# THE ST. LUKE VIEW

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**MAY / JUNE 2013** 

ST. LUKE CAMPUS SPENCER, IOWA

# Welcome to the St. Luke campus!

Alan Campbell, who took the helm as St. Luke Homes and Services' CEO in April, has been involved in the senior health-care field since 1978.

Al received his undergraduate degree in Psychology and Social Work from Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant before earning his Master of Science in Health Care Administration from Trinity University in San Antonio.



Alan Campbell

He is an Iowa- and Colorado-licensed nursing home administrator and has served facilities in both states. He has also served as executive director of skilled-care facilities in Denver, Colorado Springs and Fort Morgan, Colo., as well as Covenant Village of Colorado and Salem Lutheran Homes.

Please feel free to stop in to chat or have a cup of coffee with Al. He may also be reached at (712) 262-5931 ext. 104.



Pastor John Syvertson already feels at home as St. Luke Homes and Services' chaplain. He assumed his ministerial duties on campus in April.

Chaplain Syvertson provides spiritual guidance for campus residents on a daily basis and hosts weekly worship services in the Riverview Terrace and St. Luke Lutheran Home chapels.

Throughout the week, the chaplain also engages in Bible studies, devotions, grief support counseling, communion, and enjoys personal visits with residents.



Pastor John Syvertson

Chaplain Syvertson is available to speak at area churches about the St. Luke campus and spiritual issues regarding the elderly.

Originally from Overly, N.D., he has served congregations in Kenmare, Bowbells, Jamestown, Milton and Osnabrock, N.D., and Colton, S.D.

His education includes a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Concordia College, a Master of Arts in Gerontology and a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary.

The chaplain raises cockatiels and enjoys traveling. He has a goal of visiting every continent by 2023.



You are invited to
Pastor John's
Service of Installation.

Saturday, June 1 1:30 p.m. Riverview Terrace Chapel

Reception to follow



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## **Mission Statement**

To enhance the life and maximize the potential of each individual we serve through a high quality continuum of care in a Christian setting.

## We're on the Web!

www.stlukelh.com

### Reminder

Families are encouraged to write the names of St. Luke residents in their clothing items.

Our continuing care retirement community includes:

- The Highlands
- Riverview Terrace
- Hillside Terrace
- St. Luke Lutheran Home

# Spencer Ambassadors visit St. Luke campus



The Spencer Ambassadors welcomed St. Luke Homes and Services Administrator Alan Campbell (front center, right) and Chaplain John Syvertson (front center, left) to the area.

## Volunteers needed

Volunteer opportunities are available at each of the residences on campus. Maybe you play an instrument, can help with bingo or like to visit? Do you have a travel log to share or something interesting to talk about? Perhaps your club, organization or business enjoys doing service projects?

Our residents enjoy guest speakers and visiting with others. St. Luke Homes and Services could also benefit from some caring hands tending to special projects around the campus. There are many opportunities available.







If you or your group is interested in volunteering, please contact:

- Amanda Klein, St. Luke Lutheran Home, at (712) 262-5931
- Lisa Hansen, Riverview Terrace, at (712) 262-5932
- Mavis Leinen, The Highlands, at (712) 262-5404
- Frankie Weier, Hillside Terrace, at (712) 262-5934





















See more photos and video on St. Luke Homes and Services' Facebook page!

#### Top to Bottom:

Beautiful sounds flow throughout St. Luke Lutheran Home as harpist Alli Stevick entertains.

St. Luke volunteers are shown appreciation for their time and efforts during a special brunch.

Darwin Zahrt enjoys receiving a massage from St. Luke Activity Assistant Nicole Petersen during a Thursday afternoon spa session.

Marie Dirksen offers advice as Marjorie Batcheler whips up some deviled eggs for the St. Luke Easter party.

Spencer High School CNA students receive instruction from Kerri Kofoot (right) during their clinical training at St. Luke.

Beverly Beving creates a May basket to fill with treats as Thora Grover proudly displays her May basket masterpiece.

Joe Williams toasts with his mother, Ruth Williams, and friend Madora Peterson.

An Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran student spends some quality time with Mary Killmar, his "adopted" grandparent during the 2012-13 school year.

Jeanne Johnson is joined by daughters Jeanine Hough (left) and Jeanelle Stokes for the Ladies Day Tea at St. Luke.

