

THE ST. LUKE SPIRIT



September 2014

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Upcoming Resident & Tenant Activities:

- Veterans Day parade & program, 10 a.m. Sept. 8, at the Clay County Fair
- Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians with Al Pierson show, 2 p.m. Sept. 9, at the Clay County Regional Events Center
- Music Bingo, 2:30 p.m. Sept. 10, at Riverview Terrace
- Richie Lee & The Fabulous '50s show, afternoon of Sept. 12, at the Clay County Fair
- Campus-wide Coffee, 9:45 a.m. Sept. 15, at St. Luke
- Fishing trip, 2:30 p.m. Sept. 16, at Stolley Pond
- **More September 2014 activities are available online at www.stlukelh.com**

GRATEFUL FOR AUXILIARY SUPPORT



Questions about the St. Luke Auxiliary may be directed to Amanda Klein, St. Luke Homes & Services' activities director, at (712) 262-5931. Or, feel free to visit with any of the following St. Luke Auxiliary members: Betty Von Ehwegen, president, Willie Moeller, vice president, Sylvia Moore, secretary, Marie Welle, treasurer, Bonnie Anderson, Julie Carstens, Barb Christensen, Marilyn Lewis, Kathy Luedke, Mary Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Eleanor Nielsen, Dixie Rigby, Alice Russenberg, Betty Taylor or Gwen Vetter.

The St. Luke Lutheran Home Auxiliary is a blessing to residents and employees of the St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. campus.

Auxiliary members meet at 3 p.m. the first Monday of

each month. Representatives from the campus' sponsoring churches are asked to attend these monthly meetings, communicate between their church and St. Luke Lutheran Home, seek volunteers and follow up.

Auxiliary support comes in forms such as financial donations and other opportunities to serve, including hosting an afternoon bingo session or monthly birthday party for residents, providing bingo prizes or hosting one of the monthly Auxiliary meetings at St. Luke.

Recent Auxiliary financial donations have allowed for the purchase of a laptop computer and printer, outdoor nativity scene, landscaping supplies, television and DVD player, altar cloth, furniture for St. Luke's front entryway, oximeters and thermometers, and rides on the Queen II.

Auxiliary donations contribute greatly to the needs of residents and staff. Recent financial donations have also helped with purchases such as the new bus, a double oven and resident Christmas gifts.

Thank you for your support, St. Luke Lutheran Home Auxiliary members! It is appreciated.



Keith Grover pets a 3-week-old kitten brought to St. Luke Lutheran Home by a representative of People for Pets.

Free Screenings to be Offered

Millennium Therapy therapists based on the St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. campus in Spencer will be conducting free strength, balance, vision and memory screenings from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at The Highlands. The focus of this event, which is aimed at individuals 55 years of age and older, is on preventing falls.

Sept. 23, the first day of Fall, marks the sixth annual National Falls Prevention Awareness Day.

▪ **WELCOME**

Violet Schmidt
Janelle Saunders

▪ **SYMPATHY**

Alice Henderson

▪ **BEST WISHES**

Arleen Crowe

▪ **NEW STAFF**

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

- Jessica Bleeker
St. Luke R.N.
- Emily Beers
St. Luke CNA
- Karina Vaquero
St. Luke CNA
- Lindsey Edie
St. Luke CNA
- Harley Moffitt
Hillside & Riverview
Terrace Personal
Service Assistant
- Dena Birchard
St. Luke CNA
- Amanda Slunicka
St. Luke CNA
- Bethany Weber
Riverview Terrace Cook
- Jamie Hagen
Hillside Terrace
Personal Service
Assistant
- Jean Arndt
St. Luke LPN

CELEBRATING SENIOR CITIZENS DAY



Family members surprised Hillside & Riverview Terrace tenants on Aug. 21 when they served a special Senior Citizens Day dinner. (From left) Helen Anderson receives a hug from nephew Gary Halverson as he delivers her meal. Riverview Terrace tenant Alice Hoberg shows the homemade apple pie she ordered and received. Linda Gaston smiles as she serves her father, Riverview Terrace tenant Bob Guerttman, a meal fit for a king. (Additional photographs are available on the St. Luke Homes & Services' Facebook page.)

SEPTEMBER RESIDENT & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 - Carol Lee | 9 - Kipp Davis | 19 - Jeannie Stone |
| 2 - Helen Duhn | 10 - Doris Jespersen | 20 - Middy Deegan |
| 2 - Patricia Carter | 10 - Dorothy Schmid | 22 - Christine Lowe |
| 3 - Virginia Brinkley | 15 - Tiarra Prange | 22 - Ann Sorenson |
| 4 - Helen Leith | 16 - Tammy Gillis | 23 - Casey Seversen |
| 4 - Mary Uhe | 16 - Kim Krause | 24 - Michelle Miller |
| 5 - Maxine Thompson | 17 - Linda Sterling | 25 - Patty Simpson |
| 6 - Shane Nielsen | 17 - Velma Wiese | 27 - Cari Seversen |
| 6 - Georganna Peterson | 18 - Mary Hughes | 28 - Marge Fraseur |
| 7 - Dorris Brooks | 18 - Diana Zellaha | 30 - Bernice Bowers |
| 8 - Lisa Small | 19 - Donald Linnan | |

CONTACT A DIRECTOR ON CAMPUS

St. Luke Lutheran Home (712) 262-5931

Alan Campbell (CEO/Administrator), Nancy Mills (Health Services), Greg Meeter (CFO/Controller), Georgia Wrightsman (Social Worker), Dale Meyer (Maintenance), Jenna Walsh (Dietary Services), Pastor John Syvertson (Chaplain), Amanda Klein (Activities), Kim Krause (Office Manager/ Human Resources), Kris Todd (Public Relations & Marketing), Linda Manwarren (Laundry), Becky Thong (Housekeeping)

Riverview & Hillside Terrace Assisted Living (712) 262-5932

Kerri Kofoot (Director of Assisted Living for Hillside & Riverview Terrace)

The Highlands Retirement Living Community (712) 262-5404

Mavis Leinen (Sales & Service Coordinator for The Highlands)

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.

