

# Faith Matters

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## A MESSAGE FROM *the Chaplain*



**B**y the time you receive this I will have been serving as Chaplain here at The Wartburg Adult Care Community

for six months. What an adventure it has been! Already I have been privileged to witness the extraordinary devotion of so many people as they generously give their time, energy, resources and love for the sake of those who now make this wonderful place their home.

Many changes have come to this community over the years and more are yet to come. In the midst of all this change, it is always good to be reminded of our mission to “provide ministries of healing and hope ...which nurture body, mind and spirit.” As our Lutheran heritage teaches us, we all carry out our Christian vocations – whatever our “job”

may be – as a part of the priesthood of all believers. Everything we do here is a ministry, from changing light bulbs and cleaning bathrooms to preparing meals or signing checks to providing therapy or administering medications.

With all the ins and outs of managed health care, it is important that an institution such as this one run smoothly and according to all the necessary regulations. At the same time, however, The Wartburg community continues to cling to the center of our mission – and that is to love and serve God by loving and serving those whom God has placed in our care. I believe that my role here is to continually remind both residents and staff that God has called us together in this community to love and care for one another as best we can, and in so doing, we are walking in the path of our Lord Jesus. We are a community with Christ at the center, and that makes all the difference!

God be with you,  
*Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer*



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## *It's the "Extras" that Make The Wartburg Special!*

Each year the more than \$700 thousand in charitable contributions are given to The Wartburg. These contributions have a direct benefit to the residents who are served in the numerous programs of The Wartburg Adult Care Community. Some of the most important benefits of contributions, however, may often be overlooked. Sometimes these benefits are simply referred to as the "extras". **It's providing the "extras" that make all the difference** in the lives of our residents at The Wartburg. It's the "extras" that enable The Wartburg to provide ministries of healing and hope

through comprehensive services which nurture body, mind and spirit of our residents. The "extras" include:

- Cultural Events
- Social Excursions
- Musical Programs
- Bible Studies
- Spiritual Discussions
- Holiday Celebrations & Gift Packages
- Intergenerational Activities
- Cognitive Enhancement Exercises

*Our thanks to all of you who have helped to provide these "extras."*

Are you interested in providing "extras" in the future? Or receiving occasional publications and/or mailings from The Wartburg Foundation?

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*Thank you for your interest in the ministry of The Wartburg.*

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## *Birthday Celebrations*



### **102 Years Young!**

Mary Concetta Gelardi, a resident in The Waltemade Center, celebrated her 102nd birthday by dancing with her family and friends at The Wartburg.

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*Thank you for your continued support in the ministry of The Wartburg.*

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### **The Wartburg Foundation Mission Statement**

The Foundation’s mission is to raise funds from donors, manage our endowment and make grants to assist The Wartburg Community, Lutheran ministries and other charities so that older adults may live with dignity.

Faith Matters is published by The Wartburg Foundation for Congregations of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA, the Atlantic, New England and New Jersey Districts of the LCMS and various denominations throughout our community.

## The Wartburg Foundation Welcomes The Rev. Sonja Marie Tillberg Maclary



The Rev. Sonja Marie Tillberg Maclary, a dedicated pastor with 10 years of leadership at Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Woodstock, NY, has joined the Board of Directors of The Wartburg Foundation.

Rev. Tillberg Maclary is responsible for the pastoral care of the parish and the development of evangelical and outreach programs in the community – including the

Daily Bread Soup Kitchen and the Faithful Folk Music Group.

A graduate of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA, Pastor Tillberg Maclary earned her master of divinity degree at Yale University in New Haven, CT. She was ordained in September 1998 at Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Woodstock, NY.

A resident of Saugerties, NY, Pastor Tillberg Maclary is married to Mike Maclary and enjoys skiing with their children – Jack (8), Catherine (6) and Hans (10 mos.).



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