St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc.

# THE ST. LUKE VIEW

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#### ST. LUKE CAMPUS SPENCER, IOWA

## Resident Spotlight: Marion Peters

**W** arion Peters' life story is not only poetic, it is proudly displayed on her wall at St. Luke Lutheran Home. *Granny P.*, (below), was written by son-inlaw Boyd Simons in observance of her 80th birthday celebration. This remarkable woman plans to mark her 99th birthday in mid-December. Peters' gentle and engaging attitude is revealed every day while visiting with others, playing cards, crocheting beautiful items for family and friends, and participating in other activities.

Hello everyone! We're glad you're here. We're come together with lots of cheer. Isn't it something that this grand lady, We're come to honor, has just turned eighty? You all know her in your own special way. You each have your reason for being here today. But no matter your reason, we'll all agree: A mighty great lady is this Granny P.

-Granny P.

If youll just listen and our rhymes hald out, We'tt tell you a little-how Granny's life came about. Nineteen-thirteen Canadian born. Darn cold and frosty on that December morn. Game to Iowa before she was ten, Marion, her mother, and her brother, Ed. The family grew as time went on. Two more brothers joined the throng. Carl and LeRoy joined Marion and her brother, Born to Alfred and Edith - Father and Mother.

Living on the farm, all had chores to do, Worked day or night until you were thru. There was a country school with a limited course. You either got to walk, or you rode the horse. With school all finished inher young life-Lots of work at home but asked to become a wife. She was eighteen years of age with the wedding done, Bill Peters and Marion living together as one.

To this union - 49 years of bliss. Was born three boys and a little miss. Around this area, they farmed for years. Most years brought smiles but a few brought tears. Four children in all to call her Mother, But now eleven more call her Grandmother. Then another generation with seventeen more. Really she has great-grandchildren galore! Parts of her life have had sad fate, Losing two sons and her lifelong mate.

But this whole family with all its number, Is not the main thing we're apt to remember. Rather her kindness and a friendly way - any time you meet, Is just clarn hard to equal, let alone try to beat, So - heres a goal for any of us, before our life ends: To be as gracious as Granny, and make even half as many friends! So Happy Birthday, Marion, you wonderful dear. Here's hoping will do this, in another ten years. Soyd Simons



St. Luke residents Marion Peters (above), Therese Kirby and Rose Marie Kast fared well with their handmade items at the 2012 Clay County Fair.

- Peters Blue Crocheted doily and coasters
- Kirby Blue Beaded Christmas tree skirt
- Kast Red Crocheted baby blanket and pillow

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#### Celebrating our campus veterans 2012 Board of With Veterans Day just around the corner, our Stars and Stripes, as well Directors as the freedoms all Americans enjoy, are brought front and center. We'd like John Jensen..President to publicly honor the veterans on our campus. While they come from all Mark Nothwehr....V.P. walks of life and regions of the country, they all have one thing in common: Kaylan Abel..Secretary love of and loyalty to country. Thank you for your service! Frank Halverson **The Highlands Denise Kramer Tolzmann Rev. Peter Maisenbach** Earl Angell, Merchant Marines, World War II Neil Scoles, Army, World War II **Ron Muetzel** Gerald Hanson, Navy, World War II Robert Stewart, Navy, World War II Don Helmkamp Robert Miller, Army Air Forces, World War II Roy Stroud, Army, World War II Neal Drefke Stanley Jespersen, Marines, World War II Norman Boonstra, Army Signal Corps, World War II Harold Hammerstrom, Army, World War II & Korea **Hillside Terrace Resident Advocates** Carl Abel, Army, World War II Lloyd Ahrenstorff, Navy, World War II Freeman Knudtson, Army, World War II Craig Pierce, Navy, World War II The following are Maxine Thompson, Navy WAVES, World War II volunteers from our Orville Tronson, Air Force, Korea community who are on the Resident Advocate **Riverview Terrace Committee at** St. Luke Lutheran Home. Ralph Day, Air Force, World War II & Korea Bill DeVos, Army, World War II They are not employed by Bob Guerttman, Army, World War II Roger Hoberg, Army, Korea nor affiliated with the George Johnson, Navy, World War II Dick Kirksey, Navy, World War II facility. Their "job" is to Les Miller, Army, World War II Glenn Neve, Army, World War II visit with residents and Lawrence Osborn, Army, World War II Richard Schuster, Army, World War II families, and to work Bob Peterson, Marine Corps, World War II Rex Travis, Army, World War II toward resolving issues of concern. St. Luke Lutheran Home Earl Angell.....Chair Alvin DeWall, Army, Korea Craig Marr, Army, Vietnam Inez Rossiter.....Sec. Flavius "Andy" Dodge, Air Force, World War II Lawrence Evans, Army, World War II William Green Keith Grover, Navy, Vietnam Raymond Krause, Army, Korea **Roselyn Holmberg** Leo "Joy" Smith, Coast Guard, World War II Irving Merrill, Army, World War II John Metcalfe, Air Force, Korea Meryl Smith, Army, World War II Robert Regennitter, Air Force, Vietnam Darwin Zahrt, National Guard, Korea If you have questions Robert Stoeber, Army Air Corps, World War II about this committee or are interested in becoming St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. Staff a member, please call **Chairman Earl Angell** Terry D. Dandy, Navy, Vietnam Torrey Krause, Army, Desert Storm at 712.262.3008. Rod Richardson, Air Force, Desert Storm Melissa Weber, Air Force, Grenada

















