Imagine enjoying life in a modern, comfortable home, perfectly sized for you, in a beautiful setting with just about every convenience you need. Now imagine that someone else takes care of all maintenance chores inside and outside your home, freeing up your days for family, friends and favorite pastimes.

At Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village, you don’t have to just imagine a lifestyle like that. You can live it! Just think—no more mowing the lawn, no more shoveling snow and no more housing repairs. That means more time to enjoy the Village’s 54-acre campus with its walking paths, varied educational events and activities, community gardens, outdoor gazebo, and even a bocce ball court.

The maintenance-free lifestyle our residents enjoy is made possible by our hardworking maintenance team.

You might see them clearing snow and ice or making a needed repair around the Buffalo Valley campus. Often they are behind the scenes, helping to keep everyday life here running smoothly.

Here’s just a sampling of ways our maintenance team helps residents all year long:

- Lawn care and landscaping
- Snow removal from sidewalks, parking areas and cars
- Annual preventive maintenance
- Exterior window washing
- 24-hour call system
- Pest control
- Electrical and plumbing services
- Appliance repairs
- Handyman chores such as changing light bulbs and hanging pictures

Bottom line: This responsive team is always ready to lend a hand!

Our dedicated maintenance team makes your life easier!

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WINTER 2018

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN VILLAGE

Our WELCOME MAT is out!

You are invited to visit Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village for these upcoming informative events. You’ll get a feel for life on our campus, see a model home, and learn the ins and outs of downsizing and selling your home.

Thursday, March 22, 2 – 5 p.m.
WINE & CHEESE OPEN HOUSE
Come enjoy light refreshments and the company of others who are also considering the move to a senior living community. With the first day of spring March 22, it will be a nice time to pay us a visit. This event takes place at our model home.

Tuesday, April 10, Noon
DOWNSIZING AND SELLING YOUR HOME
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In our WELCOME MAT, we are making an effort to make our campus more stress-free as possible. This responsive team handles daily emergencies, preventive maintenance work, phone-call work requests and preventive maintenance work, phone-call work requests and work done to comply with state regulations.

“If you live your maintenance team credit for keeping this campus looking the way it does all year long, at all three locations: independent living, personal care and nursing care center,” says Terry Murphy, maintenance supervisor.

If just the idea of downsizing seems overwhelming, join us for this session of practical tips and advice. While you’re here, take a convenient tour of our new homes.

Please RSVP to Gretchen Nash at (370) 209-9007 to reserve your spot for either or both events. See inside for more events coming up on our calendar.
New homes coming in the new year: One of them can be yours!

Fourteen new homes are slated for construction in 2018 at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village. Like the 10 beautiful homes on our campus, all new homes will be maintenance-free inside and out and feature open floor plans with lots of living space. Plus, if you pre-order, you can customize certain interior features.

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Call Gretchen Nash at (570) 209-9007 for more information.

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MAY 29, 1 – 3 P.M.

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JUNE 7, NOON

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BingO! Prizes & Free Admission

MARCH 13, 2 P.M.

AARP Smart Driver Course

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• MAY 3, 6:30 – 9 P.M.

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Chaplain adds to sense of community

The Rev. Marian Anderson came to Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village as chaplain three years ago.

She describes the community then as “so welcoming” and still finds it to be a very warm and friend place. And she hopes she is helping it feel even a little more so.

While her schedule is filled with things you might expect—worship services, Bible study sessions and spiritual counseling—Anderson also is busy with events and activities that add a little extra for residents. One of these activities is home visits she makes to residents with Julie Alexander, the executive director.

“We go as a team,” she explains. “Julie provides support for their physical health needs and I am here for emotional and spiritual support as needed. It’s something we extend to every resident.”

The chaplain says she also may go to a resident’s home to offer communion, if the resident wishes it and can’t come to a scheduled worship service. And she may visit with residents at home who are in hospice care.

With other staff, Anderson has added activities for residents that foster fellowship and a sense of belonging. One favorite is a special blessing service for residents’ pets.

“I’ve been asked to provide a blessing of the home and for two years in a row, we gathered at the gazebo for a blessing of the animals,” she says. “I think that something we’ll be doing regularly. For some residents, their pets are an important part of their life on campus.”

She also started a Saturday afternoon “dinner and a movie” as a quarterly event. The group is encouraged to gather, enjoy a light meal, watch a movie and discuss the theme of thought-provoking moves like “The Shack.”

“We are showing inspirational movies and sharing food and one another’s company,” she says. “It’s just a way to connect.”

The chaplain’s goal is for everyone at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village to feel they can come to her with any need. “I am the chaplain for everybody,” she says.