

# THE ST. LUKE SPIRIT



February 2015

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## Upcoming Resident & Tenant Activities:

- **Super Bowl Party**  
February 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
St. Luke Lutheran Home
- **Aquasize**  
9:30 a.m. Tuesdays & Fridays  
Hillside & Riverview Terrace
- **Valentine Supper**  
February 10 at 5 p.m.  
St. Luke Lutheran Home
- **Candlelight Supper**  
February 10 at 5:30 p.m.  
Riverview Terrace
- **Valentine Supper**  
February 10 at 5:30 p.m.  
Hillside Terrace
- **Red Hat Ladies**  
February 11 at 3 p.m.  
St. Luke Lutheran Home
- **Valentine Party**  
February 12 at 3 p.m.  
St. Luke Lutheran Home
- **Ray Meyer to perform**  
February 26 at 3 p.m.  
The Highlands
- **More February 2015 activities are available online at [www.stlukelh.com](http://www.stlukelh.com)**

## DISASTER RESPONSE: A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

**T**he Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod with other Christians have a long history of helping others in time of disaster. Following the lead of brothers and sisters in Western Iowa and around the world, we decided to become better prepared to meet the needs of our neighbors after disaster strikes.

Disasters can leave victims hopeless and exhausted. We want to be the hands and feet of Jesus in time of need, by showing mercy. We want to help show the hope of Christ through Word and deed.

Individual members in our congregations have been undergoing Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training. Congregations in Northwest Iowa have also been outfitting a 19-foot tandem axle trailer with equipment to respond to a natural or manmade disaster. We are in the process of collecting donations and equipment. We are still finishing the inside of the trailer before we can load all of the gear inside.

Some members of our team have worked after

flooding and tornadoes around the country in the past. The first trip members of Northwest Iowa LERT took was to Minot, N.D., to help people get back in their homes after flooding.



**Pastor David Doellinger**  
Immanuel Lutheran  
Church, Terril  
President NW Iowa LERT

outside Sioux City.

So far, we have received support or volunteers from Immanuel in Spirit Lake, Immanuel in Terril, Christ the King and First English in Spencer, Peace in Rock Rapids, St. John in Sanborn. We are hoping to recruit more support and volunteers from additional congregations in the area.

We currently have a wish list of tools and donations we need most.

If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please contact Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake at (712) 336-1010 or Pastor Doellinger at [pastord@terril.net](mailto:pastord@terril.net) or (712) 853-6162.

See more photos and like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NWIALERT](http://www.facebook.com/NWIALERT).

Last summer, Northwest Iowa LERT members helped with flood relief in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

It doesn't have to be a full-fledged tornado. Sometimes, strong thunderstorms bring damaging winds. LERT members have helped clean up downed trees in Terril. Members of our team have also helped repair a farm house



## ▪ WELCOME

Gladys Wilcox

Lucile Grell

Doris DeBoer

PeeWee & Rae Rogers

## ▪ SYMPATHY

Dorothy Strawn

A. Pat Loomis

Norma Galbraith

Helma Hofsommer

Richard Schuster

## ▪ NEW STAFF

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

• **Jamie Igou**  
Hillside & Riverview Terrace  
Personal Service Assistant

• **Shallene Kragel**  
Hillside & Riverview Terrace  
Personal Service & Certified Nursing Assistant

• **Breann Essing**  
St. Luke Certified Nursing Assistant

• **Deanna Tapia**  
St. Luke Certified Nursing Assistant

• **Jennifer Ten Kley**  
St. Luke Certified Nursing Assistant

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday services with communion are scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, at the following times and places on the St. Luke Homes & Services campus:

‡ 10 a.m. St. Luke Lutheran Home

‡ 2 p.m. Riverview Terrace

‡ 3 p.m. Hillside Terrace

Please join us!

St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc.



