THE ST. LUKE SPIRIT



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Upcoming Resident & Tenant Activities:

- **4-H Dog Show** August 6 at 5 p.m. Clay County Fairgrounds
- Hands of Harmony Bell Choir performance August 11 at 3 p.m. St. Luke Lutheran Home
- Rock the Roof August 13 Arnolds Park
- Queen II boat ride for Riverview & Hillside Terrace tenants August 17 at 3 p.m. Lake Okoboji
- St. Luke Night Drive with Ice Cream August 19 at 6:30 p.m.
- Hillside Terrace to Carroll's Bakery August 26 at 9 a.m. Spencer, Iowa
- Hillside & Riverview Terrace Family Grill Out August 27 at 5:30 p.m.
- St. Luke Family Gathering August 30 at Noon

More August 2015 activities are available online at www.stlukelh.com

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

im Hitchcock joined the St. Luke Homes & Services governing board in June 2015. The resident of Spirit Lake graduated from Spencer High School and Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Jim is a member of First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji. The Sunday school teacher has chaperoned mission trips to Michigan and Nashville, serves as a Stephen Minister, and participates in the vocal and bell choir.

The retired insurance agent volunteers with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis, the Spirit Lake Key Club, the Voluntary Action Center and as a counselor for the Senior Health Insurance Program. He has served as a member on the Spirit



Lake Planning and Zoning Commission, the Camp Foster YMCA board and the Spirit Lake Library Board of Trustees. With both of his parents having spent time in long-term care facilities, Jim looks forward to serving as a St. Luke Homes & Services board member and addressing resident needs.

Jim and his wife, Carol, enjoy traveling and time spent with their daughters Elizabeth, Laura, Anne, Jody, Sarah and Robin, five sons-in-law, 12 grandchildren, two granddaughters-in-law and four great-grandchildren.

'BUSINESS AFTER HOURS' AT THE HIGHLANDS

Highlands' homeowners and St. Luke Homes & Services staff welcomed participants to a "Business After Hours" event hosted the evening of July 21 at The Highlands. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments were served as friendships were rekindled.



WELCOME

Josephine Beving

BEST WISHES

David Smith

Dennis Nagel

SYMPATHY

Maxine Thompson

Kenneth Brinkley

Norma Andersen

NEW STAFF

• Morgan Bloomquist St. Luke CNA

• Janessa Slawson St. Luke Housekeeper

• Courtney Post Campus Landscaper

> • Cody Steil St. Luke CNA

• Leticia Gonzalez St. Luke Dietary Aide

• Alice Beck St. Luke Dietary Aide

• Heather Rosendahl St. Luke RN

• Destiny Gilmore St. Luke Housekeeper

• Terrance McCauley St. Luke CNA

• Gabrielle Cook Riverview Terrace CNA

THANK YOU

We appreciate your tax-deductible gifts and donations. They enhance the lives of campus homeowners, tenants and residents and continue to help make the fulfillment of St. Luke Homes & Services' Christian mission possible.

• The family of Maxine Thompson, a late resident of Hillside Terrace and St. Luke Lutheran Home, donated an electric bed and lift chair for use on the St. Luke Homes & Services campus.

• Barb Joenks, of Rossie, donated magazines and a scrapbook for St. Luke residents to enjoy.

• Claire and Saul Christensen, of rural Royal, donated and planted flowers in the outdoor courtyard area of St. Luke Lutheran Home's Special Care Unit as a Clay Raiders 4-H project.

• Arlene Benson, of Riverview Terrace, and her family donated a number of Janette Oke books for use by tenants of Riverview Terrace.

• Margery Fraseur, of The Highlands, donated \$50 to The Highlands in memory of Dorris Brooks.

• Gordon and Laura Brinkley, of Littleton, Colo., donated \$50 to St. Luke Lutheran Home and Riverview Terrace in memory of their uncle, Kenneth Brinkley.

• Dennis and Mary Somers, of Sioux Falls, donated \$200 for the St. Luke Lutheran Home aviary in memory of his mother, Anna Somers.

AUGUST HOMEOWNER, TENANT & RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cleona Schmidt
- 4 Dorothy Casperson
- 5 Virginia Koenen
- 6 Mardelle Stroup
- 8 Inez Freeman
- 9 Phyllis Hurdle
- 10 Laura Conner
- 13 Edna Reynolds

- 17 Darlene Miller
- 21 Virginia Jorgensen
- 23 Betty Brown
- 27 Glenn Storm
- 29 Amos Christensen
- 30 Arlene Benson
- 31 Stanley Hillmer
- 31 Mary Schultz

CELEBRATING OUR INDEPENDENCE



Red, white and blue were the colors of choice during a festive Fourth of July party hosted in front of St. Luke Lutheran Home. Temperatures were ideal as smiles were seen and goodies were eaten, patriotic songs were sung and games were played. Laura Conner (upper left) sported a smile and waved a flag as Norma Andersen (lower left) hugged Certified Nursing Assistants Mary Kacmarynski and Kandi Fox while Sharon Wintz (lower right) and her husband, William, sang along to patriotic songs and waved Old Glory.





