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THE ST. LUKE SPIRIT

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Upcoming Resident/ Tenant Activities:

- Spencer High School girls' basketball team vs. Sioux Central, Dec. 3, at the Spencer Fieldhouse
- Performance by Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School students, 1:30 p.m. Dec. 4, at St. Luke Lutheran Home
- Santa Craft & Bake Sale, from 1-4 p.m. Dec. 5 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 6, at Riverview Terrace
- Festival of Lessons and Carols, 3 p.m. Dec. 8, at Sacred Heart Church, Spencer
- Hosting the Spencer Daybreakers Kiwanis meeting, Dec. 16, at The Highlands
- Piano recital by Carris Music Studio students, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17, at The Highlands
- Bingo with Fairview second grade students, 10 a.m. Dec. 18
- Visit by Trinity Preschool students, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 20
- Monthly Birthday Party sponsored by St. Luke Homes and Services, 2 p.m. Dec. 30, at Spencer Area Activity Center
- More December 2013 activities are available online at www.stlukelh.com

HOLIDAY SPIRIT FLOURISHES ON CAMPUS

Many activities celebrating Christmas are planned in December for residents of The Highlands and St. Luke Lutheran Home, as well as for tenants of Hillside Terrace and Riverview Terrace. Whether family or friend, you are invited to join us!

The gift of God... The birth of Christ. This is Christmas... This is love. Praying all God's blessings will be yours this season and beyond.

ADVENT SERVICES

2:15 p.m. Wednesdays at Riverview Terrace Chapel

2:30 p.m. Thursdays at St. Luke Lutheran Home

3:15 p.m. Thursdays at Hillside Terrace Chapel

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

10 a.m. Dec. 24 at St. Luke Lutheran Home

11 a.m. Dec. 24 at Riverview Terrace

2:30 p.m. Dec. 24 at Hillside Terrace

HANDS OF HARMONY BELL CHOIR <u>PERFORMANCES</u>

2:30 p.m. Dec. 11 Keelson Harbour Assisted Living at Riverview Terrace

2:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at Emmetsburg Care Center

2 p.m. Dec. 15 at Southpark Mall in Spencer

2:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at St. Luke Lutheran Home

2 p.m. Dec. 19 at The Highlands

In Loving Memory

Welcome

Best Wishes

Grace Johnson Willa Jean Leu Simon Sikora Grace Johnson

Colleen Hart Lawrence Osborn Lloyd Ahrenstorff

NEW STAFF

Welcome to the following individuals who recently joined the St. Luke Homes and Services, Inc. campus:

> Kandi Fox -St. Luke CNA

Briana Westphal -St. Luke CNA

Gabrelle Huss -St. Luke CNA

St. Luke Homes and Services is an equal opportunity employer offering excellent salary and benefit levels. Several career opportunities are currently available on campus, which includes The Highlands, Hillside **Terrace**, **Riverview** Terrace, and St. Luke Lutheran Home. **Applications for these** positions may be filled out online at www.stlukelh.com or in person at St. Luke Lutheran Home, 1301 St. Luke Drive, Spencer.

ALL IN THE FAMILY



DECEMBER EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Ann Carroll	(17 years)
4 - Sheila Hagerty	(1)
5 - Jordan Cornwel	I (2)
6 - Jamie Helmke	(3)
7 - Peggy Hutcheso	on (1)
10 - Janice Bell	(1)
11 - Heather Halde	er (12)
11 - Torrey Krause	(14)



12 - Brooke Frehse (2	2 years)
12 - Desirae Kruse	(1)
14 - Anna Bates	(2)
14 - Bonnie Newman	(13)
19 - Emily Oettchen	(1)
20 - Phyllis Petersen	(1)
27 - Becky Thong	28)

THANK YOU!

► Jerry Roberts, of Spencer, for lending his beautifully handcrafted birdhouse collection for display at St. Luke Lutheran Home

Alan Bush for donating a box filled with ripe, delicious pears, used to make pear marmalade at Hillside Terrace

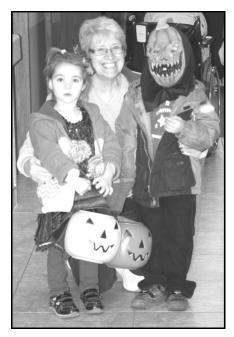
► The McKay family for donating the piano located in Riverview Terrace's dining room



▶ Spencer Middle School seventh grade students and teachers for the myriad of community service projects accomplished in and around all four residences the morning of Nov. 8

▶ Paul and Sheila Thomsen, of InnSpiration Bed and Breakfast and Vineyard, Linn Grove, for graciously hosting campus residents during a Nov. 22 outing

TRICK OR TREAT!





• Smiles were plentiful as The Highlands independent living suites, Riverview Terrace Assisted Living residence and St. Luke Lutheran Home hosted hundreds of children and their families on Halloween night. Fun games were played at The Highlands (above) and yummy treats were received at each of the three buildings (left and at right).