*“To enhance the life, health and faith of all who choose to live in the St. Luke Christian community.”*

## 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 Mavis Olin, a late resident of Riverview Terrace Assisted Living and St. Luke Lutheran Home, donated an electric bed, lift chair, transport wheelchair, standard walker and wheelchair for use on the St. Luke Homes & Services campus.
- John and Pat Jensen, of Everly, donated \$500 to the St. Luke Homes & Services' Chaplain Fund.
- The family of Dorothy Strawn, a late resident of The Highlands, Riverview Terrace Assisted Living and St. Luke Lutheran Home, donated a walker and a three-drawer nightstand for use on the St. Luke Homes & Services campus.
- The St. Luke Lutheran Home Auxiliary donated \$300 to the St. Luke Activity Fund.
- Gordon and Laura Brinkley, of Littleton, Colo., donated \$50 to the St. Luke Lutheran Home Special Gifts Fund in memory of Bernice Bowers.
- First Lutheran Church, of Milford, donated \$600 to the St. Luke Lutheran Home Special Gifts Fund.
- The St. Luke Lutheran Home Auxiliary donated \$250 for St. Luke resident Christmas gifts.

## FEBRUARY RESIDENT & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

1 - Becky Ricketts  
2 - **Barb Halverson**  
2 - **Marian Stanley**  
3 - Loretta Johnson  
4 - **Robert Stewart**  
6 - **Jane Larson**  
6 - Eric Weber  
6 - Dana Zernechel  
7 - Brenda Funck  
7 - Becky Thong  
7 - Keri Voit

8 - **Carol Albers**  
8 - **Meryl Smith**  
11 - **Arlene Nelson**  
12 - **Marcia Simon**  
13 - Natalie Thiesen  
14 - **Rose Marie Kast**  
15 - **Norman Boonstra**  
15 - **Craig Marr**  
17 - Pastor John Syvertson  
18 - Michelle Nielsen  
18 - Ann Roberts

19 - Elizabeth Feldmann  
19 - **Max Hurdle**  
20 - **Betty Behrends**  
22 - Nichole Smith  
24 - **Florence Hammarstrom**  
24 - **Laura Recher**  
25 - Mary Kacmarynski  
26 - **Frances Larsen**  
26 - Lynn Shepherd  
27 - **Margaret Bohn**

# COMMUNITY CORNERSTONES



**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
15 West 14th Street, Spencer  
Len Halvorson, Pastor  
(712) 262-2327  
[www.bethluthspencer.com](http://www.bethluthspencer.com)



**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
207 Church Street, Royal  
Deb Mechler, Pastor  
(712) 933-2229  
<http://royalbethlehemlutheran.com>



**Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
500 Fourth Avenue SW, Spencer  
The Rev. David Zimmer, Pastor  
(712) 262-2244  
[www.ctkspencer.com](http://www.ctkspencer.com)



**First English Lutheran Church**  
1311 E. 18th Street, Spencer  
Paul Kaldahl, Pastor  
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<http://spencer-church.com>



**First Lutheran Church**  
1525 Three Cross Road, Milford  
Bob Vaage, Pastor  
(712) 338-4514  
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**Grace Lutheran Church**  
380 N. Rerick Avenue, Primghar  
(712) 957-4795



**Grace Lutheran Church**  
801 Hill Avenue, Spirit Lake  
Dr. Martin Lucin, Pastor  
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[www.gracelutheranspiritlake.org](http://www.gracelutheranspiritlake.org)



**Hope Lutheran Church**  
206 N. Washington Street, Evely  
Dan Taylor, Pastor  
(712) 834-2767  
[www.hopeeverly.com](http://www.hopeeverly.com)



**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
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The Rev. Patrick O'Neal, Senior Pastor  
The Rev. David Simonson, Interim Pastor  
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**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
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David Doellinger, Pastor  
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[www.facebook.com/lcmsterril](http://www.facebook.com/lcmsterril)



**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
60 N. Central Avenue, Hartley  
(712) 728-2711  
[www.stpaullutheranhartley.com/](http://www.stpaullutheranhartley.com/)



**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
105 East High Street, Linn Grove  
David Bernhardt, Pastor  
(712) 296-4438



**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
9th & 11th Avenue West, Spencer  
The Rev. C. Peter Maisenbach, Pastor  
(712) 262-1287  
[www.trinitylutheranchurchspencer.com](http://www.trinitylutheranchurchspencer.com)

The St. Luke Homes & Services campus appreciates all of the volunteers who currently assist to make the lives of homeowners at The Highlands, tenants of the Hillside & Riverview Terrace Assisted Living residences, and residents of St. Luke Lutheran Home more enjoyable.

