

To: Friends and Family of Lindenwood Residents

I want to begin by sharing a quote from Kate Bowler, Kate is a Winnipeg born Theology professor and author. She commented on the present world situation with this observation.

“Historically as suffering mounts, the self-serving always say, look do the math. Some people are more valuable than others. God’s math is always clear. God is on the side of the losing team. God give us the courage to be found there among the weak where we belong.”

As we at Lindenwood take precautions and look ahead it is clear to us that the population we serve is immensely valuable and worth every effort to protect and serve. We thank you for all the encouragement you have sent our way, and hope that by staying in touch with you via email and our web-site, you will feel more connected to us in this unusual time. I am writing on behalf of the team, so please feel free to send any questions you may have and we will do our best to answer them.

There are just three things I would like to make you aware of:

The first is that we now have our own mailboxes set up outside our buildings. They are white boxes at the front entry of both the Manor and Terrace. You can use them for cards, letters, pictures, etc., things you would like to drop off but do not need to mail through the regular mail system. You can certainly be creative in how you use these boxes, just remember do not put anything of monetary value in them. These are really intended to allow you to drop off things that will encourage those living here. The contents of the box will be delivered by staff, so do include a suite number as well as a name, just to speed up the process. The weekend drop offs will likely wait until Monday for delivery, so be aware of that when asking if someone has received what you dropped off. We hope you enjoy this way of connecting.

The second is that we are wondering if any of you have suggestions of places we could contact for protective equipment for staff that go into suites to care for residents. We are looking ahead to the steps we will need to take should we have residents who need to be quarantined for any reason even just as a precaution. We are looking for more N95 masks as well as protective eyewear. As you are all aware many supplies are back ordered, so if you have contacts that you would be willing to share with us we would appreciate it.

Finally we are looking at creative programs we can do with our residents as their days have changed so dramatically. Several ideas are being worked on and we will give you specifics as we roll out the programs. It has always been our goal to connect people so we will now work on doing that within the parameters of an ever changing health situation.

We know this is a challenging time for you all as well, I pray you will find strength, courage and resolve as you move forward. The following verse keeps coming to mind, may it give you perspective and focus. Blessings to you all.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ² to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

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