

Spring 2025

The Drumm beat.

A message from Bishop Drumm Retirement Center.

Hello Friends of Bishop Drumm!

As the days grow longer and the promise of warmer weather fills the air, we have much to share with you from our community here in Johnston. We're excited to introduce a new face to our team, provide updates on a beloved annual event, and share some exciting progress happening around our campus. We hope you enjoy this edition of The Drumm Beat!



Exciting campus improvement projects underway.

We are committed to continually enhancing the living experience for our residents, and we are excited to share updates on several important campus projects:

McAuley Terrace Exterior Upgrade:

We are thrilled to announce a significant upgrade to the exterior of McAuley Terrace, our independent living apartments. This exciting project is currently underway and includes the replacement of all decks, siding, windows, and HVAC units for each apartment. This comprehensive renovation will not only improve the aesthetics of McAuley Terrace but also enhance the comfort and energy efficiency of our residents' homes. We appreciate your patience as we work to complete this exciting transformation!

Transitioning Our Cable Television Service:

Bishop Drumm is transitioning our cable television service away from Mediacom. This decision was made to better serve our residents and streamline their television experience. Our new provider will offer several benefits, including:

- **Elimination of Extra Set-Top Boxes:** Residents will no longer need an additional device to access their cable channels.
- **Comparable Channel Lineup:** Residents can expect largely the same channels they currently enjoy.
- **Bishop Drumm Information Channel:** We will have a dedicated channel to display important campus news, event updates, and community information.
- **Chapel Service Streaming Channel:** Thanks to a very generous donation from the Bishop Drumm Guild, we will be able to stream our Chapel services live on a dedicated channel, allowing all residents to participate, even if they are unable to attend in person. We are incredibly grateful to the Guild for their support!

We are working diligently to ensure a smooth transition and will keep residents informed of the timeline for these changes.

Welcoming our new Director of Mission Integration.

We are delighted to officially introduce **Ryan Trosen**, our new Director of Mission Integration! Ryan joined the Bishop Drumm family in October and has quickly become an integral part of our community.

Hailing from Marshalltown, Ryan brings a wealth of experience in spiritual care, having previously served as a chaplain with the Iowa Veterans Home. His passion for serving others and his deep understanding of spiritual well-being make him a wonderful addition to our team. Ryan grew up on a dairy farm in northern Minnesota. His friends and family would say Ryan is a loyal friend and bakes a mean loaf of sourdough bread. One of Ryan's favorite activities is on Friday nights, he, his wife and their three children enjoy homemade pizza night.

In his role, Ryan is responsible for fostering the spiritual life of our residents and staff. He is also leading our volunteer program, Friends of Bishop Drumm. This wonderful initiative offers a variety of opportunities for individuals to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our residents.



Bishop Drumm joins Iowa Nursing Home Quality Coalition.

Bishop Drumm Retirement Center is pleased to announce its membership in the Iowa Nursing Home Quality Coalition, reinforcing our commitment to exceptional resident care.

Sponsored by the University of Iowa College of Nursing and the University of Iowa Iowa Geriatric Education Center, the Coalition unites Iowa stakeholders to improve the lives of older adults in nursing homes through advocacy, education, and innovation, promoting person-centered care.

"Joining the Coalition aligns perfectly with our mission," says Michaela Holmes, Director of Nursing. "We're dedicated to compassionate, individualized care and believe collaboration, especially with the expertise of the University of Iowa, will help us further enhance the lives of our residents. We're excited to contribute to ensuring dignity and respect for all older adults in Iowa."

Bishop Drumm looks forward to working with the Coalition to build a stronger future for long-term care in Iowa.

Volunteer opportunities with Friends of Bishop Drumm.

We are currently seeking compassionate and dedicated individuals to join our volunteer team in the following areas:

- **Spiritual Care:** Offer companionship, assist with spiritual programs, and provide a listening ear.
- **Life Enrichment:** Help with activities, events, and outings that bring joy and engagement to our residents.
- **Service Projects:** Participate in various projects that directly support the comfort and well-being of our community.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can serve the residents of Bishop Drumm through the Friends of Bishop Drumm program, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ryan Trosen directly at 515.858.4212. He would be thrilled to connect with you!



Celebrating our community.

We believe in celebrating the milestones and special moments within our Bishop Drumm community.

Significant employee anniversaries/awards:

We extend our sincere gratitude and congratulations to our dedicated employees celebrating milestone service anniversaries and receiving awards this Spring. Thank you for your commitment to Bishop Drumm!

Lex Johnson - 5 year Anniversary, April 7

Tory White - Exceeding Expectations Award for exemplifying our core values and consistently demonstrating compassion, inclusion, integrity, excellence, and collaboration.

Patrick Corrigan - Exceeding Expectations Award for exemplifying our core values and consistently demonstrating compassion, inclusion, integrity, excellence, and collaboration.



Lex Johnson



Tory White



Patrick Corrigan

Rise & shine, it's pancake time.

Friday, June 13

7:30 - 9 a.m.

McAuley Terrace

All are welcome. No need to RSVP.

We're welcoming free-will donations to support the Alzheimer's Association.



Bishop Drumm Guild garage sale update.

Mark your calendars! The Bishop Drumm Guild, our dedicated volunteer support organization, will be holding their annual summer garage sale on Thursday, June 13th, and Friday, June 14th.

Please note that the Guild will not be holding their usual every-Thursday garage sales this summer. Instead, they are focusing their efforts on making this one large event a fantastic success!

Happy Mother's Day!

As we approach Mother's Day, let's take a moment to reflect on the incredible women who shape our lives! From nurturing our dreams to providing unwavering support, their love is a guiding light.

Mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures—your impact is immeasurable! You teach us resilience, kindness, and the importance of laughter. We celebrate you and all the sacrifices you've made, often unnoticed.

Whether it's a warm hug, wise advice, or a delicious meal, your love speaks volumes. Let's express our gratitude, not just today, but every day!

Bishop Drumm campus activities and fun!

We are grateful for the wonderful residents, families, staff, and volunteers who make Bishop Drumm Retirement Center such a special place. We look forward to a bright and engaging spring and summer ahead!

Sincerely,

The Team at Bishop Drumm Retirement Center

