

SpringFest Gala next week at Richardson Cottage

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The Crossings, a St. John's Lutheran Ministries senior living community, will hold its SpringFest Gala next week including a garden tea, a golf tournament, and the evening Gala featuring entertainment by the Ringling 5.

SpringFest 2007 kicks off with a Garden Tea at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Laurel on Wednesday, April 25, at 4 pm. The church is located at 707 West Third Street. The cost is \$50 per person, which also includes admission to the Friday night SpringFest Gala at the Richardson Cottage. The Laurel High School Choir will perform at the tea.



*Outlook photo by Larry Tanglen
High Tech Construction workers place roof trusses in place at the main apartment building of The Crossing, a senior living complex being built by St. John's Lutheran Ministries, off of East Maryland in Laurel. It is slated for completion and occupancy later this year.*

Laurel flower/gift shop Plantasia is sponsoring a Garden Angel competition for the garden tea and the top selections will be auctioned off at the Friday night Gala auction. Plantasia will donate a matching amount of the winning bids for the Garden Angels to The Crossings.

New this year is the SpringFest ShootOut Golf Tournament at the Laurel Golf Club, on Friday, April 27. The ShootOut will begin with a shotgun start at 1 pm., after a lunch served in the dining room at the Golf Club for participants at noon. Prizes will be awarded at 6:30 pm. The deadline for teams to register for the ShootOut was Monday, April 16.

The evening Gala will be in the Richardson Cottage at The Crossing, located at East Maryland and Alder. It will feature hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment, a no-host bar, and both live and silent auctions.

The doors open at 6:30 pm., with the silent auction lasting from 6:30 pm. to 8 pm. The Ringling 5 performs from 8 pm. to 10 pm. with a half-hour break from 8:45 pm. to 9:15 pm. for the live auction. All of the Gala evening activities will be held in the Richardson Cottage, which is nearly completed.

One hundred and ninety people attended last year's event which raised

\$17,000. St. John's Lutheran Ministries hopes to raise \$20,000-\$25,000 this year to construct a quarter-mile walking trail around The Crossings campus.

The Crossings senior living community in Laurel will feature a three-story 37-unit apartment building and the 12-bedroom memory care cottage -The Richardson Cottage - on the four acre site on the corner of East Maryland and Alder Avenue. The larger building will include 24 independent living and 13 assisted living apartments.

The Richardson Cottage is named in honor of long-time Laurel physician and his wife, Dr. Lee and Irma Richardson. It will be home to 12 elders with early stage dementia or Alzheimer's.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Laurel is one of St. John's Lutheran Ministries 22 ownership congregations and its church council has fully endorsed The Crossings project. For more information on the SpringFest Gala events go to the website sjlm.org or call 628-1200.