COMMUNITY CORNERSTONES

Bethany Lutheran Church

15 West 14th Street, Spencer Pastor Len Halvorson (712) 262-2327 www.bethluthspencer.com

•First English Lutheran Church

1311 E. 18th Street, Spencer Pastor Paul Kaldahl (712) 262-5598 http://spencer-church.com

•Grace Lutheran Church

380 N. Rerick Avenue, Primghar (712) 957-4795

Immanuel Lutheran Church

206 Terril Avenue, Terril Pastor David Doellinger (712) 853-6192 www.facebook.com/lcmsterril

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

207 Church Street, Royal Rev. Deb Mechler (712) 933-2229 royalbethlehemlutheran.com

•First Lutheran Church

1525 Three Cross Road, Milford Pastor Bob Vaage (712) 338-4514 www.3cross.org

•Hope Lutheran Church

206 N. Washington Street, Everly Pastor Dan Taylor (712) 834-2767 www.hopeeverly.com

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60 N. Central Avenue, Hartley Pastor Chris Nitzel (712) 728-2711 www.stpaullutheranhartley.com/

Trinity Lutheran Church

9th & 11th Avenue West, Spencer Rev. C. Peter Maisenbach (712) 262-1287 www.trinitylutheranchurchspencer.com

<u>Christ the King Lutheran Church</u>

500 Fourth Avenue SW, Spencer Rev. David Zimmer (712) 262-2244 www.ctkspencer.com

•Grace Lutheran Church

801 Hill Avenue, Spirit LakeRev. Dr. Martin Lucin(712) 336-2446www.gracelutheranspiritlake.org

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Trinity Lutheran Church

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To learn more about Thrivent Choice[®] and for complete program terms and conditions, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Your consideration and support are appreciated by the St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. community!



JOIN US!

For an outdoor campus-wide worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 23, outside the front entry of St. Luke Lutheran Home.

(If weather conditions are not favorable, please join us inside St. Luke Lutheran Home.)

St. Luke Homes & Services

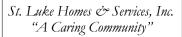
- The Highlands
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- Riverview Terrace
- St. Luke Lutheran Home

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Kaylan Abel Mark Nothwehr Frank Halverson Jerry Clausen Neal Drefke Jim Hitchcock Rev. Peter Maisenbach Rev. Deb Mechler Ron Muetzel

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Kaylee Kourousis is fun, full of spunk, talkative, always smiling, and spontaneous. All of these qualities are experienced, and appreciated, by her coworkers and the St. Luke Lutheran Home residents she cares for on a daily basis.

The 2012 Spencer High School alumna, who is also recognized as being a "hard worker" by her peers and supervisors, began working as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) in July 2012 at St. Luke. "I have always wanted to



Kaylee Kourousis St. Luke Lutheran Home Certified Nursing Assistant since July 2012

pursue nursing as a profession. Becoming a CNA has been a great starting point for me," Kaylee said. "I like the contact I have with people and it keeps me busy. Being a CNA is not easy, but it does seem to come naturally to me."

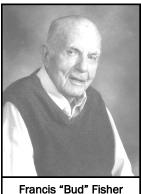
Kaylee graduated from Iowa Lakes Community College in May with her Associate Degree in Nursing. Once she passes her boards, and becomes a Registered Nurse, her plans are to transition into a nursing role at St. Luke Lutheran Home.

Outside of work, Kaylee enjoys spending time with her son, Mason, boyfriend, Tyler Dean, brother, Nick, parents, Ted and Julie, and her Old English Bulldog, Murphy.

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Francis "Bud" Fisher celebrated his 105th birthday on July 18. The native of Walt Hill, Nebraska, graduated from college and was appointed to manage Iowa's Federal Employment Service, under the U.S. Labor Department, in Des Moines.

Three months later, in the midst of the Great Depression, President Franklin Roosevelt started the Government Works Project. The selection and assignment of projects was handled by Bud's office. He was transferred to Waterloo when an Iowa Workers Compensation department was initiated, which Bud was also placed in charge of. When World War II started, the offices were placed under the direction of the War Manpower Commission.



Francis "Bud" Fisher Resident of St. Luke since April 2015

His job, as a "field man," was to find workers among the nation's soldiers. Bud also worked in Washington, D.C. and at a five-state regional office in Minneapolis. His final government position was as the assistant state director in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Tired of traveling, Bud's father invited him to work at the Fisher Agency, on East Fourth Street, with him in Spencer. He worked for over 40 years with his father and brother Earl in the real estate and insurance agency.

Bud, who retired from real estate at the age of 93, golfed for many years with his wife, Harriett, every morning at the Spencer Golf and Country Club. He is in the record books there for shooting two holes in one.

This centenarian moved to Riverview Terrace in March 2005 and to St. Luke in April 2015. Bud enjoys visiting with others and reading <u>The Daily</u> <u>Reporter</u> and <u>Sioux City Journal</u> newspapers. In addition to celebrating his marriage, children – including Jim of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Bonnie Mauer of Naperville, Illinois - and productive work life, he offers the following advice for others, "Enjoy life as you're going through it."