

Lifestyle Winter 2024-2025



Choose Joy!

A special edition reflecting on the joys of 2024

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Letter from the Editor

Consider it pure **joy**, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, becuase you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

- James 1:2-3

Dear Readers,

JOY! Although it's one of the shortest words in the English language, it isn't short on impact!

In looking to close out the year, we wanted to get another edition of *Lyngblomsten Lifestyle* published. Realizing we were short on time to do a full edition, our team decided to focus on sharing a sample of joys from throughout Lyngblomsten in 2024. While there are, of course, difficult days (or "trials," as James wrote), there also is joy every day. Experiences of joy come in all sizes, and the collection of photos in this edition just scratch the surface of how joy is woven into everyday life with Lyngblomsten.

Even on the most difficult days, there is the option to choose joy. May our calendar (see insert) remind you of this and lift your spirits throughout the new year!

Choose Joy!

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May the gift that is Texus bring you joy all year long!

Nativity scene displayed at the Newman-Benson Chapel on the Como Park campus, Christmas 2024.



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Reflections of

In big and small ways, joy reverberates in daily life with Lyngblomsten. Here's a small sample from 2024.



■ Attending the first day of the Minnesota State Fair is always a highlight for care center residents, who were accompanied by corporate group volunteers and staff, including on the three-block walk from campus to the fairgrounds.



▲ Residents from both campuses took pride in the pieces they created as part of Japanese saori weaving classes held in the spring.

▲ Having a new chiller installed at the care center was a cause for rejoicing, as it ensured residents, staff, and visitors stayed cool this summer and will continue to for many summers to come.

▶ Residents from the apartments and care center in Como Park wait with joyful expectation for the opera La Bohème to begin at the Ordway in St. Paul.



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▲ Resident of The Heritage at Lyngblomsten and Parkinson's support group co-facilitator Jean Larson is always willing to share why she's grateful for Lyngblomsten, including at the Parkinson's Foundation Moving Day event in May.



▲ No tricks, just treats! There were smiles and candy aplenty for treat-or-treaters who visited residents at the Lyngblomsten at Lino Lakes campus on Halloween.











▼ All "a-board"! A group of youth joined the Lyngblomsten at Lino Lakes residents one August morning for a board game extravaganza that was held in the chapel. Joy, laughter, and conversation were shared by all.



▲ The Pop-Up Arts Memory Café, a program held in the fall for older adults with memory loss and their family caregivers, provided opportunities for camaraderie and support as attendees socialized, flexed their creative muscles, and connected with the Lyngblomsten Community Services staff.



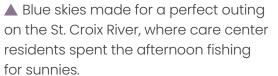






▼ Residents from The Heritage at Lyngblomsten couldn't help but smile as they got their hands dirty during a nature-based therapy class that featured making arrangements of colorful spring flowers.





▼ Olé! A Zorongo Flamenco dance class was well recieved by residents from the Lyngblomsten Apartments, who got to express their creativity while exercising and learning something new.



▶ Jeff Heinecke greeted attendees, including this table of guests from Lino Lakes, at the Lyngblomsten Foundation Annual Gala in September. Always a joyful gathering, this year's event invited attendees to step into the story of how their gifts make a difference for those Lyngblomsten serves.



▲ Honoring volunteers and the joy they bring every day, Lyngblomsten hosted a recognition celebration—held at the Lino Lakes campus this year—as part of Volunteer Appreciation Week.



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