• More Halloween photos are available on the St. Luke Homes and Services, Inc. Facebook page.

HALLOWEEN FUN



DECEMBER RESIDENT & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

2 - Bev Dunkelberger

- 3 Bonnie Manwarren
- 7 Catherine Hall
- 7 Stanley Jespersen
- 8 Alan Campbell
- 8 Adrienne Crouch
- 8 Mildred Hoefgen
- 8 Grahamme Reed
- 9 Ruth Williams
- 10 Roy Stroud
- 11 Kaleb Dandy

13 - Celeste Oxley

- 13 Nichole Sandvig
- 14 Kim Buhr
- 14 Rebecca Herwig
- 15 Karen Titler
- 16 Ada Lauck
- 19 Lynne Niemeyer
- 19 Marion Peters
- 19 Brenda Zapata
- 21 Laura Seeley
- 22 Frankie Weier

- 24 Michael Anderson
- 24 Shannon Hall
- 24 Lee Henderson
- 24 Irving Merrill
- 27 Brandi Kruse
- 27 Fred Schmidt
- 29 Connie Wiemold
- 30 Jodi MacGregor
- 30 Lorraine Yager
- 31 Lucille Carpenter



AMERICA'S GUARDIANS OF FREEDOM

We would like to publicly honor the veterans who reside on the St. Luke Homes and Services campus. Thank you for your service!

<u>World War</u> II: Carl Abel, Earl Angell, Norman Boonstra, Kenneth Brinkley, Flavius "Andy" Dodge, Lawrence Evans, Milton "Burdette" Geidl, Bob Guerttman, Gerald Hanson, Stanley Jespersen, George Johnson, Dick Kirksey, Freeman Knudtson, Irving Merrill, Les Miller, Robert Miller, Richard Schuster, Leo "Joy" Smith, Meryl Smith, Robert Stewart, Robert Stoeber, Roy Stroud, Maxine Thompson and Rex Travis <u>World War II & Korea</u>: Ralph Day and Harold Hammerstrom

Korea: Alvin DeWall, Roger Hoberg, Marvin Sump, Orville Tronson and Darwin Zahrt

<u>Vietnam</u>: Craig Marr, Keith Grover and Robert Regennitter



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If you are interested in visiting with someone about where to enjoy your retirement years, call Georgia Wrightsman at (712) 262-5931, ext. 109.

We're on the Web! www.stlukelh.com

St. Luke Homes and Services, Inc. "A Caring Community"

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Jeanie Culver has a very contagious positive attitude. She's the kind of person you would thoroughly enjoy spending time with.

Jeanie makes it a point to get to know St. Luke Lutheran Home residents' personal interests. She also holds residents in the highest respect. In addition, the ensuing "special" and personalized treatment Jeanie offers St. Luke residents - often on her own time - comes in such forms as baking favored goodies and fixing broken jewelry for residents.

"If they have always loved a certain sports team, brand of car or snack, Jeanie doesn't forget," wrote one of the several



Jeanie Culver St. Luke Rehabilitation/CNA

people who nominated her for this special recognition. "Known to surprise residents with their favorite vegetable from her garden or to bake a chocolate cake like a spouse used to, Jeanie builds such a great rapport with residents. So. when it is time for them to work hard during rehab. they will go the extra mile when they work with her." Jeanie began working as a nurse aide at St. Luke Lutheran Home in November 1983. She was promoted in May 1988, to work with residents in the skilled nursing facility's rehabilitation department. Jeanie's other passions include her Boston Terrier, Otis, and her convertible Mustang. She enjoys attending antique car shows, gardening, raising canna flowers, restoring antique cars, baking, sewing, designing T-shirts and crafting with crystals. We are honored to have Jeanie as part of the St. Luke team.



RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Irene Stoll is a perfect example of a volunteer who gives of her time and her heart.

Much of the volunteer work Irene accomplishes for the campus mimics the various roles she perfected at previous secretarial positions. Preparing the monthly newsletter for mailing, folding and stapling documents, and running items through the postage meter are among the voluntary duties she oversees. Irene often finds herself accomplishing such tasks at the very busy front desk at St. Luke.

Clearing tables after each meal, another volunteering task, places Irene at the



Irene Stoll St. Luke Lutheran Home resident since September 2007

heart of the campus' retirement living and amongst other residents. "I like it at St. Luke, in part, because of the employees," she said. "They are helpful, friendly and part of my extended family." Exercise class, bingo and Family Feud are among her favorite activities offered. This busy lady also enjoys working and playing on her computer. During her free time, Irene enjoys going out to eat with family and friends, shopping, walking around the Spencer Hospital and in the hallways of St. Luke Lutheran Home. Irene estimates she treks at least three miles a day. She is a member of Sacred Heart Church and the Catholic Daughters of America.