

THE ST. LUKE SPIRIT



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Upcoming Resident & Tenant Activities:

- Rock the Roof, 5 p.m. Aug. 7, at Arnolds Park
- Everly Days parade, 10 a.m. Aug. 9, Everly
- Support Group for Parkinson's, 1:30 p.m. Aug. 12, at Hillside Terrace
- Main Street Market, 5 p.m. Aug. 14, Spencer
- Hands of Harmony Bell Choir performance, 2:30 p.m. Aug. 18, at Ruthven Care Center
- Big Band Music, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19, at Arnolds Park
- Hands of Harmony Bell Choir performance, 3 p.m. Aug. 26, at Keelson Harbour, Spirit Lake
- Family Barbecue, 5:30 p.m. Aug. 26, at Hillside Terrace
- **More August 2014 activities are available online at www.stlukelh.com**

OUR CNAs: A GATHERING OF CHAMPIONS



St. Luke Lutheran Home CNAs Barb Simonson, Mary Kacmarynski and Crystal Ness (from left) received the "Spirit Award" for their outstanding spirit as caregivers at the 2014 National Association of Health Care Assistants Conference, hosted June 18-19, at Prairie Meadows Events Center in Altoona.

This should be a reassuring fact for family members and friends of St. Luke Lutheran Home residents.

Three of our many outstanding caregivers attended a recent national conference and were recognized for their exceptional spirits. Besides renewing their passion for long term care, Barb, Mary and Crystal (at left) returned with new ideas and knowledge they have freely shared with all of their peers on campus. Another positive result from their attending the conference is the new, "fun Wednesday morning activities" at St. Luke, all initiated by CNAs. (See photograph on Page 3.)

Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) are at the "heart and soul" of any skilled nursing facility. A recent American

Health Care Association study found that 96 percent of the 742,000 CNAs in the United States love their job and have fun doing it.

New Artwork Celebrates Area's History

Michael Anderson points to something he remembers on one of the 25 newly-framed prints lining the Gallery Hallway, ABCD dining room and Special Care Unit walls at St. Luke Lutheran Home. The historical photographs depict a wide range of Clay and Dickinson County events, people and landmarks. The photographs were donated by Paul Brenner, of Spencer, Everett and Verlie Amis, of Greenville, and ISU Extension - Clay County. Framing of the prints was courtesy of the St. Luke Lutheran Home Auxiliary.



▪ **WELCOME**

James Hoye

Doris Jespersen

Elayne Grapenthin

Audley & Mary Tensen

Alice Henderson

▪ **SYMPATHY**

Dick Kirksey

▪ **BEST WISHES**

JoAnn Hamm

Norma Galbraith

Marvin Sump

▪ **NEW STAFF**

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

● Marisa Swank
St. Luke Dietary Aide

● Megan Sanderson
St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc.
Activity Assistant

● Molly Anderson
St. Luke CNA

● Sophia Enger
St. Luke CNA

● Daniel Griffith
St. Luke CNA

PERFORMING AT THE HIGHLANDS



Spencer sixth and seventh grade students, accompanied by Kurt Schwarck, Janet Boyens and Tom Rutt, treat campus homeowners, tenants and residents to a magnificent band performance at The Highlands. (Additional photographs are available on the St. Luke Homes & Services' Facebook page.)

AUGUST EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

3 - Tammy Falline.....(3 years)	15 - Jeannie Stone.....(31 years)
3 - Ann Roberts.....(5)	20 - Nadia Banashak.....(7)
5 - Madison DeVlaeminck.....(1)	21 - Lynne Niemeyer.....(1)
6 - Tammy Gillis.....(1)	21 - Celesta Oxley.....(13)
9 - Terri Stewart.....(4)	22 - Brenda Zapata.....(3)
10 - Crystal Ness.....(3)	28 - Barb Simonson.....(8)
11 - Beverly Carstensen.....(4)	29 - Marcia Clarke.....(3)
12 - Marleen Pearson.....(23)	29 - Connie Geidl.....(9)
13 - Katelind Torres.....(2)	30 - Sharon Daly.....(3)

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THANK YOU

We appreciate your tax-deductible gifts and donations. They enhance the lives of campus homeowners, tenants and residents and continue to make St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. an extension of the social ministries of area Christian congregations.

- Marta Johnson, of Spencer, donated angels from her mother Florence Janssen's collection for display and for use as bingo prizes at St. Luke Lutheran Home.
- Shirley Davis, of Spencer, donated \$100 to St. Luke Lutheran Home.
- Spencer Community School District allows St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. residents and tenants to attend local ballgames and enjoy some popcorn.