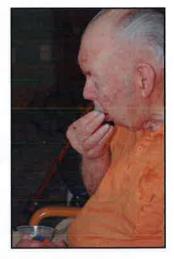
# Hill Side Terrace Assisted Living



Hillside Terrace tenants celebrated National Jelly Bean Day, April 22, by taste testing a few of the many flavors available.

Erma Schmidt and Maxine Thompson (left) had fun trying the different flavors. Judging by Maxine's expression, she just tasted a sour Lemonhead jelly bean.

**Orville Tronsin** (right) is seen tasting a few of his favorite colors also.





Hillside Terrace family and friends help celebrate Daffodil Days, which supports the American Cancer Society. JoAnn Kemp (left) is all smiles as she accepts a bouquet of daffodils.

Hillside Terrace tenants and staff would like to welcome new personal service assistants **Rhonda** Willison and Amber Martinez to our building.

Congratulations also go out to **Kerri Kofoot** on her promotion to Director of both assisted living buildings. **Marti Rosacker** is now Assistant Director of **Hillside Terrace** and **Riverview Terrace**. Marti will also be assisting with admissions on the St. Luke campus.

#### A tribute to mothers

This year's Mother's Day party theme showcased geraniums and quilts. **Carol Albers** and her daughter, Marcia Steffen, are shown (below) enjoying music sung by **Nicole Petersen**, St. Luke Activity Assistant.

Hillside Terrace staff would like to thank the families who bring their mothers to share with us.



June 11	June Men's BBQ at St. Luke
June 28	Dairy Month <u>July</u>
July 4	Fourth of July
July 26	National Grilling  Month
Swimmi	ng Tuesday & Friday mornings
	June 28 July 4 July 26



June & July Birthdays

June 30 Dale Geerdes

July 14 Lloyd Ahrenstorff

Tuly 27 Kerri Kofoot

Hillside Terrace is located at: 1209 12<sup>th</sup> Street SE; Spencer, Iowa 51301 Call (712) 262-5931 to schedule a tour or obtain further information.

We value your questions, comments and concerns.

Check out our webpage and Facebook page at: <a href="www.stlukelh.com">www.stlukelh.com</a>

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# Riverview Terrace Assisted Living

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# RVT Tenant Highlight: Alice Hoberg



Alice Hoberg was recently awarded a 60-year member certificate and pin from the American Legion Auxiliary. Alyce Shatto presented the certificate to her at Riverview Terrace. Alice told about some of the highlights for the Auxiliary during the last 60 years. She and her husband, Roger Hoberg, have lived at Riverview Terrace since October 2011.

# **Activity Highlights**



Margaret Koopman and Denny Nagel (above) plant flowers outside the front entrance of Riverview Terrace.

**Betty Oldenkamp** (above) enjoys time with her daughters at the Ladies Day Tea.



The Riverview Terrace Men's Group went out to eat at the Bird House Café in Milford. Jared Fairchild and Roger Hoberg (left) are shown enjoying their meal.

# **Upcoming Events**

June 8 Flagfest Parade
June 11 Men's BBQ
June 13 High School
Baseball Game
June 14 Bell Choir @
Longhouse

June 18 Bell Choir @

Hartley

June 25 Men's Night Out

June 28 Picnic

# Riverview Terrace Interior Renovations



Riverview Terrace has recently received new carpet and interior furnishings. Ken Stoeber (below) is shown removing wallpaper from the hallway walls. A sample of some of the new décor on second floor is shown above.



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) 262-5931.

## Riverview Terrace Tenant Birthdays

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	Dorothy Strawn	June 15
	Leila McDeid	July 5
١	Arleen Crowe	July 12
I	Lucille Hansen	July 17
	Betty Oldenkamp	July 17
ı	Bud Fisher	July 18
ı	Roger Hoberg	July 20
ı	Les Miller	July 31



# Peace of mind' offered at The Highlands

hen Vietnam
War veteran Keith
Grover became a St.
Luke Lutheran Home
resident in February
2012, his wife, Fran,
made the daily trek
from their home in
Arnolds Park to visit
him.

"I was worn out," she recalled. "Because when I'd get home, I'd still have yard work and everything else to do around the house."



On a whim last summer, the couple visited with Mavis Leinen, sales and service coordinator of The Highlands. They toured the suite Fran now lives in.

Her connection to the space was immediate.

"I visited some other

places, but they were very strict on pets," Fran said. "I can have my small dog here, which is very important to me. I think he's happy too, because he likes the patio I have here at The Highlands."

