

Lyngblomsten News for Delegates

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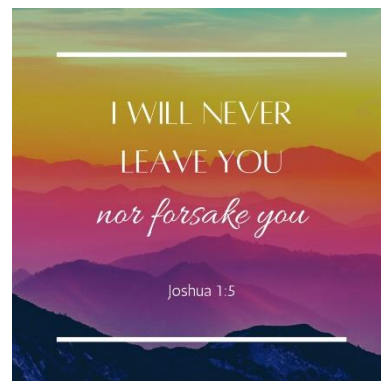
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Every December 31, thousands of people stand in the cold in Times Square. No ballgame is being played, or victory parade happening. No presidential motorcade flowing by. It's just a large, lighted ball that drops down a tall pole. It takes just 10 seconds to descend, marking a new year. Hardly worth fighting traffic and jammed sidewalks for.

Why has this yearly ritual turned into a huge spectacle? New Year's Eve only celebrates the passing of time—something that most of us would rather *not* focus on. Yet we pay attention because it marks the end of an old era and the start of a new one.

The problems, heartaches, and struggles of the previous months seem to fade from our memory as we anticipate the clean slate of a new year.

As you stand with 2022 at your back and look forward to 2023, you too can have hope in the promise that God gave the people of Israel as they prepared to exit the desert after 40 years. Every one of us will face both difficult and joyful times ahead, but you can know with certainty that God "*will never leave you nor forsake you*" (**Joshua 1:5**). That promise is enough to celebrate every new day of the year ahead.



WILL YOU CONTINUE SERVING AS A DELEGATE?

At the end of January, a Delegate Roster packet will be mailed to the Lead Delegate in each of Lyngblomsten's Member Congregations. The Lead Delegate for your congregation (or Pastor, if there is no Lead) will then be asking you to consider continuing as a church delegate. ***We hope that you will give this opportunity thoughtful consideration*** because we would be thrilled to work with you another year. However, should you decide to step down, we will wish you well and bless you for your service as a delegate.

DELEGATE CONNECT

Delegate Connect is an opportunity for **new delegates** to find out what it means to be in partnership with Lyngblomsten, learn about their role as a delegate, and meet the Church Relations Team. There are two meeting dates to choose from:

Monday, March 20 at 10:00 AM OR Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 PM.

Both meetings will be held in person at Lyngblomsten with the option to attend virtually if necessary. Invitations will be sent out to new delegates in early March.

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LEARN ABOUT VOLUNTEERING WITH THE GATHERING

Thursday, January 26 • 3–4 PM

If you are looking for a social and engaging volunteer experience, The Gathering might be just for you! As a volunteer, you'll spend four hours engaged in meaningful, fun activities with those experiencing early- to mid-stage memory loss, providing their informal caregivers with a much-appreciated break. The Gathering is expanding its volunteer pool, and we'd love for you to consider joining our team in making a difference!

If you are interested in learning more about what it means to volunteer with The Gathering, consider attending an online information session on **Thursday, January 26 from 3:00-4:00 PM**. Register by calling (651) 632-5330 or emailing 2ndHalf@lyngblomsten.org. A Zoom link will be sent to you after you have registered.

Or maybe you are looking for something supportive, but not as social. Lyngblomsten has other volunteer opportunities that are not in a group setting that might interest you. Also available are service projects for youth groups, women and men's groups, and special interest groups. Making a difference in the life of an older person is possible at Lyngblomsten!

To learn more about any of these volunteer opportunities that you or a group from your church might want to participate in, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Melanie Jagolino, at (651) 632-5499 or mjagolino@lyngblomsten.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Delegate Connect: March 20 at 10:00 AM
- Delegate Connect: March 23 at 6:30 PM
- Lyngblomsten Corporate Annual Meeting: May 2
Dinner at 6:00 PM – Meeting at 7:00 PM
Packets will be mailed in April. Included will be proposed changes for the Lyngblomsten Bylaws for your consideration.
- Lyngblomsten Foundation Gala
The Lyngblomsten Foundation is exploring the possibility of a 2023 Gala that may be unlike anything we have ever done before! Details are still being worked out, but will be made available as soon as possible. Stay tuned!

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your work as a delegate! Your partnership in preserving and enhancing the quality of life for older adults is appreciated and valued!

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