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#### **Top to Bottom:**

Vern Lyon, Amanda Klein and Lois Fliss enjoy an afternoon ride aboard the Queen II excursion boat.

St. Luke Lutheran Home residents and staff find pleasure in an Aug. 2 sightseeing cruise around West Lake Okoboji.

St. Luke CNA Nancy Noethe visits with Hazel Freeman as she enjoys a banana split.

Lavon Kephart sits down to tickle the ivories, a monthly task she began 28 years ago at St. Luke Lutheran Home.

Houdini the horse and his trainer, Dick Wallen of Sioux City, put on a spectacular afternoon show at St. Luke Lutheran Home. Terri Stewart, Jeanne Trizila, Jazi Mosley, Wallen and Becky Mosley (from left) show how to balance on a teeter totter.

After performing some amazing tricks, Houdini the horse and Jeanne Trizila greet Mary Uhe.

Cheers erupt as St. Luke Rehabilitation Coordinator Linda Sterling (right) takes on Bernice Bowers in a Resident Olympics wheelchair race.

Edna Reynolds bite tests the gold medal she received in the ladder ball competition during the St. Luke Resident Olympics.







**Connie Wiemold** was the event coordinator for the Miss Rodeo Iowa Pageant at Fort Madison in September.

"This pageant is a scholarship program that promotes agriculture and the Western life in Iowa," she said.

Connie lives in Emmetsburg and has been an employee at Hillside Terrace for two years.

#### Scenes from our annual Tenant and Family BBQ, hosted Aug. 23 at Hillside Terrace.











Upcoming **Events** 



Trinity kids Sept. 28 **Autumn Drive** Oct. 12 Monthly Birthday Party Oct. 16 October Fest Oct. 31

Rosacker signing a proclamation for National

Assisted Living Week, Sept. 9 - 15.

Hillside Terrace is located at: 1209 12<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Spencer IA 51301 Call 712.262.5934 to schedule a tour or obtain further information. We value your questions, comments and concerns. Check out our webpage and Facebook page at: www.stlukelh.com

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# D Riverview Terrace Assisted Living

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# RVT Tenant Highlight:

## **Bob Peterson**



Upcoming Events		
Oct. 12	Fall Outing	
Oct. 16	Bell Choir to	
	Milford Nursing Home	
Oct. 31	Tricks 'n' Treats	



Lois Maurer enjoys a chat with Peterson Lions Club wagon driver Lonnie Hansen at the fair while a Jones Lunch worker serves doughnuts. Bob Peterson is a tenant with many talents. He has been helping in all aspects of the activity program. He folds towels and napkins every day. He is the doorman when we need one and the candy man to keep the staff sweet and happy. Bob pitches in wherever and whenever the need arises. He loves to participate in Riverview Terrace activities, as well as help with the programs. This World War II veteran, a U.S. Marine, attributes his helpful smile to his service to God and our country. Bob is originally from Albert City and moved to Spencer in 1987. He has worked in sales most of his life. Thank you, Bob!

