

A CENTURY OF OUR FAMILY CARING FOR YOURS

For a century, Valley Senior Living has been dedicated to offering compassionate care to residents in Grand Forks. With support from local Lutheran churches and the generosity of the community, Valley Senior Living has delivered quality care to thousands of individuals.



Norwegian Synod Church

1914

The Bethesda Society formed as a ladies' aide with five branches to fund-raise to support the dream of a Home for the Aged in Grand Forks.

1914
After organizing into Branches, the Bethesda often held their meetings in the Norwegian Synod Church; or the homes of its members. after the first unit built in 1924, the meetings were held in the Old People's Home Chapel.

1917

During a pastoral conference at the Mekinock parsonage led by Rev. O. T. Ness of Ness Lutheran Church, the pastors promised the Bethesda women support in building an Old People's Home in Grand Forks. Later that year the Home for the Aged constitution was formed and incorporated.

1917

Pastoral conference at Ness church

Rev. H. B. Thorgerson Rev. O. T. Ness Perennius

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1924

October 15: The Grand Forks Home of the Aged opened at 1023 Almonte Avenue to care for 40 residents. This property on Almonte Avenue was purchased for \$3,000 in 1919 and the building cost an additional \$30,000 to construct.



1927

A second unit was added at the original location at 1023 Almonte Avenue to increase the size by 32 rooms and cost an additional \$35,000 to build.

1959

The Old People's Home name changed to Valley Memorial Home.

1934

51 residents were living at the Grand Forks Home for the Aged.

51 Are Residing At Grand Forks Home for Aged

Fifty-four persons were registered at the Grand Forks Home for the Aged in February, and 51 were residents at the end of the month, according to Rev. O. T. Ness, manager. Five of the residents were of descent other than Scandinavian.

Among activities in February were services February 4 and 18 conducted by the Lutheran Bible school students; meetings February 11, in charge of the Goose River Inner Mission society; meetings of Bethesda No. 3 with Mrs. Ole Larson and Mrs. O. Ostad as hostesses and of Bethesda No. 1 with Mrs. O. T. Ness. Rev. Ludvig Pederson conducted services February 19.

Donations in February included a memorial fund from Buxton friends and proceeds from the Bethesda societies, amounting to \$38.

Mrs. Ole Torbinson entered the home February 2. . . . Tom Bonde, 304 North Fifth street, stayed at the home for 10 days while convalescing from an illness. . . . Mrs. C. Paulson is visiting at Northwood. . . . Mrs. Leonard Ulrich of Big Stone City, S. D., visited her mother, Mrs. Caroline Bottolfson, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bottolfson were here from Garske, N. D. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Lebacken and Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Lebacken of Reynolds called on their aunt, Mrs. Marie Lebacken.



1960

A third expansion of the original location added the "Nursing Wing" and capacity to care for 58 more residents.

1962

A fourth expansion of the original location added the "Second Nursing Wing".

Magnify the Lord with me and Let us Exalt His name together!

PSALM 34:3



GROUND WAS BROKEN Thursday for the new Tweet Annex to be built at Valley Memorial Home, 1023 Almonte Ave. From the left in the ceremony are Rev. Osmund Stensland, Valley Home-chaplain; Gullik Fryrik, president of the Homers Club at the Home, and Dr. Arthur Tweet, president of the Home, for whom the annex is named. (Herald Photo).

1966

Ground was broken on the Tweet Annex at the original Almonte location on June 29, 1966.



1981

Valley Eldercare Center opened on Altru's main campus at 2900 14th Avenue South.

1970

Tufte Manor was built, originally serving the community as an independent living center with room for 90 residents.



1985

The Valley Memorial Foundation was formed to provide extras for residents in addition to supporting programs and facilities.

1997



The historic Flood of 1997 destroyed the original location at 1023 Almonte Avenue.

*“And though your beginning was small,
your latter days will be very great.”*

JOB 8:7



1998

4000 Valley Square was built creating the first retirement community in Grand Forks. The care community offers independent living at Country Estates, assisted living at Wheatland Terrace, and skilled nursing care and memory care at Woodside Village.



2010

Valley Eldercare expanded to add post-acute care options for up to 36 residents at Valley Transitions.



2014

Cherrywood Village opened with a physical link to Tufta Manor. Cherrywood Village is a 62+ independent living community managed by Grand Forks Housing Authority.

2024



Valley Senior Living purchased 6 acres near Sertoma Park as we plan for the next century.

2019

Valley Memorial Homes name changed to Valley Senior Living to include locations at Valley Senior Living on Columbia, Valley Senior Living on 42nd, and Valley Senior Living on Cherry.

The Bethesda Society concluded their active service to Valley Senior Living in the fall of 2019 after 105 years of supporting the organization in numerous ways.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Throughout the past several months, Valley Senior Living has been meeting and discussing a strategic plan with focus groups from each of the care communities. It became clear during these discussions that we need to start planning for a new building in the future. While in conversation about future developments, a piece of land became available to purchase, and Valley Senior Living made its first land purchase since 1997! We do not have plans of building on the property anytime soon, but we are excited to share with you this big piece of Valley news!