

easter

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*15 Moses said to the LORD, 16 "May the LORD, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community 17 to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the LORD's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd."
Numbers 27: 15-17*

Lent is here and it is a time to open the doors of our hearts and to become closer to our Lord. It is such a wonderful opportunity to remember and experience the overflowing grace that God has to offer.

Jesus' sacrifice, death and resurrection offer to each of us salvation throughout our mortal lives and hope during the times of suffering and struggle. At Bethany Life it is our Chaplain who reminds us of God's grace and hope and offers encouragement of God's peace to those who are often alone and without hope. It is our Chaplain who has the strength to often go emotionally where others are unable. Her spiritual touch eases the burden and allows peace to flourish.

Hundreds if not thousands of people have felt the touch of our Chaplain. Their names are endless. At this solemn time of year, we ask you to remember our Chaplain in your prayers.

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Ch. Sandy Anenson has been the Lord's shepherd at Bethany Life for more than two decades. I have watched as she eloquently welcomes new residents and families into Bethany Life and I have watched as she tenderly and compassionately guides them through the precious final moments of life on this earth. Between those major life events are smiles, honest conversations, laughter, companionship, kind acts, gentle words and best of all, powerful prayers. Chapel services are welcoming with song, scripture and messages that relate to the lives of the residents. Prayer groups, Bible studies and personal visits with the residents are priority. The loving care and support of resident's families continues as she travels near and far across Iowa to give greetings at memorial services and funerals. The service she provides extends further as her message of peace and comfort is tenderly given through support groups for grieving families.

The width and berth of this blessing is beyond compare. I am forever thankful for her service and the abundant love she has for those whom she serves. It is this Chaplaincy that is at the center of the steadfast continuum of care that is Bethany Life. Please help us continue this ministry with your support of our Chaplaincy program.

Mary Mechaelsen, Foundation Board Member

It's hard to imagine how any nursing home would not provide such dedicated and compassionate care. At Bethany Life, spiritual care is foundational to our mission.

It is our goal to raise \$80,000 in 2018 in support of our Chaplaincy program. We ask you, every one of you, to take a moment to think about our Chaplain during this time of reflection. Your generosity leads to peace for those we serve. Please join our mission. Make a gift today to our Foundation's Chaplaincy for Today Fund or the Chaplaincy Endowment Fund.

Thank you and God bless you.

Bethany Life Residents & Families, Employees, and Board Members



Photographed Above (Left) Chaplain Sandy Anenson and (Right) Board Member, Mary Mechaelsen

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