# **Activity Highlights**



Rex Travis gives the horseshoe a whirl during the summer fun games.



We may have an apartment for you or your loved one.

If you need to find a place to call home with caring, dedicated staff to provide services and tender loving care, just give our staff a call at 712.262.5932 or send an email to <u>nancy.ketcham@stlukelh.com</u>.

Nancy Ketcham	Director
Kerri Kofoot	Assisted Living Director of Nursing
Lisa Small	
Ann Myers	Health Care Coordinator
	Service Coordinator
	Activity Coordinator

Roberta Travis enjoys the weekly Aquasize classes at the St. Luke pool.



Phyllis Parr and Lawrence Osborn enjoy a cup of coffee while on the Lions Club fair tour.

Birthday	ys & Anniversaries	
Oct. 2	George Johnson	
Oct. 11	Dick Kirksey	
Oct. 28	Helen Anderson	
Oct. 28	Bill & Betty DeVos	
70th Wedding Anniversary		

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM



## Christoffersons enjoying life at The Highlands

Gary "Chris" and Carolyn Christofferson are enjoying their new home at The Highlands.

"Moving in when we did was perfect because we're now settled for the winter," Chris reported with a relaxed smile.

"We've been here five weeks and we've found the people to be very friendly," Carolyn said. "We appreciate that and are looking forward to getting more involved now."

"Organization and keeping what is needed, then getting rid of the rest, is my advice for others," she added.

"After viewing several potential local living arrangements, The Highlands' amenities, general atmosphere and cleanliness sealed the deal for us," the couple agreed.

"We are not wealthy people and we felt it was something we could afford," Chris added. "When we were first looking into something like this, the fact that this fit our budget - and we knew we could live very well here - ended up being another reason why we chose The Highlands."

While Chris already enjoys the heated garage and bounty of books available in the building's library, Carolyn is looking forward to making new habits centered on the campus' indoor pool and spa, as well as its walking trails and interconnecting hallways between buildings.

#### Who are the Christoffersons?

Born in Milford, Chris Christofferson moved with his family to a farm northeast of Spencer before entering grade school. After spending 15 years in Los Angeles, he returned to Everly, where he operated Chris' Market from 1973 until 1980. He spent the next few years working at the elevator in Everly.

Carolyn (Woolston) Christofferson grew up on a farm southwest of Royal and graduated from Royal High School. She fondly remembers riding perched beside her father on an Oliver tractor step as a young girl and eventually driving the fields as a teenager.



The two met at the former Majestic roller rink in Arnolds Park on Lake Okoboji.

The couple dated six months before marrying Sept. 12, 1987. The Christoffersons then worked together at Spencer Hospital. He served in the materials department; she started working as a nurse aide the morning following her high school graduation and spent the next 21 years also serving in the hospital's business office.

Chris served as a 30-year volunteer fire-fighter and EMT.

Carolyn currently serves as the Spencer Hospital Auxiliary president and volunteers for activities at Faith Lutheran Church. Both enjoy spending time with their families.



Bob and Darlene Miller donated candlesticks and she made the mantel scarf for The Great Room in The Highlands. A big thank you to Bob and Darlene!

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## Staff loyalty appreciated

We are proud of the work and commitment of all our employees. St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. is grateful for the dedicated service of the following employees who, from September through October, have served in five-year increments:

Five Years of Service.....Juliana Blume, Kim Buhr, .....Ange Cohoon, Sarah Diekmann, Linda Manwarren, ....Brandee Roberts and Stephanie Rothmeyer

## New employees

elcome to the following individuals who recently joined the St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. staff.

Anna Groth	St. Luke Night Cook
Karina Vaquero	Hillside Terrace Personal Service Assistant
Amber Vidana	St. Luke Laundry Attendant
Melissa Poulsen	St. Luke Registered Nurse
	St. Luke Nurse Aide
Charlie Rezabek	St. Luke Nurse Aide

## Campus transitions: Kofoot promoted

Kerri Kofoot has been with St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. since 1994. She started at St. Luke Lutheran Home as a certified nursing assistant and later advanced to become a registered nurse performing various roles.