- The Trust of Flavius "Andy" Dodge, a former resident of River-view Terrace and St. Luke, for a \$17,893 allocation to St. Luke.

- Bethlehem Lutheran Church, of Royal, donated \$250 to the St. Luke Lutheran Home Special Gifts Fund.
- A Spencer couple donated \$20 to the St. Luke Lutheran Home Special Gifts Fund in memory of Dick Kirksey.
- Community Memorial Health Center, of Hartley, donated \$25 to the Hands of Harmony Bell Choir.
- Marilyn Lewis, of Terril, donated \$20 to St. Luke Lutheran Home

in memory of St. Luke Auxiliary member Caroline Kressin.

- Quilters at Christ Lutheran Church, of Slayton, Minn., donated 49 piece quilts to St. Luke Lutheran Home residents. Gladys Knapper, of Slayton, Minn., delivered these beautiful handi-works.
- Pat and LeAnne Walsh, of Cherokee, donated fresh sweet corn from their patch. It was enjoyed for lunch on campus.

Together, we can advance the fight against Alzheimer's.

Please consider becoming a member of the St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. team on the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

We are recruiting people to walk and seeking donations for this cause.

Join us!
Saturday, Sept. 28
at East Leach Park
in Spencer

1 p.m. Registration
 2 p.m. Opening Ceremony
 2:20 p.m. Walk begins

For more information, call Pastor John Syvertson at (712) 262-5931. Send your Alzheimer's Association donation to: St. Luke Lutheran Home; Attention: Pastor Syvertson; 1301 St. Luke Drive; Spencer, Iowa 51301.

COMMUNITY CORNERSTONES

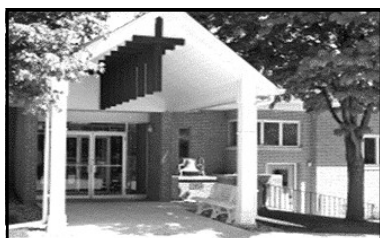


First English Lutheran Church
 1311 E. 18th Street, Spencer
 Paul Kaldahl, Pastor
 Worship Services: Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
 (712) 262-5598
spencer-church.com

Christ the King Lutheran Church
 500 Fourth Avenue SW, Spencer
 Rev. David Zimmer, Pastor
 Worship Service: Sunday 9 a.m.
 (712) 262-2244
www.ckspencer.com



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
royalbethlehemlutheran.com



NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK

Sept. 7-13, 2014

Please join us in celebrating! Treats and tours to be offered from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8 through Friday, Sept. 12 at Hillside & Riverview Terrace in Spencer.

- 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.



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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Ann Magnuson's positive and caring attitude is recognized, and appreciated, at the Riverview Terrace Assisted Living residence.

We are honored to have Ann as part of the Riverview Terrace team and as the St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. campus' *Employee of the Month*.

"Ann is a very sweet girl who loves all of the people here," wrote a Riverview Terrace tenant. "She does her work well, and always has a big smile and a hug for everyone she meets."

"Ann is a true blessing to work with," a co-worker added.

The 2012 Spencer High School alumna began her career as a Personal Service Assistant and Certi-



Ann Magnuson
Riverview Terrace
PSA & CNA

fied Nursing Assistant last summer at Riverview Terrace. She returned, to serve again, in May.

This loving, faith-filled young woman sees her calling as part of her ministry. Ann cites Matthew 25: 31-45 as her impetus for service.

"This Bible passage is how I knew where I wanted to work," she explained. Ann, a junior double-majoring in biology and psychology, has made the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Deans' List every semester. She is involved in several UNL campus organizations and enjoys volunteering to serve meals to homeless people in Lincoln and in Spencer. This summer, Ann collaborated with others from Hope Church in Spencer, via an Urban Plunge work project involving middle school students from the area, to serve sick and homeless youth and elders.

Ann, who intends to pursue a career in healthcare, is planning to return to Riverview Terrace during her Christmas break from college.

TENANT OF THE MONTH

Maxine Thompson, who will celebrate her 92nd birthday on Sept. 5, believes every day is a blessing.

The native of Spencer worked at the Welfare Office prior to becoming the first Clay County woman to join the Navy WAVES in 1943. Maxine worked for the Office of Naval Intelligence, the only woman given top-secret access to captured enemy equipment, both German and Japanese.

Upon her return to Spencer in 1945, Maxine was hired to start the Clay County Soldiers Relief office, now known as Veterans Affairs. Highlights for Maxine



Maxine Thompson
A Hillside Terrace tenant
since July 2009

have included serving as the American Legion 9th District Adjutant for two terms, managing the finances for Spencer's Veterans of Foreign Wars organization at many Clay

County Fairs, being a member of the founding committee of Spencer's Veterans Memorial, serving as grand marshal of the 2009 Memorial Day parade in Spencer, and participating in the 2011 Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

Over the years, this World War II veteran has also enjoyed serving as a Brownie and 4-H co-leader with Miriam Fonley, dancing with the Spencer Squares, fishing, hunting with her Savage 16-gauge over under shotgun, and baking for many First English Lutheran Church events.

Maxine is very proud of her daughters: Lori (and Dr. Ryan) Anliker of Milford, Susan (and Allan) Averill of Spencer, and her three grandchildren.