We are asking for your help in the recruitment of individuals who would be interested in playing the piano or assisting residents to Sunday church services on campus. If you are interested, or would appreciate more information, please give Pastor John Syvertson a call at (712) 262-5931.

- St. Luke Homes & Services
- The Highlands
  - Hillside Terrace
  - Riverview Terrace
  - St. Luke Lutheran Home

1301 St. Luke Drive  
Spencer, Iowa 51301

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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 & Services, Inc.*  
*"A Caring Community"*



## Governing Board

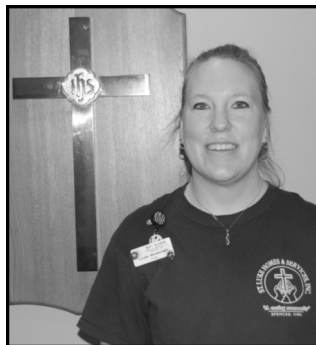
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## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

An energetic "hard worker" who displays a zeal for those she assists has been named St. Luke Homes & Services' Employee of the Month.

Laura Manwarren, who started working in October 1999 as a Certified Nursing Assistant at St. Luke Lutheran Home, can always be counted on to get her work completed. 2015 marks her 20th year serving in this vital caregiving role.

"I enjoy what I do and St. Luke feels like home," Laura said. "It is a very clean atmosphere here, and I appreciate the people I serve and work with."



**Laura Manwarren**  
St. Luke Lutheran Home  
CNA  
since October 1999

Laura, who advanced her skills to become a Certified Medication Aide in 2001, has encouraged her family and friends to work at St. Luke Lutheran Home, as well as at the Hillside & Riverview Terrace Assisted Living

residences.

Laura and her husband, Jason, a water operator at Spencer Municipal Utilities, live in Spencer with their three children: Tanya, 15, Cheyenne, 13, and Rylee, 4. The Manwarrens enjoy camping at Scharnberg Park. They spent 20 week-ends at the campground between Spencer and Everly last summer, and hope to break in their new camper this summer at a few other area campgrounds. Laura, an Old Iron Company member, is a street rod and custom car enthusiast who is currently retrofitting a 1948 Chevy Sedan. She belongs to Bethany Lutheran Church in Spencer.

## HOMEOWNER OF THE MONTH

Arlene Nelson and Boji, her Yorkie, are cheerful, well-known ambassadors for the St. Luke campus.

After graduating from Royal High School, Arlene worked at the Spencer OPA (Office of Price Administration) before transferring to the district rationing office in Des Moines. It was in the capital city that she met pharmacy student Bob Nelson. The two married September 4, 1946, in Royal.

In 1949, the couple moved to Spencer, where he worked as a pharmacist at Rexall Drug on the corner of Fourth and Grand Avenue. In 1964, the Nelsons bought Lynch Drug. The Nelson family



**Arlene Nelson & Boji**  
Highlands homeowner  
since January 2011

continued to operate Nelson Drug – Arlene as the store's bookkeeper and gift item purchaser – until their retirement in 1986.

Over the years, she

served as a Boy Scout and PTA leader, and enjoyed dancing and entertaining friends. Spending the winter months in Arizona and traveling the world with her family are other highlights for the member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Spencer. Arlene has also enjoyed making memories with family and friends at her cabin on West Lake Okoboji.

"I plan to be up there with family, which now includes five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, a lot this summer," Arlene said.

As a Highlands homeowner, Arlene and Boji routinely visit with others. She belongs to three bridge groups and has fun playing Kings On a Corner and Rummy Cube with friends.