business woman, she embedded herself into her brothers Bait Shop/Bar & Grill until 2010. She has 2 grandchildren, Wyatt and John. One of her children passed in an accident in 1987. Her husband passed in 2022, they were married for 52 years. You will find Susan at all the music events at Friendship Manor, she also enjoys a little bingo now and then too.



August Worship 2026 ****Subject to change****

Saturday, August 1 st	Church Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday, August 3 rd	Bethel Rock Worship 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 4 th	Catholic Communion 9:30 a.m.
Friday, August 7 th	Rosary 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, August 8 th	Church Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday, August 10 th	Pastor Jerry Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Friday, August 14 th	Rosary 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, August 15 th	Church Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday, August 17 th	Bethel Rock Worship 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 18 th	Catholic Communion 9:30 a.m.
Friday, August 21 st	Rosary 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, August 22 nd	Church Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday, August 24 th	Pastor Jerry Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Friday, August 28 th	Rosary 9:00 a.m.
Monday, August 31 ST	Bethel Rock Worship 10:00 a.m.

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

Willard P.



Comforting Scripture:

The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it. -Psalm 89:11

Happy Birthday August Birthdays!

Resident

Howard W. – August 4th
Elizabeth W. – August 5th
Mirian R. – August 7th
Maria R. – August 11th
Ruth S. – August 14th
Dorothy S. – August 21st



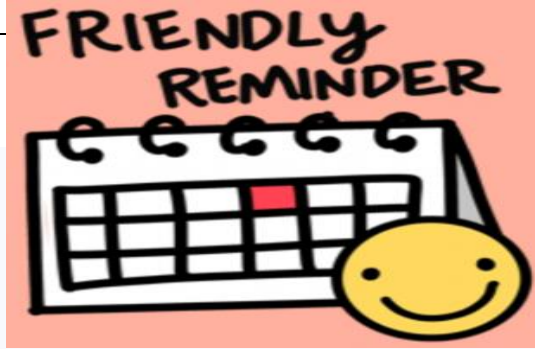
Staff

Finley S. – August 1st
Makayla O. – August 4th
Allison S. – August 7th
Amya L. – August 9th
Shelley C. – August 11th
Ashley H. – August 12th
Sudeysi M. – August 15th
Gabby P. – August 16th
Vivian B. – August 16th
Megan B. – August 19th
Breana P. – August 20th
Jackie R. – August 22nd
Humphrey A. – August 28th
Evy M. – August 29th
Kimberly M. – August 31st
Ashley B. – August 31st

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Reminder: Please don't have food sitting in resident's rooms unless it is in a container with a closeable lid.



AUGUST IS HAPPINESS HAPPENS MONTH.



Share your happiness and encourage
others to do the same.

FRIENDSHIP MANOR'S

ANNUAL PICNIC

AUGUST 29TH 11:00 – 1:00 pm

**Join us for Food, Fun and
Entertainment**

ALL FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME



What are some interesting facts about the Minnesota State Fair?

The Minnesota State Fair --- affectionately called the “Great Minnesota Get-Together --- is the largest state fair in the U.S. by average daily attendance. Taking place over 12 days ending Labor Day, it has deep historical, agricultural, and culinary roots that set it apart from other state exhibitions.

What is the #1 State Fair in America?

The Minnesota State Fair is widely ranked as the number one state fair in America, closely followed by top contenders like the **Iowa State Fair** and the **State Fair of Texas**.

Top State Fairs in the U.S.

- **Minnesota State Fair:** (The Great Minnesota Get-Together): Often ranked #1 by USA Today and industry experts, it draws nearly 2 million visitors to its 320-acre grounds in Falcon Heights with massive daily attendance, extensive food-on-a-stick options, and deep agriculture roots running from late August through Labor Day.
- **State Fair of Texas:** Holds the crown for the largest overall total annual attendance in the country (drawing over 2.5 million visitors) during its historic 24-day run at Fair Park in Dallas, famous for Big Tex and deep-fried culinary novelties.
- **Iowa State Fair:** Consistently ranked among the top elite fairs nationally, attracting over a million people to Des Moines for 10 days of grand-stand concerts, massive livestock shows, and the iconic life-sized cow sculpture out of butter.

How much money does the MN State Fair make each year?

The Minnesota State Fair operates with an annual gross revenue of \$72.6 million, which after operating expenses yields a new income (increase in net position) of roughly \$4.3 million.

Why is the Minnesota State Fair so popular?

Iconic, Inventive Food: The fair features over 500 food items from 300+ vendors, with more than 80 foods served on a stick. Famous staples include deep-fried cheese curds, fresh milk at the all-you-can-drink milk stand, and massive quantities of Sweet Martha's Cookies.

August



AUGUST
BACKPACK
BARBECUE
BEACH
BLACKBERRY
CORN
COUNTY FAIR
DRAGONFLY
FAMILY

GARDEN
HARVEST
HAYRIDE
HIKING
HOT WEATHER
LEMONADE
ORCHARD
PEACH
PICNIC

SCHOOL
SUNFLOWER
SUNSHINE
SWEET CORN
TOMATOES
VACATION
WATERING CAN
ZUCCHINI