Fran made the suite her own. Before arriving, she had new wooden floors installed throughout.

The fact that The Highlands and St. Luke Lutheran Home are on the same campus and connected to one another was another positive for the Grovers.

"I bring Keith over here for dinner. When he's ready to go back, it's no problem. It's a very convenient setup," Fran said. "When the weather is cold and nasty, I just take him from St. Luke to the heated garage and load him into the car. He's never in the elements. It really works out well for us."

When Fran went south for a month this winter, she simply shut the door to her suite and didn't worry about a thing.

"I didn't have to worry about shoveling snow," she said with a smile. "I'm living a relaxed, stress-free lifestyle here." "People seem to think it's so ritzy and expensive to live here. It's not," Fran added. "It costs a little money initially, but it's not expensive at all when you consider

what you get, which includes peace of mind.

"What do you pay for convenience and peace of mind?"

## Aebleskivers featured at 'Mavis Cooks'





Jeff and Lisa Buchan, of Spencer, showed the traditional Danish pastry is a snap to make with the right technique. The Buchans made aebleskivers for the April 23 Mavis Cooks session hosted in the Great Room of The Highlands.

# Upcoming Activities



Men's BBQ June 11

Eat at Mae B June 18 in Hartley

Chartered bus June 24 trip to Mason City

# **Contact Information**

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# Staff loyalty appreciated

e are proud of the work and commitment of all our employees. St. Luke Homes and Services, Inc. is grateful for the dedicated service of the following employee who, from May through June, has served in a five-year increment:

Fifteen Years of Service.......Marc Watts

# New employees

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

	Emma Reed	.Riverview Terrace Dining Room Assistant
	Emilie BartleyRi	verview Terrace Personal Service Assistant
	Jolene HandyR	iverview Terrace Personal Service Assistant
	Maggie RosackerR	iverview Terrace Personal Service Assistant
	Claudette Barr	Riverview Terrace Dietary Aide
	Shar MillerRi	verview Terrace Personal Service Assistant
	Amber Martinez	.Hillside Terrace Personal Service Assistant
	Ann MagnusonR	verview Terrace Personal Service Assistant
	Cari SeversenI	Riverview Terrace Licensed Practical Nurse
	Kady Groen	St. Luke Nurse Aide
	Janelle Leth	St. Luke Housekeeper
	Linda Hansen	Riverview Terrace Dietary Aide
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# Giving back to our community

When St. Luke Lutheran Home employees wear blue jeans, they are comfortable and thinking of others. The suggested \$1 paid by St. Luke staff to wear denim on Fridays is in turn donated to various causes and organizations around the area, including:

- \$109 to the Spencer Regional Healthcare Foundation, for use at the Abben Cancer Center
- \$50 to Pony Express (CNA Brandi Kruse is shown donating at right)
- \$100 to People for Pets



## Welcome New Residents

Lola Wright	March 27
Lucile Carpenter	
Pauly & Gary Eaton	March 29
Marcia Simon	April 10
Ronnie Fritz	April 10
Helen Brigham	April 10
Anna Somers	April 11
Duane Lawrence	April 17
Luella Huckfelt	April 22
Milton "Burdette" Geid	lApril 24
Alice Dotson	May 18

# Our Sympathy

Larry Hagedorn	March 29
Harley Bigger	April 1
Elizabeth Holderman	April 5
Helen Louthan	April 9
Marie Dirksen	April 10
Evelyn Tigges	April 16
Irma Burgeson	April 26
Ernest "Ray" Norlin	

# Discharges

Lola Wright	March 28
Marie Dirksen	April 9
Mike Anderson	April 26
Mardella Durst	May 5
Luella Huckfelt	May 18

# **Upcoming Events**



## **Humane Society visit**

2:30 p.m.

Monday, June 3 at St. Luke



## St. Luke Auxiliary meeting

2:30 p.m.

Monday, June 3 at St. Luke



### The Terrilites

2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5 at St. Luke



## **SONrise Singers**

2:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 6 at St. Luke



## Flagfest Parade

11 a.m.

