

Assisted living & memory support

1500 O'Day Street Merrill, WI 54452 715-536-5575 info@belltowerresidence.com Set on 12 beautifully landscaped acres with over 68,000 square feet of living and common spaces, Bell Tower is a friendly assisted living community where residents feel at home and live life well with purpose and dignity. We offer private apartments, religious services, activities, outings, delicious home-cooked meals and our caring and compassionate staff are always nearby to help.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please reach out to our Admissions Coordinator, Mikaela Meier.

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Bell Tower would like to thank everyone who came to assist with this year's Luminaria Event of 2023. This community event was filled with laughter and fun filled activities that spread joy during this holiday season. We would also like to thank you all for the generous donations to Bell Tower. Our staff and Residents are very grateful to be involved with such a wonderful community. On Behalf of Bell Tower, Thank You!





Celebrating January

1st-New Years Day

> 4th-Trivia Day

8th-Elvis Presley's Birthday

12th-Super Hero Day

> 23rd-Pie Day

24th-Compliment Day

31st-Hot Cocoa Day

The Season of New Beginning's

As we finish up the final days of 2023, the hopes we had for a "fresh beginning" to the new year seem to be on hold. We are still dealing with the lingering effects of health concerns which just don't seem to want to release us. In these times of uncertainty, there are examples and reasons of why we can allow our hope for the future to increase.

Stepping back 2000 years may allow us to gain a better perspective of what the future holds for us:

Two Thousand years ago a nation was in disarray as it endured the disheartening effects of being ruled by a foreign nation. The citizens of the nation were wondering when their savior would appear to lead them out of the darkness.

Two Thousand years ago a young bride-to-be was informed she was already pregnant, even though she had not yet been with her new husband. How would he react to her? Knowing that society did not look kindly on her situation, what would be her fate?

Two thousand years ago a new husband-to-be was informed his new bride was already pregnant and the child was not his. Further, he was told to take care of this baby and his mother and to protect and raise them in his home. How could he find the strength and humility to do this?

Two thousand years later, we have the benefit of knowing that the answer to all those questions remains the same today. By humbly coming to earth as a helpless child, God proved to us that we are never alone and that there is always a season and a reason for hope. As Joseph and Mary allowed God's will to become their will, let us also continue to hope in the future by putting our trust in God. By doing so, we will never be alone,

for we will always have Jesus to support us on our journey. May God bless you during this Christmas Season.

Chaplain John

Staff Birthdays

1st– Lisa R. 5th– Roxy E. 8th– Abby S. 12th– Talie Y. 21st– Angela H. 25th– Nelimi J. 31st– Sabrina W.

Staff Anniversaries

2 years— Grace L. 3 years— Sheri H. 3 years— Alice P. 4 years— Steve A. 12 years— Holly B.

Resident Birthdays

2nd– Willie C. 13th– S. Dolores 30th– Faye B.

Resident Anniversaries

3 years– Janet K. 4 years– Betty W. 5 years– Marcia H. 6 years– Pennie B. 7 years– LeRoy O.

Welcome to Bell Tower!



Nora Moonen

Life Enrichment Aide



Melissa Schwab

Receptionist



S. Dolores Hrdina

1 W Resident

Thank you for your Donations!

This year, Bell Tower has hosted a Toy drive to give back to our community. We decided to donate to the Christmas Spirit- The Lincoln County United Giving Tree Program and to Haven Inc. We are blessed to have such wonderful charities in our community. Thank you to all who donated for this cause! -Allison Blaubach



Happy New Year

Welcome to 2024! It is a New Year, a fresh start, a new beginning. Beginnings can be exciting and difficult. Think about a time you started something new. Do you remember how you felt the first day of high school or any grade? How did it feel to start a new job or a new career? After five years of seminary and receiving a call to serve two churches in Indiana, walking into my new office on my first official day was exiting and overwhelming. So many people wanted to meet me. I needed to organize my office. I needed to plan for the worship services that were scheduled. Everything was new. On the contrast, when we have something new, or a new beginning, we have something old and something that ended. Honoring and or acknowledging that we have something old and or ended is tough work. It is incredibly sad work but needed work to grow and continue to live as God has called us. So how do we do the work? How do we acknowledge an ending and a new beginning? It depends on you. What helps you move from an ending to a beginning? Is it crying, shedding some tears, as you accept the ending? Maybe it is through a conversation with a friend or family and through talking you receive the ending and new beginning and that is enough for you to continue your pilgrimage in this world. Maybe it is through prayer that you lift both an ending and new beginning to God. Here is a prayer for guidance from one of the hymnals that I use at the church I serve. "Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and extend to us your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen" In this New Year, may our ending support us, and our beginnings amaze us for what is to come. May all these moments of our lives be held in the loving arms of God.

-Chaplain Phyllis Smoot