



## CONTACT

If you are interested in participating in The Gathering program or becoming a volunteer, please contact Mary Casarez with Presbyterian Homes & Services at (651) 230-444.

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## WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT THE GATHERING?

"The Gathering is an invaluable service to the dementia community. A special thank you from all the caregivers to Oak Knoll Lutheran for providing the space, the days filled with stimulation and learning, and for supporting The Gathering." — Elaine, Caregiver

"The Yiddish word, mensch, is how I describe the Oak Knoll volunteers. There are lots of definitions of the word, but this one fits to a tee: **"To be a mensch is to be supportive. To be a friend, to be calm in troubled times. To support others."** You are making a meaningful difference in the lives of those on this dementia journey." — Marie, Caregiver

"I love connecting with participants about shared hobbies and life experiences." — Lisa, Volunteer

# THE GATHERING



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## WHO WE ARE

The Gathering is a partnership between Oak Knoll Lutheran Church and Presbyterian Homes & Services. The Gathering is a day program for individuals experiencing early to mid-stage memory loss while providing respite for caregivers.

The group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10am–3pm at Oak Knoll Lutheran Church in Minnetonka.



## A DAY AT THE GATHERING

A typical day at The Gathering includes:

- partner and intergenerational activities
- guest speakers or musical groups
- conversation
- exercise
- music therapy
- lunch

Each participant is paired with a trained volunteer and develops friendships with the volunteers and other participants.

### VOLUNTEERS

The Gathering volunteers are passionate about this program, and your loved one will experience a safe and loving place filled with learning, laughter, and social engagement.

### COST

The cost per session is based on a sliding fee scale set by Presbyterian Homes & Services.



“A day at The Gathering is like a day spent with my best friends.”

– Bruce, Participant