

THE STORIES OF OUR LIVES ...

Some bare and bleak as winter hands
 Others that rub a heart raw like sand on sand
 And those that bring forth life
 And those that tear down
 And the ones that shout without a sound.
 Some soft and gentle as Spring rain
 Others that claw and scratch and bleed forth pain
 And those that comfort and the ones that used to be a goal
 Such are the stories of our lives that live within our souls.
 The sad and bad times, those painful stops and starts
 Can rekindle the happiness we seek that lives within our hearts.
 Learning and growing from chapters before
 ...O' let that be what we use our past stories for.
 Every chapter of our lives will work together and make us whole
 If we remember to honor and love the life that lives within our soul.



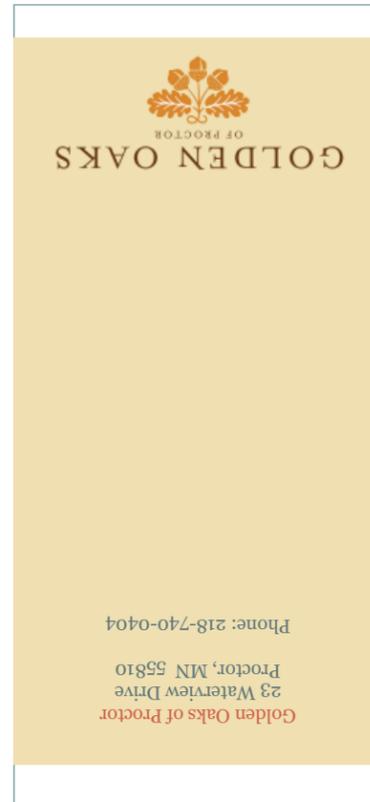
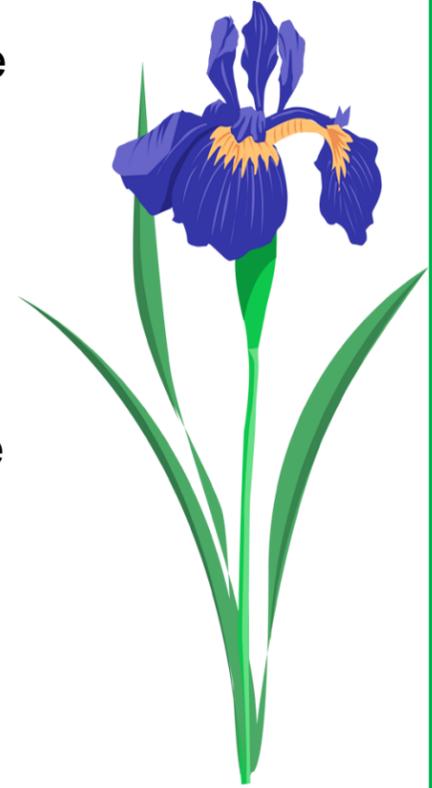
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The coldness of winter is melting away as we see and hear the sights and sounds of Spring. Our hearts dance in anticipation of enjoying fresh air and our hands in the earth, seeds sprouting, leaves budding and flowers blooming all around us. Spring enters in with a smile and a giggle, and in her usual fashion...with a bit of frost up her sleeve, like hide-and-go-seek! Ah, but we know her very well don't we! She roars with the thunder, that Ms. Spring does, then laughs with a hint of mischief in the breeze. Yet always...always, she pauses and looks us in the eye with her own kind wise eyes full of everything good and joy-filled and real, then she wraps us up in her loving embrace and whispers, "I am on my way, I am almost there." And that is all it takes to lift us up and set us running and dreaming and planning and smiling, ready to celebrate our lemonade sipping, barbeque eating, garden planting, sunshine felt to the bone and right to the marrow days! The Activity Department is excited to be on a great new learning and growing adventure with each one of you this Spring! We will be taking some old and familiar streets (activity wise) and traveling a few new pathways as we share laughter, hope and friendship together. Lets celebrate the blessings of this season and the gift of one another in our lives. It is going to be amazing because YOU are amazing, the activities will just be a bonus. Happy Spring and everything after!

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Great Things Happen Around the Table

How wonderful to enjoy meals or refreshments around the table with residents. We enjoy scrumptious food, but also share memories, conversation, laughter, and togetherness that is so vital for all ages.

Perhaps you remember times with your family around the table that meant so much to you. I come from a family of six siblings plus my parents and me. My four older siblings were out of the home by the time I was in middle school. I remember the excitement and anticipation of preparing the house for the holiday meal when my siblings would come home and we would all be together. We were very excited as we set up the long table, put on the tablecloth and set the dishes for the time we could all be together, laughing and talking around the table.

The table signals togetherness surrounding a very pleasurable event. Plus it means getting to know people better, being interested in them, listening, conversing, being heard, and laughing. Meal times are so vital and families today need to guard those times or they drift apart.

Jesus also valued meeting people in their homes around meals and He taught valuable lessons around those times. **Particularly, one of Jesus' resurrection appearances was set around a table.** Two of his followers were walking the road to Emmaus on that first Easter Sunday. They were heavy hearted over the devastating events surrounding Jesus' death. In their brokenness trying to make sense of the events, suddenly Jesus came and started walking along with them, but they did not recognize Him.

It wasn't until they invited him into their home and they sat at the table to eat that they finally recognized who He was. I often wondered what happened to open their eyes.

- Was it the way He broke the bread—a flashback of the feeding of the 5,000?
- Was it the way He said grace?
- Was it His kind demeanor?
- Or did they finally see the nail scars?



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Whatever it was, they were amazed and overjoyed. It changed their day! It changed their outlook! It changed their future!

Great things happen around the table!

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Spring Word Search

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