Saturday, June 8



### Men's BBQ

5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11 at St. Luke



### Flag Day program

2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12 at St. Luke



### Grotto of the Redemption

Midday event

Monday, June 24



### Spencer High School Baseball Game

5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26 at St. Luke



# It may have been ...

- The words you spread that promoted our fundraising events
- The baked goods you purchased that benefited the cause
- Your smiling face & encouraging words the day of the garage sale

# You made a difference in the lives of many!

Proceeds raised during our campus' Feb. 9 bake sale & April 12 garage sale have assisted in the purchase of the following items:

- ♥ Brain fitness software designed for active adults over 60
- ♥ Digital camera
- ♥ Gazebo furniture
- **▼** 46-inch flat screen television
- **♥** DVD player
- **♥** CD player

## Gifts and Memorials

## Special Gifts Fund:

Lutheran Ladies Aid.....\$70

## Memorials with Special Designations:

## Charitable Donations:

Family of Harley Bigger.....(Two wheeled walkers - St. Luke Restorative Department)

St. Luke Lutheran Home Auxiliary....... (Three fingertip pulse oximeters and three tympanic thermometers - St. Luke Nursing Department)

St. Luke Lutheran Home Auxiliary.....\$500 (Laptop computer - St. Luke Activity Department)

# Wish List for Residents

You may be able to help the St. Luke campus 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 Homes and Services an extension of the social ministries of area Christian congregations.

Monthly aviary maintenance\$65
Chapel parament sets (2)\$1,500 each
Oximeters (measure blood oxygen levels)
\$75 each
Large mixer\$400
Bingo prizes
Large vegetable steamer\$100
Perennials for courtyard

## Administrator's minute

When I arrived at St. Luke from Colorado on April 8, I immediately noticed that all the residents and tenants I met were well cared for. Other immediate observations, that were readily apparent, included the receipt of a warm welcome from both residents and tenants as well as the entire staff of long-term care operations on campus. Food, transportation services and surrounding buildings were well maintained and the amount of work being done to provide the highest quality service at the lowest possible cost, was exceptional.



Alan Campbell CEO/Administrator

Early in my tenure as CEO/Administrator of our four buildings and nearly 200 employees, the differences between the entire St. Luke Homes and Services continuing care retirement community (CCRC) campus and all other nursing home, assisted living and retirement centers in our region became apparent.

- 1. We are a non-profit, faith-based community offering full-time chaplain services.
- All retirement housing services, from independent living to assisted living to skilled care, are available on one contiguous campus.
- We offer a full range of therapy services, including hydra therapy in our large pool.
- 4. There are two full-time RNs, as well as a number of LPNs assigned to our assisted living facilities. (State law requires far fewer nursing hours than we offer.)
- 5. All buildings (except the newest) are interconnected, which is conducive to visitation throughout our community.
- 6. St. Luke skilled nursing home is a five-star out of five-star facility, according to Medicare.
- 7. Hillside Terrace Assisted Living just received a deficiency-free state survey.
- 8. In a recent survey, 96 percent of all staff in the entire CCRC reported that they "enjoy working here."

We are very proud of the quality of services we provide our tenants and residents. But, even more proud of the personal and spiritual growth each resident, tenant and staff member enjoys being a part of the St. Luke family.

## Campus nurses celebrated

National Nurses Week was celebrated May 6-12 on the St. Luke campus in Spencer. This year's theme, "Delivering Quality and Innovation in Patient Care," reflects the positive impacts Riverview Terrace, Hillside Terrace and St. Luke Lutheran Home nurses make to the lives and well-being of those they come in contact with.



Susan Christensen, of rural Royal, (above) helped celebrate nurses of the St. Luke Homes and Services campus with her "From Start to Finish: Finding Unity in Your Team" talk the afternoon of May 8 at St. Luke.



**Dee Kilpatrick**, the medical records coordinator for St. Luke Lutheran Home, and **Evelyn Krogh**, a St. Luke LPN, display the blankets they received during a special reception honoring the campus' nurses.

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# Nursing Home Week celebrated



Spencer Mayor Reynold Peterson signed a proclamation designating May 12-18 as **Nursing Home Week**.



Special activities were hosted at St. Luke Lutheran Home during Nursing Home Week. **Marion Peters** (left) and **Don Dobbins** took part in the afternoon of spring planting in the courtyard.



Staff and residents alike dressed in special outfits throughout Nursing Home Week. Emily Wigen (left) and Emilie Oviatt celebrated Dress in Your Favorite Decade Day with outfits and hairstyles from the 1980s.



Dorothy Chamberlain (front, left), Mary Killmar (front, right), Jeanie Culver and Linda Sterling marked the week's "Team Care" theme by wearing red, white and blue outfits.