In 2005, Kofoot joined the dedicated staff at Hillside Terrace as the assisted living building's nursing director. In this role, her duties have included monitoring the tenants' overall health statuses, educating and training personal service assistants, working with

families, physicians, and area agencies to coordinate care. She also **Kerri Kofoot** became manager of the St. Luke campus' aquatic center when it opened in August 2006.

Kofoot, who was promoted to Director of Nursing for the St. Luke campus' two assisted living buildings - Hillside Terrace and Riverview Terrace - Aug. 3, is currently working on a Bachelors of Nursing degree at the University of Iowa. She also serves as a clinical nurse instructor at Iowa Lakes Community College.

"I am particularly fond of the continuum of care that St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. provides, as the transition from home to assisted living to nursing home is encompassed in a one-step process with familiar surroundings and staff," Kofoot said.

Kofoot and Jason Dandy, of Spencer, have two children: Briana Dandy and Kaleb Dandy.



#### Welcome New Residents

Vonnie KruseAug. 1
Michael AndersonAug. 13
Helen DeanAug. 15
Pearl SteinkeAug. 16
Gary ChristoffersonAug. 20
Carolyn ChristoffersonAug. 20
Dale BredesonAug. 23
Bernadine GappaAug. 27
Gerald & Iris HansonAug. 29
Fern HargensAug. 31
Marianne FrekingSept. 5
Stanley LloydSept. 5
Gladys StoeverSept. 12
Dorothy FinkSept. 18
Frances LarsenSept. 20
Bruce KeltgenSept. 20
Margaret "Kathy" TaylorSept. 21

#### **Our Sympathy**

Virginia Freeburg	Aug. 4
Virginia Lubbers	
Grace Hynes	
Vesta Rouse	Aug. 16
Helen Dean	Aug. 21
Gladys Johnson	Aug. 30
Jackie Culbertson	Sept. 1
Alma Wendt	Sept. 5
Shirley Mason	Sept. 11
Robert Lage	Sept. 14

#### Discharges

Ruth Wischmeyer	July 31
Elmer & Gloria Dykstra.	Aug. 1
Wilma Snell	Aug. 8
Bonnie Albertson	.Aug. 13
Caroline Kressin	Aug. 17
Michael Anderson	Aug. 24
Gladys Zweifel	Sept. 4
Vonnie Kruse	Sept. 13
Marion Posthumus	
Dale Bredeson	Sept. 19

## Upcoming Events



**Cowboy Jim** 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 at St. Luke

Classic Country Singers 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6

Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran students 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17

Fall Bus Ride 2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22

Music with Nicole and Jerry 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23

Decorating Cookies 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24

Oktoberfest Party 2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29

**Carving Pumpkins** 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30

**Trick-or-Treat Parade** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31

## Henricksen sings at county fair

asey Henricksen knows how to sing.

This became evident for a crowd waiting to see country music duo Thompson Square and RCA recording artist Chris Young in concert at the 2012 Clay County Fair.

Henricksen, a Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn junior who sings alto, was asked to sing the national anthem before their Sept. 9 grandstand show after she auditioned to perform on one of the fair's free stages. Henricksen's Clay County Fair audition followed pre-

vious tryouts she did with the reality television singing competitions "American Idol" and "The Voice."

Even though singing in church, school and at tractor pulls the past three years helped to quell any fears Henricksen may have had about such a grandstand performance, the 16-yearold prepared seriously for the task at hand.

"I kept singing it and singing it until I knew I had it down," Henricksen said. So what does she

treasure most about



Photo by Judy Hemphill

her most recent flawless performance?

The wonderful sound system, the ease she felt while singing on stage and what she told Sharon Henricksen, her mother, when she left the stage.

"I told her I wanted to cry I was so happy," she recalled. "It was so exciting. It's something I definitely want to do again."

The St. Luke Lutheran Home dietary aide also performed on the KICD Courtyard and Central Park stages the final weekend of the fair.

Henricksen, meanwhile, has already set her sights on singing and entertaining more crowds during the 2013 Clay County Fair.