- Spencer Police Officer Patrick Westfall and K-9 Mennox shared their story during a Men's Coffee at Riverview Terrace.
- Christ the King Lutheran Church, Spencer, donated bingo candy to St. Luke Lutheran Home.
- The family of Gladys Todd, rural Quimby, donated her crafting supplies to St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. homeowners, tenants and residents during a "Christmas in July" celebration.

MORNING ACTIVITIES AT ST. LUKE



Barbara Brees concentrates and aims.

■ NEW STAFF

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

- Albert "Hank" Voss
St. Luke CNA
- Casey Seversen
Riverview Terrace
Dietary Aide
- Beth Starkson
Riverview & Hillside
Terrace PSA
- Diana Zellaha
St. Luke R.N.
- Madison Manwarren
St. Luke Dietary Aide

AUGUST RESIDENT & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 - Cleona Schmidt | 11 - Haley Nielsen | 21 - Renyse Rutter |
| 3 - Marcia Clarke | 11 - Stacey Nelson | 22 - Rebecca White |
| 4 - Dorothy Casperson | 11 - Tracey Tewes | 23 - Betty Brown |
| 5 - Marleen Pearson | 13 - Edna Reynolds | 23 - Stewart Sierck |
| 6 - Julie Behrens | 16 - Ayrial Schnell | 24 - Phyllis Larson |
| 6 - Mardelle Stroup | 16 - Karlee Schnell | 26 - Amanda Guertman |
| 7 - Mary Sembach | 17 - Alecia Tift | 28 - LeAnn Meyer |
| 7 - Georgia Wrightsman | 20 - Ashleigh Hanson | 28 - Stacey Nelson |
| 8 - Inez Freeman | 20 - Sharon Norgaard | 31 - Mary Schultz |
| 8 - Phyllis Parr | 20 - David Thiessen | |

COMMUNITY CORNERSTONES



Grace Lutheran Church
 801 Hill Avenue, Spirit Lake
 Dr. Martin Lucin, Pastor
 Worship Services: Saturday 5:30 p.m. & Sunday 10 a.m.
 (712) 336-2446
gracelutheranspiritlake.org



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
 207 Church Street, Royal
 Deb Mechler, Pastor
 Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 a.m.
 (712) 933-2229
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- St. Luke Homes & Services
- The Highlands
 - Hillside Terrace
 - Riverview Terrace
 - St. Luke Lutheran Home

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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.



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



Governing Board

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Kaylan Abel
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Frank Halverson
Don Helmkamp
Rev. Peter Maisenbach
Ron Muetzel
Denise Kramer Tolzmann

FISHING TALES

The afternoon of July 28, campus residents and staff members enjoyed fishing at Stolley Park & Pond in Spencer. The 20 Zebco fishing poles used were donated to the St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. campus by the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Loretta Johnson, a Personal Service Assistant at the Hillside Terrace Assisted Living residence, has been named Employee of the Month for the St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. campus in Spencer. Congratulations, Loretta!

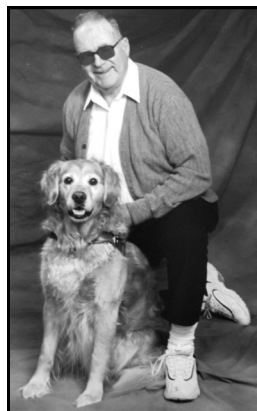
RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Spencer became "home" for Milton "Burdette" Geidl in 1939.

Full of energy, the then 11-year-old awoke at 4 a.m. for the next five years in order to deliver the Des Moines Register to local subscribers. Working hard to serve others with a smile, followed by a good word, became the norm for him.

Burdette served as a Seabee, or a member of the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion, for two years in Guam, Saipan and Guantanamo Bay. He served two more years aboard a destroyer on the Atlantic Ocean.

Before being honorably



Milton "Burdette" Geidl
A St. Luke Lutheran Home
resident since April 2013

discharged in 1949, Burdette returned to Spencer on leave. He met Vivian, who he would eventually marry in April 1951, at the former Bjornstad ice cream parlor on Grand Avenue.

Burdette worked 18 months for People's Natural Gas. He then served as a grocery clerk at the former SuperValu and at the former Swanson's.

Many know Burdette as the gentleman who walked many miles of Spencer streets with his four leader dogs: Ben, Mike, Java and Fletcher. As a Spencer Lions Club member, Burdette raised money for area youth and for the Leader Dogs for the Blind program. The former "Lion of the Year" honoree also raised awareness as a speaker.

Burdette and Vivian Geidl's family includes children Rick (Connie) Geidl, Randy (Sande) Geidl, Doreen Findling, all of Spencer, and 16 grandchildren.