

Linwood Place

Supportive Independent Living in a Faith-Based Senior Community

March 2020

Dear Supporter

Meet Lynn Ann - she is our new Executive Director of Linwood Place, a ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes. She began leading the charge in July. Since then, we are proud to boast, our apartments have been full! No vacancies and we have a waiting list!



Lynn Ann Clausing Rusch has a background working for the USDA for 36 years. Her experience has proven helpful in finding ways to save money and creating our 2020 budget. She dots each "I," crosses every "T" and has an incredible eye for detail. Her education in counseling, having completed an internship at Brewster Village, brings passion and compassion for older adults. Her experience with the Fox Valley Memory Project brings insight concerning the challenges older adults face. Her community connections are phenomenal. Our tenants have new opportunities to attend theater and music programs as a result of those community relationships.

Please come meet Lynn Ann at a "Meet & Greet" reception on Thursday, March 26, 3 - 6 pm in Linwood Commons.

While things are going well at Linwood Place, there is always need for funds. The elevator project has changed dramatically. What began as a \$100,000 project, turned out to be a \$235,000 project. The board realized this was not good stewardship of our donations. After talking with Mary Beth Nienhaus (remember she is donating \$50,000 in matching money), an alternative project is in the works. The elevator will be closed once it no longer functions safely. Currently, the tenants access the basement laundry room using that elevator. The new project will move the laundry room to the first floor, making it easier for everyone. To date, we have raised \$35,850 for this project. We still need to raise \$14,150 to meet the matching grant goal from Mary Beth.

We need your financial support. Many of our apartments are in great need of being updated. As people move in, our apartments are modernized. Our wish is to install accessible toilets and showers. It is slow and costly process. We also need to keep our lights on. Most importantly, we need to keep our tenants safe, happy and feeling that they are part of a community. Linwood Place is much more than a standard senior apartment building. Yes, they have the traditional games and activities. Lynn Ann and Cheryl (our Care Coordinator) offer classes for the health and well-being of our tenants. They include Living with Diabetes, dementia education, Tai-Chi, fall prevention and fire safety. There are opportunities for worship and Bible study. Trinity Lutheran Church has begun holding a regular Wednesday night worship service in Linwood Commons. Our mission statement is "Supportive Independent Living in a Faith-Based Senior Community." The difference at Linwood Place is our "Community."

Thank you for your support of this wonderful community ministry. Will you please consider making a donation? Please join us for the "meet and greet" and see the wonderful things happening at Linwood Place.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Doell".

Sue Doell, Board Chair



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