## Gifts and Memorials

## <u>Special Gifts Fund:</u>

Bethlehem Lutheran Church women...\$10 (Memorial for Mildred Swanson) Ron Wentworth......\$100 (Laundry cart - Riverview Terrace) Bethlehem Lutheran Church women...\$10 (Memorial for Ellen Meyer)

### Memorials with Special Designations:

Family of Virginia Freeburg	g
(Two rocker recliners - St. 1	Luke)\$515

## Charitable Donations:

St. Luke Auxiliary	\$300
(For St. Luke residents to ride the	Queen
II and Regional Transit Authority	ous)

## Wish List for Residents

You may be able to help St. Luke Lutheran Home with several needs. This list includes items identified as contributing to the quality of care our residents deserve. Please know that your gifts and donations, which are tax-deductible, continue to enhance the lives of the residents and continue to make St. Luke Lutheran Home an extension of the social ministries of area Christian congregations.

Bingo candy

Perennial plants for courtyards\$10 each
Outdoor nativity scene\$500
Transfer sheets (lift/slip)\$200 each
Bedside tables\$60-\$70 each
Floor scrubber\$4,300
Water softener\$8,000
Straight back chairs (5)\$550 each
Electric bed (40)\$2,000 each

## Volunteering is nothing new for Auxiliary

St. Luke Auxiliary is blessed to have dedicated volunteers, but this is nothing new to this organization! In the beginning stages of the planning for St. Luke Lutheran Home in 1963, many women from area churches met and formed committees and planned projects that would soon benefit the new residents. On Nov. 15, 1966, the first auxiliary meeting with recorded minutes was held at Bethany Lutheran Church, with Mrs. Walter Bensen presiding. Church representatives were elected, meeting times were set and committees formed.



Marilyn Lewis Auxiliary President

Many church women came to the home

weekly to help unpack dishes, hang drapes and assist in setting up rooms as well as help staff with other duties when the building was completed. The first meeting of the Auxiliary at St. Luke Home was on Feb. 3, 1967. Programs for the residents and the bazaar was first on the list. Donations then started coming in for bingo prizes, arts and crafts and resident care. Officers were elected and opportunities to serve were organized with the supporting churches. There were volunteers ready to help when any need arose.

Remember the "Rag Ladies" who tore and sewed rags together for the residents who wove rugs? They soon became known as the "Tuesday Therapy Ladies" and later as the "Name Tag Ladies." Other volunteers provided services for the residents including sewing, programs, shampooing hair, reading and writing letters.

These beginnings are a wonderful example for all of us to do our part to make life a little more enjoyable for the residents of St. Luke Lutheran Home. The current St. Luke Auxiliary meets at 2:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month in the dining hall. Anyone interested in the residents of St. Luke Lutheran Home is welcome to attend and continue what was started many years ago!

#### St. Luke Management Team

	Terry Dandy	Administrator
	Greg Meeter	Controller
	Pastor Michael Sharp	Chaplain
	Nancy Mills	Director of Health Services
	Amanda Klein	Activities Director
		Office Manager
	Georgia Wrightsman	Social Service Director
		Maintenance Director
	Kay Meyer	Dietary Director
	Linda Manwarren	Laundry Supervisor
	Becky Thong	Housekeeping Supervisor
	Elizabeth Essick	Receptionist
	Kris Todd	Public Relations & Marketing Director
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## *St. Luke earns five-star quality rating*

In its most recent rating of Medicare and Medicaid certified nursing homes, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) ranked St. Luke Lutheran Home with a five-star overall rating.

The primary goal of this rating system is to provide residents and their families with an easy way to understand assessment of nursing home quality, making meaningful distinctions between high- and lowperforming nursing homes. The CMS rating system features an overall fivestar rating based on facility performance for three types of performance measures: health inspections - measures based on outcomes from state health inspections; staffing - measures based on nursing home staffing levels; and quality measures - based on minimum data set (MDS) quality measures.

High-performing nursing homes with five stars, such as St. Luke Lutheran Home, are considered to have above average quality compared to other nursing homes in the state.

## Donation made to Feed Our Children



Amanda Klein, on behalf of St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc., hands a \$200 donation to Alyce Speight, left, to fund the local Feed Our Children program. Marking its third year, this effort provides weekend meals and snacks for approximately 120 elementary school children who have inadequate food supplies in their homes.



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